

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held March 21, 2012

The Board of Education Rockton School District No. 140

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District No. 140 was held on March 21, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Library, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, IL 61072.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by President Brenda Warren at 6:09 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Larry Schubert, Chanice Michowski, Laura Neece, Brenda Warren, Sarah Praneis

Absent: Jim Meason and Bill Midgett

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

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Julia Saunders for plant sent in memory of her mother.
- Seven letters of out-of-school suspension, eight letters of in-school suspension, and four letters of bus suspension.

5. **Comments from the Community**

Mrs. Warren 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 of Education. Regular session resumed.

6. **Quiz Bowl**

SMMS Quiz Bowl students along with their coaches Diana Kelly and David Lynch, provided a demonstration of their excellent quiz bowl skills.

7. Mr. Schubert 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 Mrs. Praneis.

Neece, Schubert, Praneis, Michowski, Warren – 5 ayes
Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:48 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.
Praneis, Neece, Schubert, Michowski, Warren – 5 ayes

8. Consent Items

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

Items included:

1. February 15, 2012 regular meeting minutes, February 21, 2012 and March 15, 2012 negotiations meeting minutes, and March 13, 2012 special purpose meeting minutes
2. March bills, April payroll, February treasurer’s report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action

Schubert, Neece, Michowski, Praneis, Warren – 5 ayes
Motion carried.

9. Personnel

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

- Tenure – 2012-2013 school year
 - Stephanie Bennington SMMS teacher
 - Jay Bigwood WPES teacher
 - Kristin Bindl SMMS social worker
 - Scott Carlson RGS teacher
 - Rachel Maddix RGS teacher
 - Kim Ward RGS teacher
 - Richard Wicks SMMS teacher

Neece, Schubert, Praneis, Michowski, Warren – 5 ayes
Motion carried.

10. Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the February 15, 2012 regular closed session minutes and the March 13, 2012 special purpose closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

All voted aye – 5
Motion carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the February 21, 2012 and March 15, 2012 negotiations committee closed session minutes and that they are to be opened, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.
All voted aye – 5
Motion carried.

11. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

None

12. Policy

- Mrs. Warren moved to approve the following policy changes, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.
 - 2:250 – Access to District Public Records
 - 3:60 – Administrative Responsibility of Building Principal
 - 4:80 – Accounting and Audits
 - 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 - 5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
 - 5:240 – Suspension
 - 6:60 – Curriculum Content
 - 6:150 – Home and Hospital Instruction

- 6:235 – Access to Electronic Networks
- 7:305 – Student Athlete concussions and Head Injuries

Praneis, Neece, Michowski, Warren – 4 ayes
 Schubert – 1 nay
 Motion carried.

13. Calendar Approval

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the 2012-2013 school calendar as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece.
 All voted aye – 5
 Motion carried.

14. Resolution to Abate Bond Fund

The President announced that the next item of business before the Board of Education was the consideration of a resolution abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2011 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2005, of the District.

Whereupon Member Mrs. Warren presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, copies of which were available to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy

RESOLUTION abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2011 to pay debt service on General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2005, of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois (the “District”), by resolution adopted on the 20th day of July, 2005 (the “Resolution”), did provide for the issue of \$2,995,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2005 (the “Bonds”), and the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of July, 2005, a duly certified copy of the Resolution was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Winnebago County, Illinois (the “County Clerk”); and WHEREAS, the District has surplus funds in the “School Bond and Interest Fund of 2005” (the “Bond Fund”) established pursuant to Section 10 of the Resolution for the purpose of paying the debt service on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2011 to pay the Bonds be abated:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Abatement of Tax. A portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2011 in the Resolution shall be abated by that amount representing surplus funds in the Bond Fund, and the amount of the tax levied in the Resolution for the year 2011 to pay debt service on the Bonds, the amount of the tax to be abated for said year, and the remainder of the tax levied which is to be extended for said year to pay debt service on the Bonds are as follows:

FOR THE 2005 BONDS

LEVY YEAR	AMOUNT LEVIED IN 2005	AMOUNT TO BE ABATED	REMAINDER OF TAX TO BE EXTENDED SUFFICIENT TO PRODUCE
2011	\$252,880.00	\$25,938.00	\$226,942.00

Section 2. Filing of Resolution. Forthwith upon the adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of the Board shall file a certified copy hereof with the County Clerk, and it shall be

the duty of the County Clerk to abate a portion of said tax levied for the year 2011 in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Member Mrs. Warren moved and Member Mrs. Praneis seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

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

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: PRANEIS, WARREN, SCHUBERT, MICHOWSKI, NEECE. NAY: None

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

15. Health Insurance Cooperative

Superintendent Greenlee reported that on March 8th ten area school districts met with insurance brokers Miller Buettner and Parrott regarding the possibility of forming a health insurance cooperative. Miller Buettner and Parrott will present details of this plan at the April 24th board meeting.

16. Fees

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the following fees for 2012-13 school year, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Breakfast/Lunch Price

- Breakfast - \$1.60 (*currently \$1.50*)
- Lunch - \$2.35 (*currently \$2.25*)
- Adult Lunch - \$2.60 (*currently \$2.50*)
- Adult Salad - \$2.85 (*currently \$2.75*)

Extra-Curricular Fee

- Science Olympiad - \$25.00 (*new*)
- National Junior Honor Society - \$15.00 (*new – one-time fee upon acceptance into the society*)

Michowski, Praneis, Schubert, Neece, Warren – 5 ayes
Motion carried.

17. Annual Financial Report

The district received a financial profile score from ISBE. Our financial designation for 2012 is a score of 3.55, which places the district in Financial Recognition Status.

18. Superintendents Report

- ISAT Testing - Rockton School District students completed state testing on March 16th. The results from this year's tests are expected by the end of May.
- ISBE Certificate of Recognition – Each of our school buildings as well as the district received a “Fully Recognized” certificate from the Illinois State Board of Education. This annual recognition certifies our fulfillment of the standards established for Illinois public schools.
- Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys – Survey results from the spring parent-teacher conferences were provided.
- Tenured teachers – Congratulations to teachers who earned tenure – Stephanie Bennington, Jay Bigwood, Kristin Bindl, Scott Carlson, Rachel Maddix, Kim Ward, and Ric Wicks.

- United Way – A letter was received from Stateline United Way thanking Rockton School District for participating in their annual campaign. Thank you to Gail Johnson for coordinating the campaign.

19. Administrative Reports

A. Mr. Terry

- PTO Fun Fair was March 17th. Thank you to everyone for their support.
- Project Fair at RGS and WPES is April 17th.
- Pre-School screening was March 6th, 7th, and 8th and 115 kindergarten age children attended.

B. Mrs. Fuller

- Carrie Lynn presentation to second grade students is March 22nd.
- WPES Rec Night is April 12th.
- WPES McTeacher Night at the Roscoe McDonald's is March 22nd.
- The fifth grade third quarter rewards trip to CoCo Keys is April 16th and April 18th.

C. Mr. Rollinson

- Congratulations to teacher Gina Tuula for being selected as one of five Golden Apple recipients. Gina will be honored at the Golden Apple Award Banquet on April 20th.
- DARE graduation is on April 11th at HHS.
- Forensics competition is April 21st at HHS.

D. Mrs. Etnyre

- SMMS play Aladdin Jr. is April 21st.
- March is *National Social Work* month.
- Seventh grade field trip to Navy Pier is March 23rd.

E. Mr. Newmes

- The 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams had a great season.
- There are 100 students participating in track this season.
- March is *National Middle Level Education* month.

20. Comments from the Community

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

- SMMS teacher Craig Carter mentioned 80 students participated in the pre-season track meet at HHS.
- Gail Johnson shared students met their goal of reading 2,500 books in two weeks during *Read Across America* week. As a reward, snacks will be provided by Frito Lay and they will be watching the movie *Horton Hears a Who*.

On behalf of the RTA, Gail Johnson reported she responded to the March 12th RRS article regarding teachers. Her letter to RRS was posted on March 19th.

Regular session resumed.

21. Members' Comments

- Mr. Schubert commented he enjoyed reading to children during *Read Across America* week.

22. Mrs. Neece moved to go into Executive Session at 7:20 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

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Neece, Schubert, Praneis, Michowski, Warren – 5 ayes
Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.
Praneis, Neece, Schubert, Michowski, Warren – 5 ayes

23. Adjournment

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schubert.
All voted aye – 5
Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on *Tuesday*, April 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Approved date: April 24, 2012

President: _____

Secretary: _____