

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 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 June 20, 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 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call LaForge Meason Pearcy Neece Praneis Schubert Warren
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Mr. LaForge arrived at 6:02 p.m. and Mr. Schubert left at 8:37 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Barb Browning, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn and Teacher Glenn Terry.

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:01 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: Schubert, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

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

Hononegah District's Community Engagement Process

Lynn Gibson, Hononegah District Director of Planning and Grants, presented information regarding the high school district's "Community Engagement Process." School Board President Mr. Kurlinkus was also present and spoke about the growth at the high school.

Consent Agenda

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

Superintendent Harezlak reported that part of the funds for the check that was processed for Randy Jurasek will be used for a matching grant to purchase six laser printers and three laptops for the district.

Items included:

1. May 23, 2007 Regular meeting minutes and June 1, 2007 Special Purpose meeting minutes
2. June bills (which also includes bills that will be paid through the end of June, 2007), July payroll, May treasurer's report
3. Revised Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. General State Aid
5. Prevailing Wage
6. Renewals
7. Entitlement Grants
8. NIA Ballot

Request

Mr. Schubert moved to allow the use of the SMMS track for the American Cancer Society – Relay for Life annual fundraiser to be held in June 2008, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Sale of Property - Realtor

Mrs. Warren moved to engage the services of Bob Nieman to sell Chapel Street and School Street locations, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

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

- Valerie Hammer Sixth Grade Teacher - SMMS
- Michelle Anderson Title I Teacher - RGS
- Melinda Mayfield Special Education Teacher – RGS
- Jana Hoffland Part-time Reading Teacher

Non-Certified

- Ellen McKelvey Part-time Special Education Teacher Assistant – WPES
- Ellen Krantz Part-time Special Education Teacher Assistant – RGS
- Sarah Doyle Part-time Special Education Teacher Assistant – RGS

2. Transfer

- Cori Taylor SMMS ACE Program Teacher

3. Resignations

Certified

- Glenn Terry SMMS Lunch Supervision
- Joel Moyer SMMS Lunch Supervision

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the May 23, 2007 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Percy moved to approve destroying verbatim tapes of closed session meetings from October 2004 through December 2005, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Staffing Requests

Mr. Schubert moved to approve one additional half-time special education teaching position at RGS, seconded by Mr. LaForge.

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

Food Service Equipment

Mrs. Neece moved to approve four electric food serving units for RGS as presented, seconded by Mr. LaForge.

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

Calendar Waiver

Mr. Schubert moved to approve request to begin the process for waiver renewal to attend school on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, seconded by Mr. LaForge, carried unanimously.

Life Safety Amendments

Roger Eckdahl, architect, reviewed the status of our district's 10-year Life/Safety survey and presented a status report to the BOE. Mr. Eckdahl is currently working on a revised life/safety list.

SMMS Gym Light Replacement

Mr. Schubert moved to award bid to Wilson Electric in the amount of \$27,500 to replace the lights in the SMMS gymnasium, seconded by Mr. LaForge.

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

Professional Learning Communities

Mrs. Browning presented a summary review of the initial year of RGS' professional learning communities project and future plans.

Web and Phone Based Substitute Program

The district will be instituting an automated substitute placement service that is more efficient and cost effective for arranging substitutes. Superintendent Harezlak presented summary details of the new program.

Strategic Plan Update

Action team leaders are recruiting team members and meetings are scheduled to begin before the start of school. Recommended that George Lingel be invited to July BOE meeting as preliminary planning for the Growth Action Team.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

2006 Tax Levy

Winnebago County has confirmed that Rockton School District will receive all of the funds levied for the 2006 tax year. In addition, two installments of the real estate distribution will be received in June 2007. Additional information regarding the tax levy report will be provided at the quarterly financial report for the July BOE meeting.

Retention Information

An annual report of final retention data for 2006-07 year was provided.

Annual Audit

Seipert & Co. LLP will conduct the district's annual audit that is scheduled to begin on July 23, 2007.

Other

Superintendent Harezlak reported that Camp Invention was very successful and thanked Kindyl Etnyre for her work to bring the program to our students.

Preliminary 2006-2007 ISAT scores comparison by years and comparison of same students were distributed. Overall scores showed continued excellent progress for our schools.

Superintendent Harezlak reminded BOE members to complete and return IASB Board member activities by July 27, 2007.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Larson:

- Reported that a former IMSA student participant was accepted at the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Bloomington.
- Shared that he is very pleased with the preliminary ISAT scores.

Mr. Taphorn:

- Commented that SMMS graduation was very successful.
- Students had a great time during Field Day at SMMS
- Reported a smooth closing to the school year at SMMS.

Mrs. Browning

- Shared that music teacher Stephanie Araoz will be performing in 'Bye Bye Birdie' at Rockford Theater on June 29, 2007 through July 1, 2007.

Mrs. Pearcy 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. Neece reported that the new access drive around WPES is great.
- Mr. Meason mentioned a magazine article from American School Board Journal regarding a parental involvement policy.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on **Monday**, July 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Pearcy, carried unanimously.

Approved date: July 23, 2007

President: _____

Secretary: _____