

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
Held January 27, 2016

The Board of Education
Rockton School District No. 140

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Jim Meason, Stacey Heiar, Kevin Finnegan, Katie Littlefield
Absent: Chanice Michowski, Gail Johnson

Others present: Superintendent Glenn Terry, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Business Manager Sue Miller, RTA Vice President Dan Baumgartner, Mrs. Atkins, Mr. & Mrs Golter, Benjamin Golter, Mrs. Brien, Prairie Hill Board President Courtney Prentice

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Appointment of New BOE Member**

President Katie Littlefield administered the oath of office to newly appointed BOE member, Josh Houghton who will serve in place of former BOE member, Brenda Warren until the next Board election in April, 2017.

5. **Eagle Scout Presentation**

Benjamin Golter, SMMS 8th grade student, gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout project in which he built two 16 foot benches for the SMMS soccer field. The Eagle Scout Rank is typically reached at age 16. Congratulations to Benjamin for reaching this rank at the age of 14 !

6. **Comments from the Community**

Mrs. Littlefield moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Heiar. There were no comments from the community.

Mr. Meason made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. to Discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)3), Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of Sale Price of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Meason, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Finnegan moved to return to open session at 7:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Meason, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

7. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Marianne Stenzel for the special honor that was bestowed upon her during December's Board meeting. Mrs. Stenzel is retiring from the Talcott Library but will take many special memories of the Rockton School District children and staff with her.
- Thank you note from Chanice Michowski for the plant sent in memory of her grandmother.
- One letter of in-school suspension and one letter of out-of-school suspension.

8. **Quarterly Investment Review**

Business Manager, Sue Miller, updated the Board on Rockton School District's second quarter investment portfolio.

9. **School Lunch Fees**

The Federal Reimbursement for school lunches is currently \$2.70. After discussion, it was recommended the cost of the 2016-2017 RSD #140 school lunches be increased by \$.15 from \$2.55 to \$2.70 per lunch to meet the Federal Reimbursement amount received by all school districts in Illinois.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the increase in school lunch fee from \$2.55 to \$2.70, seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

10. **First Student Contract Extension**

Superintendent Terry recommended a 2 year extension of the contract which includes a 7% increase the first year and a 7% increase the second year.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve a 2 year extension of the First Student Bus contract, seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

Roll call: Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

11. **Approval to Reject all Bids for Copy Machines**

Superintendent Terry recommended a motion to reject all bids for copy machines for the RSD #140 District. Superintendent Terry explained that all bids submitted did not fit the District's current needs and discussion with local copier vendors will continue.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve rejecting all bids for copy machines due to bids not meeting specifications, seconded by Mrs. Heiar.

Roll Call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Meason, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

12. **Consent Items**

Mr. Finnegan made the motion to approve items in the consent agenda: last month's open session minutes, January bills, February payroll, December treasurer's report, and the WCSEC January bills and Employment & Personnel Report.

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Meason, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **Personnel**

Mr. Finnegan made a motion to approve the following personnel report, seconded by Mr. Meason.

- **Non-Certified Staff**

- Lisa Tenhunfeld (Release) 1:1 para at RGS effective 1/14/2016
- Teresa Guerra (Hire) Food Service Supervisor effective 2/4/16

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Meason, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Meason moved to approve the November 18, 2015 regular closed session minutes and recommended that they remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Heiar.

Roll Call: Mr. Meason, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

15. **Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

Mr. Meason moved to approve the January 8, 2016 Finance Committee Minutes, January 12, 2016 Special Purpose Meeting Minutes, and January 21, 2016 Special Purpose Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mrs. Heiar.

Roll call: Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

16. **Superintendent Report**

- In February, 2016, a Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram account will be used as an outgoing (only) tool to enhance communication between RSD #140 and the community.
- A FOIA Request has been received regarding gifted programs and will be responded to accordingly.
- Board Member training will be updated and then put on the RSD #140 Board Member webpage.
- The Illinois State Board of Education has granted the Early Childhood Division approval to extend the Early Childhood Block Grant-Preschool for All 3 to 5 and Prevention Initiative 0-3 programs for one additional year beyond the current 5 year grant term.

17. Administrator Reports

RGS – Kindyl Etnyre

- 1) I would like to thank the RGS staff, families and Mr. Glenn Terry for all of the support and guidance during my transition to RGS. It has been such a positive experience!
- 2) RGS is hosting a family science night on Thursday, January 28th. RGS has partnered with the Discovery Center Museum for a night full of hands-on activities. The response to attend has been amazing! Thanks to Mrs. Bolin and Mrs. Dimke for organizing.
- 3) Upcoming Events: The next character assembly is on Monday, February 1st at 10:20 a.m. with a focus on acceptance. Erin's Law presentations will occur this week in all K-5th grade classrooms. Valentine's Day celebrations will happen on Friday, February 12th.
- 4) Congratulations to Kelly Baumgartner for being awarded a FY16 School District Library Grant of \$890.45. Grant funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2017, and disbursed by August 15, 2017.

WPES – Megan Forsythe

- 1) Character Assembly: There was an all-school character assembly on January 8th that was based on the book, *One*. Staff put on a skit to address the issue of bullying and standing up for others. Thank you to Mrs. Scheppmann and other staff members for putting together a fun assembly that had a positive impact on our school.
- 2) Star Student of the Month: We have started to recognize one student per grade level, nominated by his or her teacher, for the Star Students of the month. Thank you to Cookies by Design and Mrs. Carroll for helping to recognize these kiddos.
- 3) 2nd Quarter Rewards Activity: A special thanks to the Whitman Post staff for volunteering their time to organize and supervise the 2nd Quarter Reward Activity-Game-a-Palooza. Also, a shout-out to the Rockton Department for helping with traffic during pick-up time to make for a much more smooth operation.
- 4) PTO Update: a) IceHogs Rockton Night was a success; 439 tickets were sold, raising funds for our PTO to help support our schools.
b) Planning our Spring Family Reading Night set for March 7th at RGS.

SMMS – Autumn Czizek

- 1) A thank you to Mrs. DeVries and Mrs. Carroll for all of their hard work putting together No-Name Calling Week. They did some great Class Act lessons and the week ended with Mix It Up Day during lunch on Monday which encouraged students to sit with a new group of students and get to know them.
- 2) In 7th grade, 131 students earned the quarter reward which will be after school on Thursday, February 3rd. They earned this by having 2 or fewer late assignments in second quarter.
- 3) Our Valentine's Day dance will be held on Friday, February 5th in the gym at SMMS.

18. **Members' Comments**

- Kevin Finnegan congratulated Glenn Terry on his first Board Meeting as Superintendent and welcomed Josh Houghton to the Rockton Board of Education.
- Mr. Meason commented that his son scored in the 99 percentile in the PSAT test this year. He stated this was a reflection of the great education his son received from all the Rockton teachers!

19. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Littlefield moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm, seconded by Mr. Finnegan. 5 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

Katie Littlefield, President

Stacey Heiar, Secretary