

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2009 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, held at the Rockton Grade School Library, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, Illinois, in said School District at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on the 27th day of May, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Brenda Warren, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location: James Meason (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Chanice Michowski, William Midgett, Laura Neece, Sarah Praneis, and Larry Schubert.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Jim Taphorn, Glenn Terry, Business Manager Julia Saunders, RTA Representative/Teacher Rich Mayer and various parent and student guests.

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None.

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: None.

Closed Session

Mrs. Neece moved to enter closed session at 6:01 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). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to return to open session at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Meason, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Student Artwork Presentations

Artwork created by Rockton School District students, Kyra Cure, first grade, Madison Aldrich, fifth grade, and Jenifer Biondi, eighth grade, was presented. The students have given permission for their artwork to be displayed in the district office until they graduate from high school.

Student Council

Members of SMMS Student Council with their faculty advisor, Sarah Kazluski, presented an overview of their initiatives this past year.

Peer Support

Beth DeVries and Matt Hammes presented information on the current peer support program at SMMS. Four SMMS students in the peer support program demonstrated a mediation session.

Correspondence

- Thank you card was received from Linh Phommachanh for baby book received for the birth of her son.
- Thank you card was received from Jay and Amy Bigwood for baby book received for the birth of their daughter.
- Thank you card from Teresa Tomblinson for the flower arrangement received for Administrative Assistant's Day.
- Thank you card from Geri LaRosa for the gift received in memory of her mother.
- Thank you cards and emails from the following staff for the plant received during Staff Appreciation Week – Theresa O'Hea, Barb Kubat, Dawn Krienke, Jennifer Leppert, Cari Benkovich, Sally Southworth, Geri LaRosa, Penny Cure, Pat Taphorn, Lindsay Kaiser, Jenny Middleton, Melinda Mayfield, Emily Dummer, Diane Roth, Sarah Kazluski, Nancy Nupnau.
- Thank you letter from Georgiann McKenna for hosting forensics.
- Six letters of school suspension, ten letters of in-school detention, and three letters of bus suspension.

Mr. Schubert 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, regular session resumed.

Consent Agenda

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

Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, Schubert, Praneis, Meason, Michowski, Neece, Warren.
Nay: None. Carried.

Items included:

1. April 29, 2009 Regular meeting minutes, April 29, 2009 Policy Committee meeting minutes, and April 26, 2009 Board Retreat 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 employees
 - Cindy Snowdon Teacher
 - Stacey Shahamat Teacher
 - Phil Goudreau Teacher
 - Patti Luevano Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - Holly Fisher Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - Deanna Phillips Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - Nancy Nupnau Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - Sheri Zimmer Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - Katie Kramar Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - Jenna Manning Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
6. Final Approval of the 2008-09 School Calendar
7. Request – Upham Woods

The President announced that a proposal had been received from Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co., Chicago, Illinois, for the purchase of the District's general obligation working cash fund bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest thereon.

Whereupon Member Mrs. Warren presented and the Secretary Mr. Schubert read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION providing for the issue of \$875,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2009, of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.

Member Mrs. Warren moved and Member Mrs. Praneis seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion of said resolution, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Michowski, Praneis, Neece, Warren, Schubert, Meason, Midgett.

The following members voted NAY: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution duly adopted, in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the meeting.

Issue of Escrow Agreement for Bonds

The President announced that proceeds of the District's General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2009, would be used to refund outstanding bonds of the District and in connection therewith, it would be necessary for the District to enter into an escrow agreement with Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, and that the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing and directing the execution of such escrow agreement.

Whereupon Member Mrs. Warren presented and the Secretary Mr. Schubert read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of \$875,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2009, of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois.

Member Mrs. Warren moved and Member Mrs. Praneis seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion of said resolution, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Michowski, Praneis, Neece, Warren, Schubert, Meason, Midgett.

The following members voted NAY: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution duly adopted, in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at the meeting.

Policy Committee

- Mrs. Warren moved to approve amended policies noted below, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.
 - 4:55 – Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
 - 4:120 – Food Services
 - 4:130 – Free and Reduced Price Food Services
 - 4:170 – Safety
 - 5:35 – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
 - 5:120 – Ethics
 - 5:130 – Child Custody/Marriage Dissolutions Disputes
 - 5:310 – Compensatory Time-Off
 - 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
 - 7:60 – Residence
 - 7:170 – Vandalism

- Mrs. Warren moved to approve the April 29, 2009 Policy Committee minutes, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

WPES Food Service Proposal

Mr. Schubert moved to approve request as presented for additional staff and equipment necessary to provide a second serving line at WPES, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, Schubert, Neece, Praneis, Michowski, Meason, Warren.

Nay: None. Carried.

Café Terminal Upgrade

Mr. Schubert moved to approve request as presented for an upgrade of our current food service software, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, Praneis, Neece, Michowski, Meason, Warren.

Nay: None. Carried.

Life Threatening Allergies

Nadine Slocum, SMMS R.N., presented an overview of possible guidelines for the needs of students with life threatening allergies.

Parent Teacher Advisory Committee

Mr. Schubert moved to approve committee recommendations as presented for the 2009-10 Student/Parent handbook, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Special Purpose BOE Meeting

A special purpose BOE meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. to review and approve bids for summer construction projects.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Satellite Materials

Congratulations to Cindy Snowdon, WPES Satellite teacher, who received \$565 worth of sensory-motor integration materials from a grant proposal that she submitted to DonorsChoose.org program.

SMMS REMS Grant Recipient

The Regional Emergency Management grant program has equipped the classrooms at SMMS with emergency supplies for a crisis situation. The "Go-Bucket" backpacks were supplied through a grant prepared by Jim Taphorn, Assistant Principal, and Penny Cure, SRO, through the crisis planning grant program.

Published Authors

Congratulations to our student authors and illustrators and their teachers. Their book, ABC's of Rockton, Illinois, was selected to be printed in this year's statewide alphabet book sponsored by the Illinois Reading Council.

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 3, 2009. 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.

Other

- Andria Brass, SMMS teacher, thanked the BOE for approval of Upham Woods trip for 2009-10 and complimented the leadership performance of SMMS principal, Kindyl Etnyre.
- Graduation is Monday, June 1st.
- Superintendent Harezlak provided an update regarding condition of soccer field.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Terry reported:

- Field day last week was awesome.
- RGS special team planning day was May 27th.
- Second grade students will be touring Whitman Post.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- The after school race last week was fun.
- Field day is rescheduled for May 28th.
- WPES Bash is Friday from 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Fourth grade field trip to the zoo is June 1st.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- The spring band concert was wonderful.
- Six SMMS students attended the IESA state track meet.
- Class Act assembly was May 15th. Major Ray and family were honored.
- SMMS yearbooks have been distributed.
- The SMMS staff is amazing.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- Fifth grade students from WPES toured SMMS.

Mr. Schubert 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. Regular session resumed.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mrs. Michowski thanked Mr. Taphorn for providing fifth grade students a tour of SMMS.
- Mrs. Warren read a letter received from Jay Larson, Assistant Principal at Roosevelt Education Center, regarding a previous SMMS student and her success at the school.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Midgett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved date: June 24, 2009

President: _____

Secretary: _____