

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MAY 23, 2007 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rockton School District No. 140, Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on May 23, 2007, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call LaForge Meason Pearcy Neece Praneis Schubert Warren
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Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Georgiann McKenna, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, Curriculum Coordinator Kindly Etnyre, Teachers Gayle Heinemann, Dan Enderle, Nancy Shouler, Glenn Terry, School Psychologist Marc LaMay, Counselor Beth DeVries, and various guests.

Mrs. Pearcy moved to enter closed session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss 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). Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Pearcy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Mrs. Pearcy moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Pearcy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Administer Oath of Office

Board President Warren administered the oath of office to elected Board member, Anne Pearcy.

Student Artwork Presentations

Artwork created by Rockton School District students, Jeremiah Harp, second grade, Adam Norwood, third grade, and Alexandra Randene, sixth grade, was presented. The students have given permission for their artwork to be displayed in the district office until they graduate from high school.

Mentor Program Review

Dr. McKenna provided a summary report of this year's mentor program.

Correspondence

- o A thank you card was received from Jennifer Petz for the flowers sent to her for the birth of her child.
- o Five letters of in-school detention and four letters of school suspension.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Pearcy moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Pearcy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Items included:

1. April 25, 2007 Regular meeting minutes, May 9, 2007 Negotiations Committee meeting minutes, and May 14, 2007 Special Purpose Board of Education meeting minutes.
2. May bills, June payroll, April treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Depositories
5. Extended School Year

6. Final Approval of the 2006-07 School Calendar
7. Pre-Kindergarten Grant with correction of 20 pre-kindergarten students

Personnel

Mrs. Warren moved to approve Erin Young – First grade teacher for the 2007-08 school year, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Mrs. Warren moved to approve resignation of Kelly Hansen-Brandenburg - RGS Special Education teacher, and Molly Gorski – Special Education aide, seconded by Mrs. Percy, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve reemployment of Loretta Farris – Special Education aide for the 2007-08 school year, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the April 25, 2007 regular closed session minutes, May 9, 2007 special purpose closed session minutes, and May 14, 2007 negotiations committee closed session minutes, and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Goals

Mrs. Warren moved to approve superintendent's performance goals for 2007-08 as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mr. Schubert

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

2007-08 Staffing Requests

Mr. Schubert moved to approve recommendation for additional reading and life studies time at SMMS, increasing .5 FTE teacher to 1 FTE teacher for the 2007-08 school year, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Schubert, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Mr. Schubert moved to approve recommendation for 6th grade ACE program as presented for the 2007-08 school year, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, LaForge, Schubert, Neece, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Laptop Lab Proposal

Mr. LaForge moved to approve laptop lab bid in the amount of \$30,347.00 for SMMS, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Summer Construction Projects

Mrs. Percy moved to approve quote from Barcol for 118 locksets on all doors as part of life/safety security amendment, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Mr. LaForge moved to approve cost of \$2,600.00 to repair the RGS/WPES roof from 2002 addition, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Mr. Schubert moved to approve payment commitment of up to \$40,000 towards playground equipment for RGS/WPES, seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried

Other items discussed.

- SMMS Roof Repair – Three areas in need of repair are the elevator, and 7th and 8th grade hallways. Repair recommendation will be presented at June BOE.
- SMMS Gym Lights – Bids are being gathered for presentation at June BOE.

- Entrance Mats for all buildings – Cost for rental mats is \$7,455 per year plus replacement costs. Eighteen mats (SMMS – 8, WPES – 5, RGS – 5) would be needed at a cost of \$800 to \$1,000 per mat. Superintendent Harezlak recommended holding on the project until budget is completed and/or phase in purchase by building.

A special purpose BOE meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the district office conference room in order to award bid for parking lot repair/sealing project. Bids are due May 31, 2007.

Policy Committee

A meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for June 18, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the district office conference room to review policy update recommendations received from our policy service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

Strategic Plan II

Old and new members of the district's strategic planning task force met for a day and half to craft the next three year strategic plan for our school community. Under the guidance of Randy Jurasek, planning facilitator, the task force crafted a set of objectives and strategies to address the district's challenges for the next three years. A copy of the four objectives and corresponding strategies that strategic planning action teams will begin working on this fall was provided.

April 13 SIP Evaluation

Staff evaluations of the April School Improvement Planning day were provided.

EcoLab Grants

Congratulations to three Rockton School District teachers. Laura Lueshen and Jessica Brink received a \$528 grant to prepare "Literacy Bags" for their early childhood students. Mark Schroeder on behalf of the fifth grade team received a \$1400 award to purchase visual projection equipment.

PTO Appreciation

Once again district staff enjoyed the generosity of our PTO during educator appreciation week with meals, special treats and a gift. The district is very fortunate to have the involvement and support from our school families.

Staff Recognition Breakfast

Board members are invited to join the staff in celebration of a successful school year at our annual recognition breakfast. The breakfast will be held at SMMS cafeteria on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. Breakfast service will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program at 8 a.m. REEF grant recipients will be recognized as well as the presentations of staff awards.

Annual School Board Conference

In preparation for the IASB reservation request, Board members were asked if they plan to attend the November 16-18, 2007 conference in Chicago.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. McKenna:

- Distributed and discussed After-School Reading program survey results.
- Thanked the BOE for the wonderful years she experienced as principal at WPES.

Mr. Larson:

- Reported that 15 alternative education students are at Rock Cut State Park with teacher Denie Kelley.
- SMMS graduation is June 4, 2007.
- Field Day at SMMS will include a fun walk/run.

- Team of teachers visited Upham Woods Camp at Wisconsin Dells for possible outdoor education experience for students in the future.

Mr. Taphorn:

- Commented that SMMS Honor's Night was great.
- Shared that it was a privilege and pleasure to be part of the Strategic Planning team.

Mrs. Etnyre:

- Reported that Camp Invention will proceed as planned.
- An update was provided on MAP testing.
- Distributed and discussed NWEA student progress reports for all schools.
- Shared that she will be working with special education teachers on MAP testing for special education students.
- Commented on professional development session for next school year's school improvement day.

Mrs. Pearcy moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. Mr. Terry shared that the 'Smackers' – SMMS employee baseball team is in first place. Also introduced Rob Baxter from the Rockford Register Star. Regular session resumed.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Presented Dr. McKenna with retirement certificate and gift.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Mr. LaForge, carried unanimously.

Approved date: June 20, 2007

President: _____

Secretary: _____