

**Minutes of Re-Scheduled Meeting
Held June 26, 2013
The Board of Education
Rockton School District No. 140**

A Re-scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District No. 140 was held on June 26, 2013, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Library, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, IL 61072.

1. **Call to Order** by President Meason at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Laura Neece, Larry Schubert, Brenda Warren, Sarah Praneis, Jim Meason
Not present: Chanice Michowski, Bill Midgett

Others present: Superintendent Mike Greenlee, Rich Mayer, Diane Roth
3. **Conduct of Public Hearing for the issuance of \$500,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds and \$1,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds.**

Mr. Meason announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the 'Hearing') to receive public comments on the proposal to Sell bonds in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of conforming the existing facilities of the District that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering and reconstructing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein (the 'School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds') and bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District (the 'Working Cash Fund Bonds') and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

Mr. Meason opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds were as follows:

1. SMMS Boilers (2) - \$160,550
 - These boilers have been approved for Life Safety by the ISBE and will replace the two furnaces that have cracked heat exchangers.
2. SMMS Life Safety Plan - \$344,000
 - This total takes care of all the items that have been sighted on our Life Safety Audit. Still waiting for the ISBE approval. (Includes carpeting and reinforcing the Cafeteria doors).

Mr. Meason asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. No additional comments were made.

There is no written testimony concerning the Proposed Issuance of the School Fire Prevention and Safety Bond.

Mr. Meason asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds. No oral testimony or public comments were made.

Mr. Meason announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.

Mr. Meason then explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds were as follows:

- SMMS Third Boiler - \$91,750
This will be installed this summer, but is considered an additional item that will not be covered by Life Safety.
- RGS/WPES Life Safety - \$275,000
This is an estimate of what could be needed to cover the costs of the Life Safety Audit.
- SMMS Second HVAC Plant - \$340,000
Recommended to maximize efficiency and zone the HVAC system at SMMS
- Parking Lots Repaired and Resurfaced - \$1.5M (SMMS \$275,000; RGS/WPES \$1.25M)
The parking lot repairs will be prioritized by need and addressed with any remaining money.

Mr. Meason asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. No additional comments were made.

There is no written testimony concerning the Proposed Issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds.

Mr. Meason asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds. No statements were made.

Mr. Meason 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 issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds.

Member Ms. Neece moved to approve the Selling of the Working Cash Fund and School Fire Prevention and Safety Bond and Member Mr. Schubert seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call: Mrs. Warren, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason
Upon the roll being called, all members voted AYE.

Mr. Meason declared the motion carried.

4. Mr. Meason moved to go into Executive Session at 6:40 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 Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

Mrs. Praneis moved to return to open session at 6:50 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Warren. Roll call: Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

5. **Pledge of Allegiance**

6. **Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Stephanie Ballard for the gift of flowers celebrating the birth of her daughter, Nora May.
- Six out of school suspension letters.
- One bus suspension letter.

7. **Comments from the Community**

There were no comments from the community.

8. **Consent Items**

Ms. Neece moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert. Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, committee meeting open session minutes, June bills, July payroll, May treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**.

- * **Cooperative:** Action taken at the June 13, 2012 Executive Board meeting for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is attached for your review and action. Your approval is recommended.
- * **General State Aid:** The GSA entitlement application is due this month. Documentation of your approval for electronic submission to ISBE is required. Your approval of the state aid entitlement application for the 2013-14 school year is recommended.
- * **Prevailing Wage:** Annual BOE adoption of a resolution affirming the current prevailing wages for the region is required. The resolution will be presented at the meeting for your approval.
- * **Notice of Appointment of School Treasurer:** In compliance with provisions of the Illinois School Code, Chapter 105, Article 8, The School Board will appoint a school treasurer for a term of two years.
- * **Policy Committee:** The following policies were reviewed and are listed for a first reading.

- 4:15 – Identity Protection
- 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:170 – Safety Program
- 5:50 – District Action Upon Violation of Policy
- 5:260 - Professional Personnel
- 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

Roll Call: Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Ms. Neece, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes.
Motion carried.

9. Personnel

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

- a. Certified Employment
 - RGS Summer school
 - Rachel Maddix
 - Erin Salberg
 - Joann Eischeid
 - Jenn Graves
 - Cindy Mizner
 - Kerri Carroll
 - Mark Schroeder - 5th ASM (Fall)
 - Jessi Yates – 5th ASM (Spring)
 - Joann Eischeid – 4th ASM (Spring)
 - Dan Baumgartner – SMMS Lunch Supervisor
 - Zach Newman – SMMS Play Director
- b. Non-Certified Employment

▪ James Hall	Salary Adjustment
▪ Tammi Gaziano	Salary Adjustment
▪ Sally Burie	Hours Decreased
▪ Kelly Gilliam	Assistant Secretary RGS
▪ Carlyn Brandt	Food Service Manager
- c. Recall
 - Barb Maxey ELL Assistant

Roll Call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Ms. Neece, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

10. Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Meason moved to approve the May 22, 2013 regular closed session minutes and recommended they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

11. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

None.

12. Job Descriptions

Mr. Meason moved to approve the updated job descriptions for Food Service Manager and Assistant Secretary, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

13. Milk and Bread Bid Rollover for FY14

Ms. Neece moved to approve the rollover bid from our bread and milk vendors. This bid is a joint district agreement involving Hononegah, Kinnikinnick, Prairie Hill, Shirland and South Beloit school districts. The bread vendor has held prices flat and the milk vendor is requesting a .003 per carton increase for the upcoming school year. This was seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll Call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

14. Property Liability and Worker's Compensation Renewal

Mr. Meason moved to accept the renewal proposal from Wine Sergi for approximately \$128,500 seconded by Mrs. Praneis. The coverage increased approximately ten percent (approximately \$13,000) from last year because of our prior year's claim history.

Roll Call: Mrs. Warren, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

15. Superintendents Report

- Annual Audit: Seipert and Co. LLP will conduct the district's annual audit that is scheduled to begin in late July.
- Strategic Plan: The final update has been provided to the Board.
- Summer Construction Update -
 - Duct work has been started and the Boiler work will begin early July.
 - A regulator valve for our gas line will be removed and relocated near ChemTool. Because of this move, a portion of the RGS driveway entrance will be under construction. This will be completed by August.
 - Four classrooms will be painted by the end of June, carpeted in July.
 - Water heaters are being replaced late June and all cleaning is on schedule.
- July Board Meeting: We will have IPADs for each member to access their packets.

16. Comments from the Community

Rich Mayer commented that Co-op Board and the RTA Association came to a tentative agreement on a two-year contract. The Association members ratified the agreement on June 26, 2013.

17. Members' Comments

Mr. Meason noted that the U.S. Supreme Court neither accepted nor rejected the appeal in the Elmbrook, WI case, and said it was his understanding that the case will remain pending before the next session of the court. In a related matter, he reviewed both the general and public school contracts that were amended by Timber-lee following the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in Elmbrook; Timber-lee removed virtually all religious references in its attempt to pass muster pursuant to the Elmbrook decision. Mr. Meason asked Superintendent Greenlee to attempt to have an "escape hatch" provision added to the contract in the case of the district's cancelling its use of Timber-lee if the district is being sued over its use of those facilities.

18. Adjournment

Ms. Neece moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on July 24, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

Approved date: July 24, 2013 6:30 p.m.

President: _____

Secretary: _____