

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held July 24, 2013**

**The Board of Education  
Rockton School District No. 140**

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1. **Call to Order** by President Jim Meason at 6:38 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Larry Schubert, Chanice Michowski, Bill Midgett, Laura Neece, Sarah Praneis, Jim Meason

Absent: Brenda Warren

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Greenlee, Diane Roth, Julia Saunders, Terri Brown, and James Hall.

3. Jim Meason moved to go Executive Session at 6:39 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 Mrs. Praneis.

Roll Call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Neece moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes. Motion carried.

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

5. **Correspondence** - There was no correspondence for this Board Meeting.

6. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason 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.

7. **IPADS for Board Members**

James Hall provided the board members with information on how to access board packet materials with IPADs.

8. **Life/Safety and Working Cash Bonds**

Our bonds will be sold Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> and Bob Berglund will be at the August meeting to update the board on the process. The District encountered a procedural change from how it had been submitting documentation supporting bond issuance, and worked with the state to receive approval for the sale of the bonds.

9. **Consent Items**

Larry Schubert moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Midgett. The amendment constituted the withdrawal of the Employee Handbook. Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, committee meeting open session minutes, July bills, August payroll, June treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**.

\* **Cooperative**: Approval for the July bills for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is requested.

\* **Student/Parent Handbook**: Attached is a summary sheet of the recommended revisions to the 2013-14 handbook. A draft copy of the handbook will be available for your review at the board meeting.

\* **Hazardous Roadways**: The Board of Education is required to annually approve the bus routes that are less than 1½ miles and considered hazardous for students to use to walk to school. These routes have been approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation as hazardous due to such factors as lack of sidewalks, age of students, amount and speed of traffic on roadways. Listings of the routes with detailed maps are on file in the district office. Your approval is required for the district transportation claim reimbursement.

\* **Entitlement Grants**: The District received NCLB Title I and II entitlement allocations and prepared the grant applications. Your approval of the grant application for federal funds is recommended.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

10. **Personnel**

A motion was made by Larry Schubert, seconded by Mrs. Michowski to approve the following personnel changes for the 2013/2014 school year.

- a. Certified Employment – no changes
- b. Non-Certified
  - Nadine Slocum – Resignation RGS Nurse
  - Theresa Myers – Resignation RGS Kitchen
  - Diane Roth – Retirement Effective December 31, 2013

Roll call: Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

11. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the June 26, 2013 regular closed session minutes and recommended they are to be opened, seconded by Mr. Meason. 6 ayes, Motion carried.

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

None.

13. **Policy Committee**

The following policy changes were reviewed in May, presented in June and are recommended for Board action.

- 4:15 – Identity Protection
- 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:170 – Safety Program
- 5:50 – District Action Upon Violation of Policy
- 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:190 – Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- 6:240 – Field Trips
- 7:190 – Student Discipline
- 7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 8:20 – Community Use of School Facilities
- 8:25 – Advertising and Distributing Materials in School Provided by Non-School related Entities
- 3:30 – Chain of Command
- 5:334 – Job Descriptions /Categories/Multi-Level Pay

Ms. Neece made the motion to approve the above policies as written, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason - 6 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Food Service Bid**

Bids from Pizza Hut, Sam's Ristorante, and Papa John's for pizza were received and reviewed on July 21, 2013. Superintendent Mike Greenlee recommended the approval of Papa John's pizza for \$8.35 per pizza.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Ms. Neece, Mr. Midgett and Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, motion carried.

15. **WPES Septic System**

The two lift station pumps that pump our septic system at WPES were struck by lightning. The insurance company will cover the replacement of 2 new motors to be installed. Superintendent Mike Greenlee recommended that the board approve the cost to have one of the old pumps be rebuilt at a cost to the district of \$5550. This motor would be used as a back-up for situations like this or the failure of one of the main pumps in the future.

Ms. Neece made the motion to approve the costs as presented, seconded by

Mr. Meason.

Roll call: Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Ms. Neece, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, motion carried.

16. **Pre-Kindergarten Grant**

The District received a letter from ISBE approving our Pre-K grant. It was approved for two sections. The District will receive \$110,400 this year which is the same amount the District received last year.

17. **Fourth Quarter Investment Report**

The fourth quarter investment report was presented by Superintendent Mike Greenlee.

18. **FY13 Final Budget Report**

Final expenditure and revenue fund balances for the 2012-13 school year were presented by Superintendent Mike Greenlee and Julia Saunders.

19. **Superintendents Report**

- Retreat next Wed. July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm in the District Office Conference Room
- Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> we will begin the initial measurement cycle for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (August 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.)
- Maintenance Grant – The District received a \$50,000 Maintenance Grant from the State of Illinois. The money will be used towards the items that were identified on our Life Safety List at SMMS.
- Facility Update: SMMS Boilers are in. Ducts, being vented outside, will be completed in the next 10 days. Controls set up for first week in August. One hot water heater installed in SMMS, one waiting to be installed. Four SMMS classrooms were carpeted.

20. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Ms. Neece. No one wished to address the Board.

21. **Members' Comments**

None.

22. **Adjournment**

Mr. Midgett moved to adjourn 7:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Ms. Neece, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Approved date: August 14, 2013

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

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

