

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2008 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 28, 2008, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

	<u>LaForge</u>	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Pearcy</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. Meason left at 9:15 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Jay Larson, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, RTA Representative/Teacher Glenn Terry, Curriculum Coordinator Kindyl Etnyre, Rob Baxter from Rockford Register Star, Roger Eckdahl from Larson and Darby, and various staff, parents, and community members.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:03 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). Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9), seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:23 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

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

Student Artwork Presentations

Artwork created by Rockton School District students, Amelia Fenton, second grade, Maddy Wellen, fifth grade, and Ellen Edlefsen, seventh grade, was presented. The students have given permission for their artwork to be displayed in the district office until they graduate from high school.

Upham Woods

SMMS teachers Andria Brass and Diana Stephens, participants from the first seventh grade Upham Woods outdoor educational experience shared an overview of the benefits of the program with a slide presentation.

Correspondence

- Thank you cards received from Melinda Mayfield, Julie Breese, Judy Davis, and Emily Dummer for the tote bag received during Teacher Appreciation Week.

- A letter was received from Rock Valley College expressing sincere appreciation and gratitude to teacher/coach Linh Phommachanh and volunteer Gail Beach for their outstanding contributions to students during the 2008 Illinois Science Olympiad tournament.
- Twelve letters of school suspension and seven letters of in-school suspension.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Warren moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Items included:

1. April 23, 2008 Regular meeting minutes and May 14, 2008 Joint Special Purpose meeting minutes.
2. May bills, June payroll, April treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Depositories
5. Satellite Extended School Year
6. Final Approval of the 2007-08 School Calendar

Personnel

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

- a. Employment – 2008-09 school year
Certified
 - Glenn Terry RGS/WPES Assistant Principal
 - Scott Carlson RGS Second Grade Teacher
 - Richard Wicks SMMS Sixth Grade Teacher
 - Joy Pyles RGS/WPES Art Teacher – part-time
 - Andria Brass SMMS Yearbook Advisor (full stipend)
- b. Employment – 2007-08 school year
Non-Certified
 - Charles Limberg SMMS Assistant Track Coach
- c. Resignation with regrets effective end of 2007-08 school year
Certified
 - Rachel Schrader WPES Fourth Grade Teacher
 - Milana Bergstrom RGS Library Teacher
 - Monica Way SMMS Spirit Squad (shared position)
- d. Resignation
Non-Certified
 - Heather Schlueter SMMS Yearbook Advisor (shared position)
 - Deanna Dunlap RGS Early Childhood Teacher Assistant – (effective May 2, 2008)
- e. Extended School Year Satellite Program – June 5, 2008 through July 2, 2008
 - Cindy Snowdon Teacher
 - Stacey Shahamat Teacher
 - Shawn Smith Teacher

- Phil Goudreau Teacher/Special Teacher Assistant
- Patti Luevano Special Teacher Assistant
- Holly Fisher Special Teacher Assistant
- Deanna Phillips Special Teacher Assistant
- Nancy Nupnau Special Teacher Assistant
- Sheri Zimmer Special Teacher Assistant
- Alison Booth Special Teacher Assistant

f. Transfer – 2008-09 School Year
Non-Certified

- Sarah Doyle

RGS Title I Reading Teacher Assistant -
part-time

g. Maintenance – Summer 2008

- Phil Goudreau
- Linda Wennerberg
- Geri LaRosa

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the April 23, 2008 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Percy, carried unanimously.

Growth Action Team Committee

Tom Butler, Randy Holland, and Glenn Terry, representatives from the Growth Action Team presented the findings and recommendations of the Growth Action Team from the strategic planning process regarding land purchase and school configuration for a new school building.

Response to Intervention

Kindyl Etnyre and Marc LaMay presented an overview of Rtl, the new required practice of assessing student needs in order to make educational decisions.

2008-09 Staffing Request

Mrs. Warren moved to approve Instructional Coach position for RGS, seconded by Mr. Schubert,

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Schubert, Percy, Warren, Praneis. Nay: LaForge, Meason. Carried.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Percy moved to approve amended policies noted below and the April 23, 2008 Policy Committee minutes, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

- 5:35 – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- 5:222 – Part-time Teachers
- 5:226 – Stipend
- 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions
- 5:336 – Full/Part-time Status
- 7:150 – Agency and Police Interviews

The following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for Board action at the June BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the April 23, 2008 Policy Committee minutes.

- 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
- 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
- 6:30 – Organization of Instruction
- 6:90 – Kindergarten
- 6:170 – Title I Programs
- 6:210 – Instructional Materials
- 6:240 – Field Trips
- 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:15 – Student and Family Privacy Rights
- 7:30 – Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer
- 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:190 – Prohibited Student Conduct
- 7:330 – Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access
- 8:25 – Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities
- 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- 8:40 – Spectator Conduct at School Events

Parent Teacher Advisory Committee

Mr. Meason moved to approve recommendations from the Parent/Teacher Discipline Advisory Committee, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

SMMS Roof Repair Bids

Mr. Schubert moved to accept base bid from Sterling Commercial Roofing for \$40,200 as presented and accept alternate bids for \$87,900 pending approval of life/safety amendment resubmitted to state, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Village of Rockton TIF Proposal

Information presented at the joint school board meeting with Hononegah district was reviewed. Discussed sharing costs of attorney with HHS to negotiate agreement with Village of Rockton.

Board members directed Superintendent Harezlak to contact Attorney Robb Cooper to represent Rockton School District at a Joint Board of Review meeting on June 19th at 7 p.m. Board members want Attorney Cooper to reinforce statement regarding proposed TIF district sent to Village president and trustees in April regarding significant loss of revenue over 23 years.

2008-09 BOE Meeting Dates

Mrs. Warren moved to approve 2008-09 BOE meeting dates as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

EcoLab Grants

Congratulations to two Rockton School District staff - Jane Schamell, WPES teacher, and Tom Shook, Technology Coordinator, for receiving grants to purchase technology tools.

PTO Appreciation

Our district is very fortunate to have a supportive and generous PTO. PTO volunteers showered our staff with special treats, meals and gifts during educator appreciation week.

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 4, 2008. 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, a preliminary number of Board members planning to attend the November 14–16, 2008 conference in Chicago allows us to submit the reservation request immediately.

Other

- The SMMS play was held at South Beloit High School auditorium. The play was delightful.
- Two SMMS students, Emma Porter and Nicole Luczak collected 1,378 books and donated them to the Literacy Council.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Pearcy. Mr. Terry stated that he is excited and looking forward to his new role as assistant principal, regular session resumed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning reported:

- The PTO did an amazing job with meals and gifts during Staff Appreciation Week.
- RGS Field Day is May 29th.
- Second graders visited Whitman Post this week to prepare them for third grade.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Fifth graders visited SMMS this week to prepare them for sixth grade.
- The old math textbooks are being boxed up. Teachers are excited about the new math textbooks.
- Currently 55 students are enrolled in Camp Invention this summer. Kathy Sipe, Mary Newman, and Erin Young will be the teachers and Jeanna McAfee will supervise.

Mr. Larson reported:

- A fourth place trophy was awarded to Elliott Bogdan at the IESA track tournament. All participants did a wonderful job.

- SMMS Field Day is June 3rd.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- WPES Field Day was last week.
- The WPES annual bash is May 30th.
- The PTO playground build went great. The playground equipment is beautiful.
- Approximately 200 people attended an ice cream social sponsored by the PTO.
- WPES is planning the staff Christmas party.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- The NJHS ice cream social was May 27th.
- Graduation practice is May 29th.
- Spring band concert was great.
- The SMMS play was great and the students had a wonderful time.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mrs. Warren congratulated Mr. Terry on his new position next school year as assistant principal at RGS and WPES.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Percy, carried unanimously.

Approved date: June 25, 2008

President: _____

Secretary: _____