

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
Held March 23, 2016

The Board of Education
Rockton School District No. 140

1. **Call to Order** by Vice President Michowski at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Gail Johnson, Kevin Finnegan, Josh Houghton, Jim Meason, Chanice Michowski
Absent: Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield
Mr. Meason excused himself from the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Glenn Terry, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Autumn Czizek, RTA President Mark Donaldson, RTA Vice President Dan Baumgartner, Sue Miller, Matt Hammes, Diana Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Vagle, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Bouhal, Mrs. Quisenberry and other community members.
3. Vice President Michowski asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Brussels terrorist bombing.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Comments from the Community**
Maggie Moore thanked Matt Hammes and Diana Kelly for the Quiz Bowl Bowl Program. "It has made academics cool again." Also, Mrs. Moore thanked the Board and SMMS for actualizing the 'Water for Lunch' program which Alex Moore and Rayan Bouhal created. "The lessons the boys learned during the entire project are amazing. Thank you for putting this program into action."
6. **Quiz Bowl Presentation**
Matt Hammes and Diana Kelly conducted a Quiz Bowl event during the Board meeting. SMMS Quiz Bowl students Rayan Bouhal, Adam He, Alex Moore, Billy Pioch, Nate Quisenberry, and Hayden Vagle challenged the Board members to 3 rounds of Quiz Bowl questions, thus putting on a very accurate presentation of a Quiz Bowl competition.
7. Vice President Michowski made a motion to go into Executive Session 6:53 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. Houghton.
Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Michowski – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Finnegan moved to return to open session at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call: Mr. Houghton, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Michowski – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

8. **Correspondence**

- 6 letters of in-school suspension and 1 letter of out-of-school suspension.

9. **Committee Meeting Updates**

- March 2 Insurance Committee Meeting Update
 - Superintendent Terry updated the BOE on the March 2 Insurance Committee Meeting. (Details in 3/2/16 Committee Minutes)
- March 7 Joint Financial Committee Meeting
 - Board Member Josh Houghton updated the BOE on the March 7 Joint Financial Committee Meeting. (Details in 3/7/16 Committee Minutes)

10. **Update on Rural Schools Pool Insurance**

Superintendent Terry updated the BOE on joining the Rural Schools Insurance Pool. The 9 Districts involved will be RSD #140, Hononegah, Kinnikinnick, Meridian, North Boone, Oregon, Rochelle Elementary, West Carroll, and Winnebago.

11. **Policy Committee**

The following policy changes were reviewed and will be recommended for Board action at the April Meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee Minutes.

- 2:150 Committees
- 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
- 4:170 Safety
- 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 6:15 School Accountability
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:160 English Learners
- 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers,....
- 7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, ...
- 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 7:140 Search and Seizure
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness
- 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
- 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- 7:340 Student Records
- 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence

12. **Consent Items**

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Houghton. 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**.

- 1) School Tours of America to Washington, D.C. Letter of Permission for informational meetings
- 2) Cooperative: Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative bills and personnel report are attached for your review and action.
- 3) March 2 Insurance Committee Minutes
- 4) March 7 Joint Financial Committee Minutes
- 5) March 10 Policy Committee Minutes
- 6) March 14 Building & Grounds Committee Minutes

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Michowski – 4 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **Personnel**

Mr. Finnegan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Houghton to approve the following employments for the 2015-2016 school year.

A) Employment

Non-Certified

- Diana Tennant – Hired – Food Service RGS/SMMS

Extracurricular

- Todd Praneis – resigned – Science Olympiad Coach
- Blake Miglin – hired – Track Coach

B) Retirement

- Anita Stiffler – Letter submitted with effective date of 2019

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Michowski - 4 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Houghton moved to approve the February 24, 2016 regular closed session minutes and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Michowski, - 4 ayes, Motion carried.

15. **Approval for SMMS HVAC Bid**

Superintendent Terry updated the BOE regarding the base bid from Miller Engineering for HVAC Upgrade in the amount of \$622,000. Superintendent Terry recommended approval.

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the Miller Engineering bid for the SMMS HVAC Upgrade/Repair in the amount of \$622,000, seconded by Mr. Houghton.

Roll call: Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Michowski – 4 ayes,
Motion carried.

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

None.

17. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Terry reminded BOE members of upcoming BOE events the first week of April.

- 1) April 4: BOE training in the District Office, 3:30 p.m.
- 2) April 6: Kishwaukee Division Spring Program, Huntley, IL 6:30 p.m.
- 3) April 8: Rotary Silent Auction at North Pointe Health & Wellness Center, 5:00 p.m.

18. **Administrative Reports**

1) **Kindyl Etnyre, Rockton Grade School**

- RGS held their team planning days on March 14 and 15. We discussed PARCC, math curriculum and collaboration plans for next year. Thank you to Mrs. Lindy Daniels for her guidance!
- Do not forget that the RGS and WPES project fair is set for April 14th. Hope to see you there!
- Thank you to PTO and Mrs. Michelle Anderson for a successful PTO reading night. I also appreciate Mr. Keegan Ray and Mr. Jordan Spencer's time and sweat. Their costumes were out of this world!
- On behalf of the Rockton Warriors Booster Club, I want to thank the teachers and NJHS volunteers for SMMS rec night, RGS movie night and the WPES rec night coming up on April 8.

2) **Megan Forsythe, Whitman Post Elementary**

- Planters: Whitman Post continues to have a festive and welcoming touch to our main entrance this year with the addition of planters. Thank you to Susan Huhsman and her granddaughter, 3rd grader Elle Behrens, for continuing to keep our planters updated with the festive décor!
- PARCC: Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be rockin' out the PARCC tests throughout the month of April. Students will be taking a PARCC test, every other day in the three computer labs at Whitman Post. Every grade level has 7 PARCC assessments-3 ELA and 4 math tests. Thank you to Lindy Daniels and James Hall for helping our teachers and students get set up for the PARCC.
- PTO Update:
 - a. PTO has welcomed some new additions to our PTO Board. JD Mason is now serving as the chair of public relations and George Hernandez is our vice-president. Thank you to all these volunteers for their time and energy.
 - b. Upcoming Events:
 - i. April 29th is the PTO Family Dance at SMMS from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Join the fun at this sock hop!

ii. Time to start training! The Rockton Warrior Dash and 5k will be at Hononegah Forest Preserve on May 28th.

3. Autumn Czizek, Stephen Mack Middle School

- Congratulations to Cori Taylor for being named 97ZOK's Teacher of the Week. She was awarded this on March 9.
- Congratulations to 8th grade student Alina Yang for placing 4th in the regional spelling bee.
- Stephen Mack students will be performing High School Musical, Jr. on April 8 at 2:00 pm at Hononegah's Performing Arts Center. Please join us for this performance!

19. **Comments from the Community**

None.

20. **Members' Comments**

Gail Johnson commented that Kindergarten Registration and Pre-K Screening went well. One suggestion from a parent was that it would be beneficial for PTO to be present at the screening to welcome parents and provide PTO information.

21. **Adjournment**

Vice President Michowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. 4 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Music Room on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Chanice Michowski, Vice President

Stacey Heiar, Secretary