

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2011 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rockton School District No. 140, Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on January 26, 2011 at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. Meason arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principal Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Shaun Newmes and Glenn Terry, Mike Greenlee, Register Star and Beloit Daily News reporters, and various teacher guests.

Closed Session

Mrs. Neece moved to enter closed session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the following: Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, Praneis, Michowski, Neece, Schubert, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Praneis moved to return to open session at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Midgett, Neece, Meason, Schubert, Michowski, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Introduction of New Superintendent

BOE President Warren introduced the new superintendent of the Rockton Schools, Michael Greenlee, who will begin his duties on July 1, 2011.

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Barb Maxey for flowers sent after surgery.
- Thank you card from Gail Johnson, on behalf of the RTA, for including members of the certified staff in the superintendent search process.
- Thank you card from Cori Taylor and Monica Way for the opportunity to be a part of the superintendent search process.
- Eight letters of in-school suspension, four letters of out of school suspension, and two letters of bus suspension.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Praneis moved to remove Illinois Central School Bus payment from the consent agenda for separate vote, seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Midgett, Neece, Meason, Schubert, Michowski, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Praneis moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Items included:

1. December 15, 2010 Regular meeting minutes, December 15, 2010, January 7, 2011, January 11, 2011, January 12, 2011 (2 meetings), January 18, 2011 Special Purpose meeting minutes
2. January bills, February payroll, December treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
4. Donations
 - Three books to RGS library by Donna Granath
 - Fourteen books to RGS, WPES, and SMMS libraries by Brenda Warren

Roll call vote: Aye: Michowski, Praneis, Schubert, Midgett, Meason, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve Illinois Central School Bus payment as presented, seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Neece, Meason, Warren. Nay: Midgett, Schubert, Michowski. Carried 4-3.

School Improvement Plans

Building principals presented a summary of their school's SIP for the 2010-11 school year.

Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Michowski to approve the following personnel report.

a. Employment

Certified

- o Michael Greenlee Superintendent – start date July 1, 2011
- o Shelia Ball After School Math teacher – 4th grade (2nd semester)

b. Resignation

Certified

- o Amy Bigwood After School Math teacher – 4th grade

c. Rescind resignation from December 15, 2010 BOE meeting

Non-Certified

- o Tracy Wam WPES custodian – 2nd shift

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Meason, Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Midgett, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the December 15, 2010 regular closed session minutes, December 15, 2010, January 7, 2011, January 11, 2011, January 12, 2011 (2 meetings) special purpose closed session minutes, and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

Mrs. Warren moved to approve superintendent mentor contract with Dennis Harezlak as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Michowski, Neece, Schubert, Praneis, Meason, Midgett, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Student Management System

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve purchase of student management system, Common Goal Systems, Inc., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Michowski, Neece, Meason, Praneis, Midgett, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Maintenance Request

Information regarding the purchase of new floor scrubber machines was presented. This expenditure was approved for the FY11 budget. Superintendent Harezlak will present recommendation for purchase at the February BOE meeting.

After School Foreign Language Program

Principal Etnyre provided information on the status of implementing an after school language program. Spanish will be offered in grades kindergarten through fifth grade and French will be offer at SMMS. The PTO is sponsoring this program.

Quarterly Investment Review

The quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was provided. As per BOE policy, board members are requested to review the investment performance by appropriate and creditable standards for the investment type. Superintendent Harezlak provided information and recommendations regarding second quarter investments.

Finance Committee Meeting

The annual finance committee meeting for FY12 budget planning will be conducted during the February 23rd BOE meeting. An additional meeting on March 1st may be scheduled if needed.

2011-12 School Calendar

Three draft calendars for the 2011-12 school year were provided. The draft calendars will be discussed at the February BOE meeting at which time staff feedback will be presented.

Board Reflections

Smith, Dennis, (January-February 2011), Waiting for reason in Illinois schools, *Illinois School Board Journal*.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

REEF Trivia Night

REEF is hosting the fourth annual 'Trivia Night' on February 5, 2011 at SMMS as a fundraiser. REEF has arranged for an enjoyable evening of family fun that will hopefully generate funds to support their valuable teacher grant program.

Other

- Superintendent Harezlak reported Attorney Jack Cook contacted her regarding possible district response to tax appeal filed by Fat Wallet. Fat Wallet is in TIF district.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Terry reported:

- Thanked BOE for including administrators in the superintendent search process.
- Forty families attended RGS movie night at SMMS.
- Power of One assembly is February 23rd.
- MAP testing is finishing this week at RGS and WPES.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Mr. Newmes and Mrs. Etnyre signed 382 honor roll letters.
- Seventh grade field trip to Navy Pier is Friday, January 28th.
- This week is 'No Name-Calling Week' at SMMS.
- Thanked PTO for allocating \$7,000 to each school for technology.

Mr. Newmes

- SMMS hosted the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball tournament.
- MAP testing is finished.
- Thanked BOE for including administrators in the superintendent search process.
- Student Council dance is February 11th.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mrs. Michowski welcomed new superintendent Mike Greenlee and also thanked teachers for attending the meeting.
- Mr. Midgett mentioned having staff participate in the superintendent search was an important part of the process.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved date: February 23, 2011

President: _____

Secretary: _____