

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 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 November 19, 2008, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:10 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	ABS	P	P

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Kindyl Etnyre, Scott Rollinson, Curriculum Coordinator Lindy Daniels, Business Manager Julia Saunders, RTA Representative/Teacher Rich Mayer, and Kim Rogers – mentor to Principal Etnyre.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:11 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 Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, Warren, Neece, Percy, LaForge. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Percy. Nay: None. Carried.

Correspondence

- Thank you card received from Amy Stevens for the flowers sent to her after surgery.
- Happy School Board Member Day card received from the SMMS sixth grade team.
- Two letters of in-school detention 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. Percy. 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: Meason, Schubert, Percy, LaForge, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Items included:

1. October 21, 2008 Regular meeting minutes
2. November bills, December payroll, October treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donation – Exxon Mobil "Educational Alliance" grants

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2008-2009 school year

Certified

- o Stephanie Araoz SMMS Play Director

Non-Certified

- o Brenda Hobson SMMS Secretary Assistant
- o Tammi Gaziano Bookkeeper

b. Resignation

Non-Certified

- o Donna Andrews SMMS Secretary Assistant

c. FMLA – 2008-09 school year for 12 weeks

Certified

- o Anna Hulburt RGS First Grade Teacher

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the October 21, 2008 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

PTO Request

Mr. Schubert moved to approve request from the PTO for use of school building for after school programs for the 2008-09 school year, seconded by Mr. LaForge, carried unanimously.

Dental Insurance

Mr. LaForge moved to approve dental insurance change in coverage, seconded by Mrs. Percy. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Neece, Meason, LaForge, Percy, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Food Service Personnel

Mrs. Percy moved to approve request for an additional part-time food service aide to assist with lunch serving at SMMS, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Tax Levy for 2008

Julia Saunders, Business Manager presented the 2008 tax levy. Information presented included the estimated tax rates and recommended levy figures. The levy hearing is scheduled on December 17, 2008 at 6 p.m.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve estimated levy figures as presented, seconded by Mrs. Percy. Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

2008 ISAT Results

Lindy Daniels, Curriculum Coordinator, provided additional information that compares our district's performance with other similar school districts in Illinois.

Building and District School Improvement Plans

Building principals presented summary reviews of their school's SIP and the district's SIP for the 2008-09 school year.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

School Board Members Day

November 15, 2008, has been designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois, and Rockton School District is joining other districts across the state to thank our community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

American Education Week: November 16 – 22

This is the 87th annual celebration of American Education Week with the motto, ***Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*** calls upon America to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century. The event honors teachers, education support professionals, parents, and community members for their commitment to providing quality education to children.

Winter Concerts

Don't miss these opportunities to enrich your holiday season by attending a performance featuring our talented students.

December 4	6:30 p.m.	WPES Fifth Grade	HHS PAC
December 8	7:00 p.m.	SMMS Band	SMMS Gym
December 16	6:30 p.m.	WPES Third Grade	HHS PAC
December 18	6:30 p.m.	RGS Second Grade	HHS PAC

Golden Apple Nominees

The Golden Apple Foundation is recognizing sixth through twelfth grade teachers this year. Congratulations to our district nominees: Dan Baumgartner, Andria Brass, Bryan Collins, Sharon Crowley, Robin Hagan, Ann Hart, Penny Lee, Amy Limke, Marta Polakowski, Joanne Swinson, Sue Vermett, Monica Way and Richard Wicks.

IASB

Information regarding plans for the November conference was distributed at the meeting.

Other

Discussed April 2009 school board election. Superintendent Harezlak suggested offering a school board candidate forum or publish answers to questions from candidates on the website or in the newspaper.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning reported:

- PTO is conducting a food drive. Children are encouraged to donate items and a reward will be given for each grade level's top class.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- Veteran's Day assembly was wonderful.
- PTO is holding a food drive.
- WPES held first quarter reward activities.
- Winter concerts are coming up in December.
- He had fun at the assembly with the dunk tank.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Sam Harris, Holocaust speaker, was at SMMS on November 7th.
- SMMS mailed 476 honor letters.
- Class Act day was November 19th.
- Basketball games are very well attended.

Mrs. Daniels reported:

- She has been working with Tom Shook to integrate technology curriculum with content curriculum.
- ISAT and math data is being imported to STI.

All administrators thanked the board members for all of their hard work and dedication to the Rockton School District.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Percy. Rich Mayer thanked the board members for their support. Kim Rogers commented that Rockton School District has excellent principals. Regular session resumed.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mrs. Warren shared that she will miss Mrs. Percy and appreciates her service to the district.
- Mrs. Percy commented that serving on the Board has been an amazing experience.
- Mr. Schubert talked about various educational computer software.
- Mr. Meason attended the WPES Veteran's Day ceremony.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Percy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved date: December 17, 2008

President: _____

Secretary: _____