

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2009 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 18, 2009, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 7:15 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry, Jim Taphorn, Business Manager Julia Saunders, and various teacher guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:05 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. Michowski.

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

Mrs. Neece moved to return to open session at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Correspondence

- Four letters of school 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

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

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

Items included:

1. October 28, 2009 Regular meeting minutes, October 28, 2009 Policy Committee meeting minutes
2. November bills, December payroll, October treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donation
 - WPES received \$500 donation from Kohl's.

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2009-2010 school year

Non-Certified

- o Nancy Damon RGS Special Teacher Assistant – part-time

b. Resignation

Certified

- o Lynn Bergstrom After-School Reading Teacher (second semester)

Non-Certified

- o Kathy Hull RGS Special Teacher Assistant – part-time

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the October 28, 2009 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Tax Levy for 2009

Julia Saunders, Business Manager presented the 2009 tax levy. Information presented included the estimated tax rates and recommended levy figures. The levy hearing is scheduled on December 16, 2009 at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve estimated levy figures as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Michowski, Midgett, Praneis, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Transportation Bid

Mr. Schubert moved to approve transportation bid specifications prepared for transportation services beginning in 2010-11 school year, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Policy Committee Report

- The following policy changes were reviewed and will be recommended for Board action at the December BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes.
 - o 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board
 - o 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications
 - o 2:110 – Qualifications, term, and Duties of Board Officers
 - o 3:40 – Superintendent
 - o 4:30 – Revenue and Investments
 - o 4:40 – Incurring Debt
 - o 4:80 – Accounting and Audits
 - o 4:100 – Insurance Management
 - o 4:110 – Transportation
 - o 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees

- 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria
- Mrs. Neece moved to approve the following policy changes, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.
 - 2:100 – Board Member Conflict of Interest
 - 2:240 – Board Policy Development
 - 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - 4:80 – Accounting and Audits
 - 5:180 – Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
 - 5:220 – Substitute Teachers
 - 6:15 – School Accountability
 - 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy

Building and District School Improvement Plans

Building principals Dr. Browning, Mr. Rollinson, and Mrs. Etnyre presented summary reviews of their school’s SIP for the 2009-10 school year.

State Library Grant

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the State Library Grant Program application prepared by Cindy Beaudry, SMMS Librarian, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

BOE Recognition

The Rockton School District was proud to join the statewide salute of school board members on November 15, 2009. The Illinois School Board Member Day is our opportunity to recognize our local school board members for their commitment to providing quality education to the children of our community.

Superintendent Harezlak congratulated Mrs. Warren for receiving a Master School Board Member award from Illinois Association of School Boards.

Annexation of Property

Superintendent Harezlak reported on the status of the annexation agreements with the Village of Rockton. At the November 17, 2009 Village of Rockton meeting, the Village Board approved annexation agreements and Special Use Permits for the North Main Street and 794 Rockton Road properties.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

American Education Week: November 15-21, 2009

This is the 88th annual celebration of American Education Week that spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. 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 7 7:00 p.m. SMMS Band SMMS Gym

- December 8 6:30 p.m. WPES Fifth Grade HHS PAC
- December 9 6:30 p.m. RGS Second Grade HHS PAC
- December 10 6:30 p.m. WPES Third Grade HHS PAC
- December 14 6:30 p.m. SMMS Choir Concert HHS PAC

Golden Apple Nominees

The Golden Apple Foundation is recognizing preschool through fifth grade teachers this year. Congratulations to our district nominees: Emily Dummer, JoAnn Eischeid, Joanne Fitzgerald, Gail Johnson, Laura Lueshen, AnnDee Nimmer, Annie Rohrer, Amy Stevens, Cari Benkovich, Amy Bigwood, Jay Bigwood, Julie Breese, Leah Carter, Lisa Larson, Andrea Leitner, Jane Schamell, Kathy Sipe, Anita Stiffler, and Lance Tuula.

IASB

Superintendent Harezlak shared information regarding plans for the November conference.

Other

- Superintendent Harezlak noted the H1N1 vaccinations were very successful.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Browning reported:

- RGS Fun Run assembly was November 18th.
- RGS students are donating money to buy Christmas gifts for Wimpy's fund. Rebecca Rathe will be purchasing the gifts.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- WPES Fun Run assembly was November 18th.
- The WPES choir will be performing at CherryVale Mall on December 3rd.
- DARE graduation is December 15th.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- NJHS collected 2000 cans of food for the handball tournament.
- SMMS adopted 30 children from Wimpy's fund.
- The cross country team had a wonderful season. Thank you to coaches Sarah Kazluski and Darryl Roher.
- The basketball game on November 17th was exciting.

Mr. Terry reported:

- Recognized nurses for their hard work during the H1N1 vaccinations.
- Students are donating food for the food drive.
- Three district teachers are attending Smartboard certification training. After certification, they will be qualified to teach district staff.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- SMMS holiday dance is December 3rd.
- Four hundred three honor roll letters were mailed and 468 students received no D or F grades.

Mrs. Praneis moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson reported area community members visited the school this week for American Education Week and also shared a classroom story. Regular session resumed.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mrs. Michowski thanked teachers for attending the board meeting.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason, carried unanimously.

Approved date: December 16, 2009

President: _____

Secretary: _____