

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held March 20, 2013

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 20, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Cafeteria, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, IL 61072.

1. **Call to Order** by President Brenda Warren at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Jim Meason, Chanice Michowski, Bill Midgett, Laura Neece, Sarah Praneis, Larry Schubert, Brenda Warren

Others present: Superintendent Mike Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, Mark Donaldson, Rich Mayer and various guests.

3. Mr. Schubert moved to go into Executive Session 6:02 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 Sarah Praneis.

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

Mrs. Warren moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

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

4. **Pledge of Allegiance**

5. **Correspondence for the March 20, 2013 Board of Education Meeting:**

- Two letters of bus suspension
- Five letters of out-of-school suspension
- One letter of in-school suspension

6. **Comments from the Community**

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Midgett. No one wished to address the board. Regular session resumed.

7. **Consent Items**

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

Items included:

- a. February 27, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. March 6, 2013 and March 13, 2013 Special Purpose Board Meeting Minutes
- c. March bills, April payroll, and February treasurer's report
- d. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative Action

Meason, Michowski, Midgett, Neece, Praneis, Schubert, Warren - 7 ayes, motion carried.

8. **Personnel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren to approve the following personnel changes for the 2013-14 school year, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Reassignment of certified teachers:

- o Carrie Benkovich WPES SPED to WPES 3rd grade
- o Lindy Daniels Shared Curriculum Coordinator and RGS Library
- o Stori Dimke WPES 3rd grade to RGS PE
- o Joanne Eischeid RGS Library to RGS 2nd grade
- o Brian Martin RGS PE to SMMS PE
- o Chris Wolfe WPES 3rd grade to RGS 2nd grade

Dismissal of part-time probationary teacher

- o Whitney Carroll SMMS teacher

Resignation from SMMS Play Director and Assistant Director

- o Stephanie Ballard
- o Rebecca Rathe

Reduction in force of Educational Support Personnel effective end of 2011-12 school year:

- o Jennifer Graves Teacher Assistant – part-time
- o Amy Hommema Teacher Assistant – part-time
- o Barb Maxey Teacher Assistant – part-time
- o Jennafer Parrish Teacher Assistant – part-time
- o Debbie Vischulis Teacher Assistant – part-time

Temporary employment of Non-Certified Temporary Employment for the 2012-13 school year:

- o Vicki Sims – RGS Assistant Secretary

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

9. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the February 27, 2013 regular closed session minutes and March 6, 2013 and March 13, 2013 special purpose closed session minutes. February 27, 2013 minutes are to remain closed. March 6, 2013 and March 13, 2013 can be opened, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

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

None.

11. **Policy**

The following policy changes were reviewed and are recommended for Board approval.

- 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the Board of Education
- 2:30 – School District Elections
- 2:110 – Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Officers
- 2:125 – Board Member Expenses
- 2:200 – Types of Board of Education Meetings
- 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
- 4:45 – Insufficient Fund Checks
- 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
- 4:70 – Resource Conservation
- 4:100 – Insurance Management
- 4:110 – Transportation
- 4:170 – Safety
- 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:125 – Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 5:300 – Schedules and Employment Year
- 6:20 – School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- 6:65 – Student Social and Emotional Development
- 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School
- 6:210 – Instructional Materials
- 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy

Mr. Schubert made the motion to approve the above policies as written, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Michowski, Midgett, Praneis, Neece, Meason, Schubert, Warren - 7 Ayes, Motion carried.

12. **FY14 Budget Reductions**

Last week the board was presented with a list of proposed reductions. Dr. Greenlee recommended that the board approve the reductions that total approximately \$540,000.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the above budget reductions, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

13. **Superintendents Report**

ISAT Testing - Rockton School District students completed state testing March 15th. The initial results are usually received at the end of May or early June.

Update on Transportation Bids – Bus Bids were submitted this morning and we received 4 bids. We will now analyze them and reconvene April 3rd. A special board meeting will need to be set on either the April 3rd or 10th to approve a bus vendor.

Library Grant

I want to thank and congratulate Kelly Baumgartner for being awarded the State of Illinois Library Grant. Thanks to her writing and hard work, the Rockton School District will receive \$1100 to put towards our libraries.

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.

14. **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Glenn Terry

- 1) IPEVO offers monthly giveaways to teachers. Erin Salberg discovered it and alerted our staff to submit requests. We have received 3 document cameras, 2 wireless keyboards for IPADs, and 2 wireless devices that allow you to use the document camera and have what you're doing appear on the IPAD.
- 2) Thanks to Bill Midgett and Gail Johnson for all their work preparing for the RO/RO Expo.
- 3) Preschool/kindergarten screening was last week. We had 105 children screened for kindergarten and over 70 children screened for pre-k. Thanks to Nadine Slocum for all her work setting it up and to Nadine Slocum, Lisa Rudy, and Rebecca Rathe for running the show.
- 4) Congratulations to Rebecca Rathe and Sherrill Erickson who were both awarded REEF grants. Ms. Rathe will be able to purchase an IPAD for use with her students and Mrs. Erickson will get Guided Reading books and math/number sense carpets.

Mr. Scott Rollinson

- 1) PTO updated their by-laws.
- 2) Coco Keys 3rd Quarter Rewards Trip will be held April 10th. 400 + students will be attending.
- 3) There will be a “Pro Bikes” Assembly on April 2nd at WPES.
- 4) The Timber-lee 5th grade overnight field trip will be held April 4th and 5th.
- 5) The WPES/RGS Project Fair will be held April 16th.

Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre

- 1) Four teachers will be attending a Common Core workshop regarding the new English/Language Arts standards.
- 2) SMMS Rec Night will be Friday, April 19th.
- 3) Please consider submitting a recipe for the first RWBC cook book. Student artwork will also be included.
- 4) SMMS celebrated National Middle Level Education Week. Please stop by to read student and staff members' messages in our 8th grade hallway.

Mr. Shaun Newmes

- 1) SMMS sent out 213 applications for National Junior Honor Society.
- 2) SMMS has been selected to participate in a National Tobacco Prevention Survey. Mr. Baumgartner will lead the experience.
- 3) Spring pictures will occur on Wednesday, April 3rd.

15. **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.

16. **Members' Comments**

None.

17. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Warren moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Michowski. 7 Ayes, Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on April 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved date: April 24, 2013

President: _____

Secretary: _____