

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2007 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 July 23, 2007, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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| Roll Call | <u>LaForge</u><br>P | <u>Meason</u><br>ABS | <u>Pearcy</u><br>ABS | <u>Neece</u><br>P | <u>Praneis</u><br>P | <u>Schubert</u><br>P | <u>Warren</u><br>P |
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Mr. Schubert arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Scott Rollinson, Teacher Gail Johnson and various teacher guests.

Mr. LaForge moved to enter closed session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss 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). Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

**Public Hearing for School Code Waiver**

The Rockton School District 140 Board of Education held a public hearing for a renewal request for the district's previous five-year waiver to make Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Casimir Pulaski Day commemorative holidays.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened for public input from 7:00-7:30 p.m. No one wished to address the Board regarding the waiver.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson thanked the BOE for the plant sent to her after surgery. Regular session resumed.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. LaForge moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Items included:

1. June 20, 2007 Regular meeting minutes
2. July bills, August payroll, June treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donation
5. Student/Parent Handbook Revisions
6. Food Service Bids
7. District Contracts/Fund Raisers
8. Hazardous Roadways

## **Personnel Report**

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve the following.

### 1. Employments for 2007-2008 school year

#### Certified

- Carie Champeny-Johns                      Special Education Teacher – SMMS – part-time
- Linh Phommachanh                      Sixth Grade Teacher – SMMS
- Jana Hoffland                              Sixth Grade Reading Teacher (2/6) - SMMS

#### Non-Certified

- Suzanne Kolberg                      Teacher Assistant – part-time – RGS
- Laura Forbes                              Teacher Assistant – part-time - SMMS

### 2. FMLA Request for 2007-2007 school year

- Ann Hart                                      Sixth Grade Teacher - SMMS

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

## **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the June 20, 2007 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. LaForge, carried unanimously.

## **Policy Committee Report**

The following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for Board action at the August BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes.

- 2:170 – Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services
- 4:120 – Food Services
- 5:186 – Health and Dental Insurance
- 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:145 – Migrant Students
- 6:160 – English Language Learners
- 6:310 – Substitutions for Physical Education and Other Required Courses
- 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy
- 7:130 – Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 7:190 – Student Discipline
- 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students
- 8:30 – Visitors to and conduct on School Property

Mrs. Neece moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2007 Policy Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

## **Preliminary FY08 Budget**

A draft of the revenues and expenditures projected for FY08 is not available at this time due to incomplete information for General State Aid and salary costs. A meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. to review of the proposed 2007-08 budget.

## **Fourth Quarter Investment Report**

Superintendent Harezlak discussed the fourth quarter investment report ending June 30, 2007. Additional certificate of deposits were purchased in July as a result of early taxes received the end of June. As per BOE policy, the BOE is requested to review the investment performance by appropriate and creditable standards for the investment type.

### **SMMS HVAC Repair**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve KJWW Engineering Consultants to prepare bid specifications for replacement of the glycol in the SMMS HVAC cooling system, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

### **Rockton Road Construction**

Winnebago County Highway Department will begin construction on Rockton Road in August. Details regarding the effects of this construction were shared at Board meeting.

### **Enrollment Projections**

Information on the current status of enrollment and the potential additional staff needed was discussed. The number of incoming kindergarten students has increased and the need for an additional teacher is anticipated.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve posting an anticipated kindergarten teacher position, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak**

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

#### **Update on Resurfacing**

Repair work at both campuses has been completed. Rainy weather has delayed the completion of the seal coating. The projection completion date is July 27th.

#### **Summer Construction Projects**

The new SMMS storage room, minor roof repair and fire alarm system corrections have been completed. The SMMS gym lights are scheduled for installation in mid-August. The new security systems installation at all three buildings should be completed by July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mr. Larson:

- Shared that the maintenance staff is doing a wonderful job cleaning SMMS.
- Mentioned that a former SMMS student was on the front cover of the RRS Go section.
- Reported that he is almost completed filling teacher vacancies at SMMS.

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

### **NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. LaForge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved date: August 22, 2007

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_