

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held March 25, 2015**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Jim Meason at 6:32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Larry Schubert, Bill Midgett, Chuck Kleeberger, Chanice Michowski, Brenda Warren, Jim Meason

Absent: Gail Johnson

Others present: Dr. Willis, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, RTA Co-President Mark Donaldson, and parents Mrs. Cutler-Kramer and Mrs. Littlefield

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Superintendent's Report**

- PARCC Update – Lindy Daniels gave a brief overview of what the PARCC test involves and provided positive feedback from how the first session (March 3 through March 27) went. Superintendent Willis thanked Lindy Daniels, James Hall and all the administrators for a great job ensuring the transition from ISAT testing to PARCC testing was smooth.

5. Mr. Meason moved to go into Executive Session at 6:48 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. Schubert.
Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

6. **Correspondence**

- One letter of in-school suspension, nine letters of out-of-school suspension and one letter of bus suspension.

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. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board.

8. **Consent Items**

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

Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, committee meeting open session minutes, March bills, April payroll, February treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**.

*Cooperative: Action taken at the March 11, 2015 Executive Board meeting for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative

*Policy 8.100 – Community Relations.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

9. **Personnel**

Mr. Meason made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Warren, to approve the following employments for the 2014-2015 school year.

Certified Staff

- Jarrett Gordon – (Hire) FY2016 WPES/SMMS Psychologist
- Jessica Sieja – (Term) Special Education Teacher RGS not returning from 1 year Child-rearing leave
- Stephanie Bennington (Resign) 7th grade volleyball Coach
- Mick Manne - (Resign) SMMS Choir Director
- Stephanie Ballard – (Hire) 3/30/2014 SMMS Choir Director replacing Mick Manne

Non-Certified Staff

- Nicole Kelly – (Re-assign) WPES Teacher Assistant to RGS 3/19/2015 class size. 3.5 hrs.
- Ashley Nicosia – (Hire) RGS Special Ed Assistant 7:30-2:40 (3/20/15)6.67 hrs.
- Melissa Atkins – (Resign)WPES Teacher Assistant (Library) end of School year (6/2/15)

After School Reading/Math FY2016 /semester

- 3rd Grade
JoAnn Eischeid (Math)

Cari Benkovich/Shelia Ball (Reading) Shared

- 4th Grade

Brendan Kelly (Math)

Samantha Byers (Reading)

- 5th Grade

Allison Lake/Mark Schroeder (Math) Shared

Amy Meier/Gina Tuula (Reading) Shared

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

- Mr. Meason made a motion to approve salary adjustments for Tracy Wam and James Hall, seconded by Mr. Midgett.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

- Mr. Meason made a motion to approve a 2-year compensation package for non-certified employees, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

- Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the Resolution of Honorable Reduction in Force of the following Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative Certified Employees, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

- David Adams
- Jarrett Gordon
- Marc LaMay
- Nichole Schroeder
- Brenda Ramsby
- Kayla Garman
- Teresa Ackerman
- Angela DiDomenico
- Traci Parker
- Jessie Zambrovitz

Roll Call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion Carried.

10. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Meason moved to approve the regular closed minutes of February 25, and the closed minutes of Special Purpose meetings of March 4 and March 23, 2015. All were recommended to be opened.

Roll call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

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

None.

12. **RGS/WPES Automatic Floor Scrubbers**

The two automatic floor scrubbers used at RGS and WPES are approximately 20 years of age and need replacing. Dean Snowdon recommended accepting the Harder bid for a standard walk behind scrubber at \$7,620 per unit. It is recommended that the Board approve the \$15,240.00 for two automatic floor scrubbers.

Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the Harder bid for \$15,240.00 for two automatic floor scrubbers, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **SMMS Parking Lot Micro-Seal Surfacing**

SMMS' parking lot is in need of repair before further deterioration makes total replacement necessary. The Dual Surfacing would protect the blacktop for projected 10 year period. It is recommended we authorize Fehr-Graham to provide design, bid and inspection services for the parking lot project. Dr. Willis recommends approval of \$24,500 for this project.

Mr. Midgett made a motion to approve the \$24,500 for this project, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Lead Health Professional Job Description**

The Board's Personnel Committee is recommending the creation of a Lead Health Professional.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the creation of a Lead Health Professional job description, and the hiring for which will be held in abeyance for future action, seconded by Mr. Kleeberger.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

15. **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Glenn Terry

- Students at RGS raised \$12,251.36 for Jump Rope for Heart. This is the most ever! The top fundraiser was Ty Cannon in kindergarten. He raised \$1,092. That is the most a student has ever raised. Great work by Mr. Martin organizing this event!
- Thank you to Lisa Rehfeldt, Kelly Gilliam, and Naomi Wilterdink for organizing our preschool/kindergarten screening. We had 116 kindergarten eligible children come through screening. Last spring we screened 115 kindergarten eligible children.
- A huge thank you to Judy Davis and Kelly Baumgartner for running another successful Book Fair during conferences. We had almost \$7,000 in sales resulting in \$1,600 worth of new books for the library.

Mr. Scott Rollinson

- Kelly Baumgartner sold over \$6,700 in at our book fair. She received \$1400 profit in Scholastic dollars and \$892 in cash profit! Great job!
- 5th grade leaves for Timber-lee tomorrow (3/26). Many thanks to the teachers who organize what will likely be the most memorable event of the year for 5th graders.
- We will be taking around 300 students to see the movie *Home* on April 8th as a reward for good behavior and good grades.
- The WPES Running Club starts again after spring break. We have about 168 students participating and nearly 30 parent/teacher volunteer coaches.

Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre/Mr. Shaun Newmes

- From March 23-27, SMMS will be having a donation drive for Carpenter's Place. This is an annual event led by our Peer Support students and advisors.
- WPES and SMMS are in the beginning stages of reviewing curriculum for reading. Lindy Daniels is leading the way. This is part of our Strategic Planning process. The PTO donation to the district will support this endeavor.
- March is Middle Level Education Month. Staff and students celebrated with a St. Patrick's theme – "How lucky are you to be part of the Stephen Mack Middle School?" Thanks to Stephanie Bennington, Sally Southworth, Nancy Shouler and Jeanna McAfee for organizing event.
- Spring Pictures will take place on Friday, April 10th for the district.
- SMMS 8th graders will be attending a health expo at HHS on Friday, April 17th from 8-9 a.m.
- Track season is officially underway with our first track meet at RMS on Tuesday, April 7th.

16. Comments from the Community

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

Roll Call: Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board.

17. Members' Comments

Mr. Meason thanked Bill Midgett, Larry Schubert, Brenda Warren and Chuck Kleeberger for their years of service to the Rockton Board of Education. Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, and Mr. Kleeberger will be retiring from the Board after the April 22, 2015 BOE meeting.

Mrs. Michowski also thanked the retiring Board members for their service and stated she had learned a lot from all of them.

18. **Adjournment**

Mr. Meason moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schubert. 6 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.