

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2009 RESCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING

Minutes of a rescheduled 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 17th day of March, 2009.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and directed the Secretary to call the roll.

Upon the roll being called, Brenda Warren, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location: James LaForge, William Midgett, Laura Neece, Sarah Praneis, and Larry Schubert.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principal Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Glenn Terry, Business Manager Julia Saunders, RTA Representatives/Teachers Gail Johnson, Rich Mayer, and School Board Candidate Chanice Michowski.

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: James Meason.

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). Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, LaForge, Schubert, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Correspondence

- Two letters of school suspension and eleven letters of in-school suspension.

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

Items included:

1. February 25, 2009 Regular meeting minutes and March 4, 2009 Special Purpose meeting minutes
2. March bills, April payroll, February treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donations
 - Anonymous donation of \$1,000 to the SMMS library for library books to be selected by the library teacher.
 - Donation of \$100 to the Rockton School District by James Benkovich.

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2008-2009 school year

Non-Certified

- Sarah Baines RGS Food Service Aide – part-time

b. Transfer – 2009-10 school year

▪ Certified

- Sherril Erickson RGS Kindergarten Teacher

c. Resignation – end of 2008-09 school year

▪ Certified

- Susan Muraski SMMS Sixth Grade Teacher – part-time
- Melinda Mayfield RGS Special Education Teacher
- Holly McLaughlin WPES Fourth Grade Teacher
- Melissa Blecker SMMS Science Olympiad Advisor

d. Tenured for 2009-10 school year

- Theresa O'Hea RGS Special Education Teacher
- Rebecca Rathe RGS/WPES Social Worker
- Andria Brass SMMS Seventh Grade Teacher
- Michelle Bottensek RGS Special Education Teacher
- Annette Rohrer RGS First Grade Teacher

e. Non-renewal certified part-time staff effective end of 2008-09 school year:

- Teresa Kannard RGS/WPES Art Teacher

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the February 25, 2009 regular closed session minutes and the March 4, 2009 special purpose closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

Mrs. Warren moved to approve administrator and non-certified personnel compensation as discussed in closed session for the 2009-2010 school year, seconded by Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, Neece, Praneis, LaForge, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Land Purchase

Superintendent Harezlak discussed procedures for land purchase. Architect Roger Eckdahl, Attorney Ann Dempsey, and Adam Holder from Fehr-Graham and Associates all recommend obtaining a survey of the land now. Survey will verify exact acreage and boundaries which will help calculate amount district is to pay for the land. Fehr-Graham estimates the surveys will cost approximately \$8,180.00. Architect Eckdahl recommends obtaining soil borings when it is known where a building will be located.

Mr. Schubert moved to direct Superintendent Harezlak to move forward with environmental and land surveys as recommended by Fehr-Graham and Associates, seconded by Mrs Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Schubert, Midgett, Neece, Praneis, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Science Olympiad Team

SMMS Science Olympiad students along with advisor Linh Phommachanh provided information and demonstration of their projects.

Capital Projects Proposals

Proposals of capital building and technology projects to be considered for funding was discussed. Projects being considered:

1. SMMS Recreation Area
2. RGS/WPES Drywells and additional parking
3. SMMS Evacuation Path
4. Additional technology tools
5. SMMS Storage building

Consider the adoption of a resolution declaring the District's intent to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds

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 declaring its intention to issue working cash fund bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published.

Whereupon Member 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:

Member LaForge moved and Member 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, Midgett, Neece, Praneis, LaForge, Warren.

The following members voted NAY: None.

Carried.

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.

Accelerated Reader Program

Mr. Midgett moved to approve the instructional procedure and funding of the online accelerated reading program as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

Carried.

Other

- The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center dedication ceremony is April 19th.
- Two teachers from China will be visiting Rockton schools through the effort of teacher Sue Walsh.
- SMMS 8th grade students Nikki Luczak and Emma Porter are hosting the third annual book drive. Books are donated to Rockford Literacy Council.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ISAT Testing

Rockton School District students have completed state testing. The results from this year's tests are expected by the end of May.

Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys

Survey results from the February parent conferences were provided.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Terry reported:

- A total of nine Smart boards and seven Smart tablets will be purchased with school fundraiser monies.
- The first grade concert is March 18th and the fourth grade concert will be after Spring break.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Eighth grade graduation is June 1st.
- The sixth grade band concert was great.
- The NJHS Induction ceremony is March 19th. Fifty four students are going to be inducted.
- SMMS play 'Honk Junior' is in April.

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, April 29, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 8:35 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). Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, LaForge, Schubert, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LaForge moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved date: April 29, 2009

President: _____

Secretary: _____