

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2010 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 26, 2010 at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

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

	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. Meason arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Scott Rollinson, Barbara Browning, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, Beloit Daily News reporter Erika Strelbel, Rockford Register Star reporter Greg Stanley, and various parent and teacher guests.

**Closed Session**

Mrs. Neece 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). Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

**Student Artwork Presentations**

Artwork created by Rockton School District students, Madison Vesely, kindergarten, Ellie Porter, fourth grade, and Hayden Hough, 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.

**Special Recognition**

The BOE recognized Jim Taphorn, assistant principal of Stephen Mack Middle School, for his remarkable service to the Rockton Schools.

**Upham Woods**

Diana Stephens and Stephanie Lynde, SMMS teachers, shared information regarding this year's seventh grade field trip to the outdoor educational program in Wisconsin.

**Correspondence**

- Thank you cards from Michele Fillweber, Diane LaForge, and Nadine Slocum for flowers received on Nurse's Day.
- Thank you card from fifth grade team, sixth grade team, and early childhood staff for gift received during Teacher Appreciation Week.

- Seven letters of in-school suspension, four letters of out-of-school suspension, three letters of school suspension, and one letter 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. Neece moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Items included:

1. April 28, 2010 Regular meeting minutes
2. May bills, June payroll, April treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
4. Depositories
5. Satellite Extended School Year
  - Cindy Snowdon Teacher
  - Shawn Smith Teacher
  - 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
  - Jenna Manning Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
6. Final Approval of 2009-10 School Calendar
7. Request – Seventh grade overnight field trip to Upham Woods
8. Donation – Hearing and vision machine donated by Rockton Lions Club

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

### **Personnel**

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

- a. Employment – 2010-11 school year

#### Certified

- Kim Potter WPES Special Education teacher

#### Non-Certified

- Agata Perlowski Food Service Aide – part-time

- b. Resignations – end of 2009-10 school year

#### Non-Certified

- Gina Radke SMMS Teacher Assistant – part-time
- Sarah Baines RGS Lunchroom Aide – part-time

- c. Summer 2010 Maintenance

- Phil Goundreau
- Linda Wennerberg
- Deb Grace – part-time
- Geri LaRosa
- Derek DeSchepper

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

### **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the April 28, 2010 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

### **Technology Purchase**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve purchase of computer equipment totaling \$37,200 for the FY11 school year, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

### **Policy Committee**

Mr. Midgett moved to approve changes to policies listed below, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

- 4:30 – Revenue and Investments
- 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
- 4:90 – Activity Funds
- 4:110 – Transportation
- 4:170 – Safety
- 5:20 – Sexual Harassment
- 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

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

- The following policy change was reviewed at the February BOE meeting and recommended for BOE action at the June meeting.
  - 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave

### **Parent Teacher Advisory Committee**

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve parent teacher advisory committee recommendations as presented for the 2010-11 Student/Parent handbook, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

### **New Student Recognition Form**

Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn presented the new student recognition form that was designed to formally recognize positive student behavior.

### **2010-11 Meeting Dates**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve BOE 2010-2011 meeting dates, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

### **Strategic Planning Update**

Superintendent Harezlak shared information regarding the implementation status of our 2008-2012 Strategic Plan. The new "Education is our Business" brochure was presented at a Public Information meeting held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The brochure is posted on the district website and copies are available in school offices. This fall, Superintendent Harezlak will meet with the Task Force committee to discuss moving forward with Strategic Planning.

### **Fall School Board Conference**

November 19-21, 2010 are the dates of the annual School Board conference in Chicago. Preliminary reservation information was requested.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **April SIP Day Evaluations**

Summary evaluations for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> SIP day were provided.

### **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 June 4, 2010. 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**

- Reported costs of some maintenance repairs at RGS and SMMS and also stated concerns regarding the chiller system at SMMS.
- Shared invitation received from Dr. Randy Gross at HHS to attend a joint board meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Dr. Browning reported:**

- Field day is May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Ducklings were released last week from the courtyard.
- MAP assessment testing in math and reading resulted in 80% of the students scoring at and over the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- The kindergarten concert and art show was awesome.
- Second grade students are invited to tour WPES and attend the Bash on June 1st.

### **Mr. Rollinson reported:**

- Field day was today and the students had a great time.
- Fourth grade concert was wonderful. Thank you to Mr. Newman.
- HHS students completed service projects at RGS and WPES.
- McTeacher night raised \$685.
- One hundred thirty students participated in the annual Pacer Race.
- The annual Bash at WPES is June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Fourth grade is going to the Madison zoo on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Mr. Taphorn reported:**

- Congratulations to students who received awards at Awards Night on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Economy Day was a great.
- WPES fifth graders visited SMMS on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mrs. Etnyre reported:**

- The Spring Fine Arts Night on May 20<sup>th</sup> was fabulous.
- SMMS track team participated in the state track meet at East Peoria on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Civil War Day for eighth grade students is May 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Seventh grade Waukaubec went bowling at Viking Lanes on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanked Jim Taphorn for his outstanding service at SMMS.

### **MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- All members expressed their sincere appreciation to retiring assistant principal, Jim Taphorn.
- Mr. Midgett thanked students who wrote letters to WWII veterans who recently traveled to Washington D.C.
- Mrs. Warren mentioned her recent trip to Kiev.
- Mr. Meason mentioned students who attended the Trills and Thrills band/choir field trip received highest awards.
- Mrs. Neece asked if water can be substituted for milk at lunch time.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. SMMS teacher, Craig Carter thanked Andria Brass for her help with the Upham Woods field trip. Regular session resumed.

### **NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Midgett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved date: June 23, 2010

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_