

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 24, 2009 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, held at the Rockton Grade School Library, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, Illinois, in said School District at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on the 24th day of June, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Brenda Warren, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location: James Meason, William Midgett, Laura Neece, Sarah Praneis, and Larry Schubert.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barbara Browning, Scott Rollinson, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry.

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None.

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Chanice Michowski.

Closed Session

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). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mrs. Neece moved to return to open session at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Public Hearing

At 7:00 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments concerning the intent of the Board to transfer \$850,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of the District (the "*Interfund Transfer*"), and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed Interfund Transfer were as follows: To purchase land for future school site.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following: None.

Written testimony concerning the proposed Interfund Transfer was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*. None.

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed Interfund Transfer. Statements were made by the following: None.

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed Interfund Transfer.

Member Mr. Schubert moved and Member Mrs. Neece seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Meason, Schubert, Warren, Neece, Midgett, Praneis.

The following members voted NAY: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

After School Math Program

Gina Tuula, WPES fifth grade teacher, presented the results of the after school math program that was implemented this past school year.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve WPES After-School Math program as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

PreK At-Risk Program

Dr. Browning provided an overview of the district's current PreK program for at-risk students.

New Math Program

Superintendent Harezlak provided a summary report of the meeting with K-5 grade level teachers regarding assessment of the new enVision math series textbooks.

Correspondence

- Thank you card was received from Sarah Doyle for the plant received during Staff Appreciation week.
- Thank you card was received from Sherri Kulawinski for the Target gift card received for years of service in the 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. Praneis moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Items included:

1. May 27, 2009 Regular meeting minutes and June 3, 2009 Special Purpose BOE meeting minutes
2. June bills, July payroll, May treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. General State Aid
5. Prevailing Wage
6. Timberlee Field Trip Request
7. NIA Ballot

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2009–2010 school year:

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| o Nadine Kelley | Part-time Sixth Grade Teacher |
| o Rikki Fleming | Sixth Grade Teacher |
| o Zachary Newman | WPES Music Teacher |
| o Zachary Newman | WPES Choir (stipend position) |
| o Sarah Kazluski | Cross Country Coach (shared position) |
| o Kristin Bindl | Peer Support (1/3 position) |
| o Sue Walsh | SMMS Choir (stipend position) |

Non-Certified

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| o Catherine Dobson | Part-time Food Service Aide – WPES |
| o Cindy Dantuma | Part-time Food Service Aide – WPES |

b. Resignations

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| o Marta Polakowski | SMMS teacher – Correction from Feb. 25, 2009
BOE meeting – resignation not retirement |
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Non-Certified

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| o Elizabeth Persson | Part-time Lunchroom Aide – SMMS |
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Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, Neece, Praneis, Meason, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the May 27, 2009 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

SMMS Staff Request

Mrs. Praneis moved to approve request as presented for an additional instructional period in seventh grade reading, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Resolution to Abate Working Cash Fund

The President announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution abating the working cash fund of the District.

Whereupon Member Mrs. Warren presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy.

RESOLUTION abating the working cash fund of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois.

Member Mr. Schubert moved and Member Mrs. Neece seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Schubert, Meason, Praneis, Neece, Warren, Midgett.

The following members voted NAY: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, and in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at said meeting.

Resolution for Interfund Transfer

The President announced that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution directing the transfer of \$575,000 from Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of the District.

Whereupon Member Mrs. Warren presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION directing the transfer of \$575,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois.

Member Mr. Meason moved and Member Mrs. Neece seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Schubert, Meason, Praneis, Warren, Neece, Midgett.

The following members voted NAY: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, and in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at said meeting.

Summer Construction Update

Superintendent Harezlak reviewed information regarding the status of the summer construction projects. Discussed proposal for SMMS storage building.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Retention Information

The annual report of final retention data for 2008-09 year was reviewed.

Welcome Brochures

The annual 'welcome brochures' for third and sixth graders prepared by Kris Holland, Public Relations, were provided for review.

IASB Master Board Member Activities

BOE members were asked to notify the district office if they did not receive materials from IASB regarding the completion of the summary activity form for 2008-09.

School Search Bright Star Award

Rockton School District is one of 68 schools in Illinois to receive the 2009 Bright Star award for educational excellence in spite of low funding. School Search is an educational research firm that publishes rankings of school systems for national comparative information provided to corporations, homebuilders, realtors and families.

Annual Audit

Seipert & Co. LLP will conduct the district's annual audit that is scheduled to begin on July 22, 2009. A separate audit may be required for federal funds received over \$500,000.

Other

- A letter was received from Camp Invention thanking the district for the opportunity to bring Camp Invention to Whitman Post Elementary School and thanked teacher Jeanna McAfee for running an excellent camp.
- Discussed sending the BOE packet through Groupwise email.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Dr. Browning and Mr. Terry both shared that the end of the school year was great.
- Mr. Rollinson thanked the BOE for their support for the after school math program.

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.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 7:48 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). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mrs. Neece moved to return to open session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Praneis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Mr. Midgett, carried unanimously.

Approved date: July 22, 2009

President: _____

Secretary: _____