

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held June 25, 2014**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Jim Meason at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Bill Midgett, Gail Johnson, Chanice Michowski, Jim Meason
Absent: Brenda Warren, Larry Schubert
Chuck Kleeberger arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Others present: Dr. Robert Willis, Principals Glenn Terry and Kindyl Etnyre, Rich Mayer

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. Mr. Meason moved to go into Executive Session at 6:31 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. Midgett.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason, 5 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 7:08 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll Call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason, 5 ayes, Motion carried.

5. **Public Hearing for School Code Waiver**

The Rockton School District Board of Education held a public hearing for the following renewal of expired SIP day waivers:

- Change the two half day School Improvement Days on January 16, 2015 and April 24, 2015 to full day School Improvement Days.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was open for public input. No one wished to address the Board regarding the waiver.

Mr. Meason moved to approve renewal of expired SIP day waivers, seconded by Mr. Midgett.

Roll call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

6. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Lisa Rehfeldt for the Target gift card given as a 'Years of Service' Award.
- Three letters of out-of-school suspension and two letters of bus detention.

7. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

- Rich Mayer, RTA Co-President, welcomed Dr. Robert Willis, Interim Superintendent to the district and stated he looked forward to working together.

8. **Consent Items**

Mr. Midgett moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

- Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, June bills, July payroll, May treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**.
- * **Cooperative**: Action taken at the June 11, 2014 Executive Board meeting for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative.
- * **General State Aid**: The GSA entitlement application is June 2014. Documentation of approval for electronic submission to ISBE is required. The Board approved the state aid entitlement application for the 2014-15 school year.
- * **Prevailing Wage**: Annual BOE adoption of a resolution affirming the current prevailing wages for the region is required. The Board approved the resolution.
- * **Market Day fundraiser for the 2014-15 school year**: The Board approved the fundraising events that have been planned by Market Day.
- * **Notice of 2014-2015 Board Meeting Dates** -
The Board approved the following dates for regular Rockton Board of Education meetings to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Library, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, IL, unless otherwise amended by the Board.
 - Wednesday, July 23, 2014

- Wednesday, August 13, 2014
- Wednesday, September 24, 2014
- Wednesday, October 22, 2014
- Wednesday, November 19, 2014
- Wednesday, December 17, 2014
- Wednesday, January 28, 2015
- Wednesday, February 25, 2015
- Wednesday, March 25, 2015
- Wednesday, April 22, 2015
- Wednesday, May 20, 2015
- Wednesday, June 24, 2015

* Policy Committee: The following policy changes were reviewed in April, presented in May and is recommended for Board action. The Board approved the following policies.

- a. 2.30 - School District Elections
- b. 2:100 – Board Member Conflict of Interest
- c. 2:110 - Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- d. 4:30 - Revenue and Investments
- e. 5:10 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- f. 5:30 - Hiring Process and Criteria
- g. 5:35 - Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- h. 5:125 - Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- i. 5:180 - Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
- j. 5:190 - Teacher Qualifications
- k. 5:240 - Suspension
- l. 6:65 - Student Social and Emotional Development
- m. 6:160 - English Language Learners
- n. 7:70 - Attendance and Truancy
- o. 7:180 - Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- p. 7:190 - Student Discipline
- q. 8:95 - Parental Involvement

Roll Call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

9. Personnel

- **Administration:**

- 1) Renewal of administrator’s contracts with the understanding that they may be modified based on the RTA Contract Negotiation.
 - Kindyl Etnyre -SMMS Principal
 - Shaun Newmes -Assistant SMMS Principal
 - Scott Rollinson -WPES Principal
 - Glenn Terry -RGS Principal

- **Certified Employment:**

- New Assignment

- 1) Allison Lake - WPES Special Education Teacher

- **Non-Certified Employment**

- Resignations

- 1) Jen Graves - RGS Summer School Aide

- New Assignments

- 1) Kelly Gilliam - RGS Summer School Aide
 - 2) Hannah Booth - Summer Maintenance Aide
 - 3) Tanner Rehnberg - Summer Maintenance Aide
 - 4) Linda Wennerberg - Summer Maintenance Aide
 - 5) Sarah Baines - RGS Pre-k Aide
 - 6) Jen Graves - RGS Special Education Aide
 - 7) Terri Ruchti - SMMS School Nurse, approval for an extra hour due to additional duties for diabetic student for next school year.
 - 8) Teresa Tomblinson - District Office Administrative Aide, approval for an extra hour daily and 15 additional contract days due to increasing workload/responsibilities.
 - 9) Hire additional person in SMMS cafeteria – 4.75 hours.

Mr. Meason moved to approve the above listed personnel changes for the upcoming 2014/15 school year, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason, 5 ayes, Motion carried.

10. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Kleeberger moved to approve the May 21, 2014 regular closed session minutes and the June 4, 2014 Special Purpose closed session minutes and recommended they are to be opened, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. 5 ayes – Motion Carried.

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

None.

12. **Milk and Bread Bid Rollover for FY14**

Your approval is requested to rollover the bid from our bread and milk vendors. Recall that this bid is a joint district agreement involving Hononegah, Kinnikinnick, Prairie Hill, Shirland and South Beloit school districts. The bread vendor increased prices 8 percent and the milk vendor is requesting a .8 percent per carton increase for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Midgett moved to approve the rollover bid, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll Call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

13. Wiring Upgrade of Whitman Post Computer Lab

After review of the electrical load requirements for the new computer and monitors purchased for WPES computer lab, the electrical circuits in the existing computer lab are not sufficient. Dean Snowdon has completed a spec. design and obtained quotes for the installation of additional circuits for the computer lab. A summary of bids was provided at the June 25, 2014 board meeting. Dean Snowdon recommended Quality Electric with its quote of \$2,880.00.

Mr. Kleeberger made a motion to approve the wiring upgrade bid from Quality Electric, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason –5 ayes, Motion carried.

14. Renaissance STAR Screening Assessment Tool

Dr. Willis recommended that the BOE approve the adoption of the Renaissance Learning (STAR) Universal Screener instrument. Due to the conflict that MAP testing will pose with PARCC testing, and to look at cost saving measures of our universal screener (MAP test), we began to investigate the use of different universal screeners. During the 2013-2014 school year, a team of teachers, the administrative team, and the curriculum coordinator reviewed several universal screeners. Renaissance Learning (STAR) was chosen as our universal screener for the 2014-2015 school year for grades 2-8. This decision was based upon reduced testing time for students and a cost savings to the district after the first year. Grades K-1 have chosen to continue using MAP test as their universal screener because Renaissance Learning was lacking features that the current MAP test provides for those grade levels. The committees will reconvene after a year to discuss results.

Mr. Kleeberger made a motion to approve the adoption of the Renaissance Learning Universal Screener, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, motion carried.

15. Property Liability and Worker's Compensation Renewal

Dr. Willis recommended that we accept the new proposal from Liberty Mutual through Wine Sergi for approximately \$135,500. The coverage increased only three percent from last year because we changed the workman's compensation insurance company.

Mrs. Michowski made a motion to accept the new proposal from Liberty Mutual through Wine Sergi for approximately \$135,500, seconded by Mr Kleeberger.

Roll call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

16. Superintendents Report

- Dr. Willis commented that comparing the 2013-14 graduating class with forecasted enrollment for next year, enrollment seems to be trending downward. We will have accurate numbers after the July New Family registrations held July 24th and July 29th at WPES.

- Dr. Willis was pleased to say that when walking through the schools and meeting with staff, he recognized that we really have something good going on in the district and that he is excited to work with this administration to help make it even better. Congratulations are due to the Board, Administrators, RTA Co-Presidents Rich Mayer and Mark Donaldson and to the entire Rockton School District staff for all their excellent work.

17. **Comments from the Community**

- Glenn Terry, RGS Principal thanked the Board for approving the hiring of the Special Education teacher at RGS/WPES for the upcoming school year. He also shared that several families have expressed their sincere gratitude that their children will have their needs met in our district. He stated this new program will mean a great deal to many families.
- Rich Mayer, RTA Co-President, thanked the Board for approving the Market Day Fundraising dates.

18. **Members' Comments**

- Mrs. Michowski commented the SMMS 8th grade graduation ceremony went very well. She enjoyed shaking hands and congratulating all of the graduates.
- Mrs. Johnson also commented about the SMMS 8th grade graduation and stated it was overwhelming to her to give out diplomas to students she had taught in RGS kindergarten! It was a great experience.
- Mrs. Warren attended the joint Board meeting that was held at Hononegah Community High School on June 18, 2014 and she provided meeting minutes to Dr. Willis for distribution and review by the Board.

19. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. seconded by Mr. Kleeberger. 5 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Approval Date: July 23, 2014

President: _____

Secretary: _____