

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2011 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District No. 140 was held on March 16, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Library, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, IL 61072.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Shaun Newmes and Glenn Terry, Mike Greenlee, RTA President/Teacher Gail Johnson, and various guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the following: 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), seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Midgett, Praneis, Michowski, Neece, Schubert, Warren, Meason – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Mrs. Michowski moved to return to open session at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.
Praneis, Midgett, Neece, Meason, Schubert, Michowski, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Correspondence

- Three letters of in-school suspension, four letters of out of school suspension, and three letters of bus suspension.
- E-mail received from SMMS parent Mick Manne regarding support of keeping the School Resource Officer position.

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

- SMMS teacher Dan Baumgartner read letter written in support of School Resource Officer Penny Cure and school nurse Nadine Slocum and the important role they play in helping students. He also read letter of support from SMMS Counselor Beth DeVries.
- Parent Jeff Schelling and his daughter Alexa Schelling spoke in support of SRO and nurse.

Regular session resumed.

Consent Agenda

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

Items included:

1. February 23, 2011 Regular meeting minutes, March 1, 2011 Special Purpose meeting minutes
2. March bills, April payroll, February treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action

Michowski, Praneis, Schubert, Midgett, Meason, Neece, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

WCSEC Line of Credit

WCSEC Director Tom Zelten was present to explain request for line of credit.

Mr. Meason moved to approve resolution to establish line of credit for the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Praneis, Michowski, Schubert, Midgett, Meason, Neece, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Personnel

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

a. Retirement with regret – effective end of 2013-2014 school year – eligible for Section 12.1 of Professional Agreement retirement benefits

▪ **Certified**

- Pat Taphorn RGS teacher
- Marge Guerrero RGS teacher

b. FMLA Leave Request – 2011-2012 school year

▪ **Certified**

- Andrea Leitner WPES teacher
- Lindsay Campbell RGS teacher

c. Reassignment – 2011-2012 school year

▪ **Certified**

- Michelle Bottensek Satellite teacher to SMMS special education teacher
- Elizabeth Atkins Part-time Elementary art teacher to part-time SMMS regular education teacher

d. Reduction of Time – 2011-2012 school year

▪ **Certified**

- Jessica Steinmiller Full-time to part-time special education teacher

e. Resignation – end of 2010-2011 school year

▪ **Non-Certified**

- Wendy Comstock RGS teacher assistant – part-time

f. Tenured – 2011-2012 school year

▪ **Certified**

- Sally Southworth SMMS teacher
- Jana Hoffland SMMS teacher
- Lucinda Balandis SMMS teacher
- Lindsay Campbell RGS teacher
- Amy Stevens RGS teacher
- Erin Salberg RGS teacher
- Michelle Anderson RGS teacher

g. Certified part-time staff non-renewal effective end of 2010-2011 school year

▪ **Certified**

- Sue Walsh SMMS teacher
- Jennifer Leppert RGS/WPES P.E. teacher

h. Certified non-tenured staff non-renewal effective end of 2010-2011 school year

- Certified

- Shelia Ball WPES teacher
- Angela Schmidt RGS teacher
- Carie Champeny-Johns SMMS special education teacher
- Jessica Yates SMMS teacher

Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Midgett, Meason, Neece, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to accept with regret resignation of RGS principal Barbara Browning effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year, seconded by Mr. Schubert

All voted aye – 7

Motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

- Mrs. Warren moved to approve the February 23, 2011 regular closed session minutes and the March 1, 2011 special purpose closed session minutes, and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

All voted aye – 7

Motion carried.

- Mrs. Warren moved to destroy verbatim record of closed meetings prior to August, 2009 seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

All voted aye – 7

Motion carried.

Calendar Approval

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve 2011-2012 school calendar B option, seconded by Mr. Midgett.

All voted aye – 7

Motion carried.

Policy Committee

- Mrs. Neece moved to approve the following amended policies, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

- 2:150 – Committees
- 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
- 2:230 – Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
- 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedures
- 4:10 – Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:170 – Safety
- 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:120 – Ethics and Conduct
- 5:220 – Substitute Teachers
- 5:260 – Student Teachers
- 5:334 – Job Descriptions/Categories/Multi-Level Pay
- 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School

- 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7:60 – Residence
- 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:290 – Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs
- 7:310 – Restrictions on Publications

Neece, Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Midgett, Meason, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

- A Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Food Service Bus

Superintendent Harezlak presented recommendation regarding purchase of a replacement food service bus. BOE members directed Superintendent Harezlak to have Maintenance Director Dean Snowdon search for a replacement bus.

RTA Contract

Mrs. Warren moved to approve memorandum of agreement from Rockton Teachers Association to freeze base salary for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Neece, Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Midgett, Meason, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the following: 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), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Midgett, Praneis, Michowski, Neece, Schubert, Warren, Meason – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Praneis, Midgett, Neece, Meason, Schubert, Michowski, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

FY12 Budget

Decisions regarding certified staff employment and other budget recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year was discussed. Superintendent Harezlak shared information regarding nurse services and explained an alternate option for the SRO offered by Rockton police chief Steve Dickson.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the proposed expenditure reductions in the education fund as presented in the February 23, 2011 detailed agenda with the following changes: remove the reduction of SRO position and add the recommendation to eliminate the expenditure for BOE members to attend the annual school board conference, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Midgett, Meason, Neece, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to retain full-time nurses for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Michowski, Praneis, Midgett, Schubert, Meason, Neece, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

Mrs. Warren moved to employ Glenn Terry as RGS principal beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Midgett, Meason, Neece, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve pay increase for non-certified support staff, non-certified administrators, and administrators as discussed in closed session for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Midgett, Meason, Neece, Warren – 7 ayes
Motion carried.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Residency Requirement

Beginning with 2011 summer registration, the district will require annual verification of residency for all returning students.

ISAT Testing

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

Other

- Thanked BOE members for their support regarding staff positions for next school year.
- Superintendent Harezlak explained process to hire new assistant principal at RGS/WPES.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Browning reported:

- Pre-school screening was March 8, 9, 10 and 178 children attended – 115 incoming kindergartners and 63 pre-schoolers.
- Project Fair is April 5th.
- Thanked BOE members for their decision to hire Mr. Terry as principal.

Mr. Terry reported:

- RGS librarians did a wonderful job with book fair sales.
- PTO Fun Fair was enjoyable.
- Thanked BOE members for hiring him as RGS principal.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- Fifth grade students are going to Timberlee on April 1st.
- Chamber of Commerce awards dinner honoring Kathy Sipe is March 18.
- Morgan Elementary School from Beloit came to tour WPES.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- March is *Middle Level Education* month.
- SMMS play, *Once on this Island*, is April 16th.
- There are 105 students participating in track.

Mr. Newmes reported.

- Tyler Kerch placed 3rd in a spelling bee at Tebala Shrine Temple in Rockford.
- Girl's basketball team advanced to championship game at conference tournament.
- Students donated products to The Carpenter's Place in Rockford.

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

- Sue Walsh shared she has enjoyed her past four years as part-time teacher and is sad to leave SMMS.
- Gail Johnson commented Brenda Warren did a wonderful job working with her regarding teacher salary schedule and people in the community recognize how well teachers and board members work together.

Regular session resumed.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Warren:

- Asked Superintendent Harezlak to explore options for tuition based At-Risk Pre-School program.
- Shared the Rockton Village had an art contest. Awards will be presented to winners on March 28th and the pictures will be displayed at the Village Hall.
- Shared that the YMCA invited her to a Strategic Planning meeting on April 6th.

Mr. Midgett:

- Mentioned he and his family attended the PTO Fun Fair and had a great time.
- Stated he appreciates what Dr. Browning has done for Rockton School District.

Mrs. Michowski:

- Thanked teachers for freezing base salary and thanked nurses for their hard work.
- Congratulated Glenn Terry and Barb Browning.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

All voted aye – 7

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Approved date: April 27, 2011

President: _____

Secretary: _____