

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2010 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 28, 2010 at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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|           | <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. Midgett arrived at 6:08 p.m. and Mr. Meason left at 7:20 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principal Scott Rollinson, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, and various guests.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:06 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), seconded by Mr. Meason. Roll call vote: Aye: Michowski, Schubert, Warren, Meason, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

**Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Joanne Fitzgerald for flowers sent in memory of her father.
- Thank you card from Zach Newman for book received for the birth of his daughter.
- Thank you card from family of Candy Anderson for flowers.
- Thank you card from Andria Brass for book received for the birth of her daughter.
- Thank you card from Jim Taphorn for gift received for his retirement.
- Thank you card from Scott Rollinson for Target gift card received for years of service in Rockton School District.

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

Items included:

1. June 23, 2010 Regular meeting minutes
2. July bills, August payroll, June treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action - revised
4. Student/Parent Handbook Revisions
5. Hazardous Roadways
6. Entitlement Grants

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

### **NIA Articles of Agreement – Revised**

Mr. Schubert moved to accept Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) revised Articles of Agreement, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

### **Food Service Bid**

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve pizza bids from Pizza Hut and Sam's Pizza for the 2010-11 school year, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

### **Personnel**

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

#### a. Employment

##### Non-Certified

- Tracy Wam WPES Custodian

#### b. Resignation

##### Certified

- Valerie Adams SMMS Health teacher
- Tracy Bybee WPES Special Education teacher
- Matt Hammes SMMS Soccer coach

##### Non-Certified

- Christian Ukwuorji WPES Custodian
- Brenda Hobson SMMS Assistant secretary

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

### **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the June 23, 2010 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

### **Superintendent Search Firm**

Mrs. Praneis moved to confirm the Regional Office of Education as the firm for the new superintendent search, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

### **Fourth Quarter Investment Report**

The fourth quarter investment report was provided and reviewed.

### **FY10 Final Budget Report**

Final expenditure and revenue fund balances for the 2009-10 school year was presented. Two BOE members, Superintendent Harezlak, and Business Manager Julia Saunders will meet with Miller & Buettner Inc. - insurance brokers, to discuss status of health insurance renewal.

**Memorial Request**

Former SMMS Principal Jay Larson presented a request to name the SMMS track and soccer field complex in honor of former Rockton parent Kimberlee Lang. Kim was secretary of the Rockton Booster Club and was very involved with the track and soccer field project. A BOE committee was established to start the process. A recommendation will be presented in September.

**Foreign Language Policy Briefing**

BOE president, Brenda Warren, presented a summary report of congressional hearing she attended in Washington D.C. The briefing focused on the importance of developing language skills. A BOE committee was formed to investigate foreign language programs.

**Transportation Policy**

The BOE reviewed the Illinois Central's "Child Ride Along" policy as per request from the transportation provider and they agreed to accept the policy.

**Policy Committee**

A Policy Committee is scheduled for September 22, 2010 at 5 p.m.

**BOE Reflections**

Dillon, N. (2010, July). The Value of Training. *American School Board Journal* was provided.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**New Teacher Breakfast**

The Rockton and Roscoe Chambers will host the annual new teacher breakfast on August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 a.m. held at Hononegah High School. Board members are invited to attend.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson commented staff likes receiving email updates from Dean Snowdon regarding the cleaning schedule. Gail Johnson also requested a meeting with RTA representatives and Superintendent Harezlak regarding insurance information. Superintendent Harezlak confirmed that a meeting would be scheduled. Regular session resumed.

**NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Neece moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved date: August 18, 2010

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

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