

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 17, 2010 at the Rockton Grade School Music Room 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	ABS	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. Meason arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Glenn Terry, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, Business Manager Julia Saunders, and various guests.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss the following: 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), Pending litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:16 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

**Special Recognition**

Rockton School District recognizes the performance and dedication of Lori Oostendorp, school crossing guard on Route 2, for 10 years of faithful service to insure the safe crossing of students every school day.

**School Board Members' Day**

On behalf of the Rockton School District staff and students, we "tip our hat" in appreciation for the quality leadership you provide in governing our schools.

**Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Deb Cesario for plant sent in memory of her sister.
- Thank you card from Amy Stevens for book and flowers sent for the birth of her daughter.
- Thank you card of appreciation received from Larry Schubert after his surgery.
- Two letters of in-school suspension, three letters of out of school suspension, and four letters of bus suspension.

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



- 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 3:40 – Superintendent
- 4:50 – Payment Procedures
- 4:160 – Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 5:100 – Staff Development Program
- 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
- 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel
- 5:290 – Educational Support Personnel Employment Termination & Suspensions
- 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 – Student Discipline
- 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- 7:285 – Food Allergy Management Program
- 7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics
- 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

A Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2010 at 5 p.m.

**Transportation Contract**

Update of transportation provider’s performance was presented by Superintendent Harezlak.

**Board Reflections**

Clark, Susan, (August 2010), Punchback: Answering Critics, *School Administrator* was discussed.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**American Education Week: November 14-20, 2010**

This is the 89<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of American Education Week with the theme of ***Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility***, reflects the Association's calling 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.

**Golden Apple Nominees**

The Golden Apple Foundation is recognizing middle school teachers this year. Congratulations to our district nominees: Dan Baumgartner, Tom Breese, Craig Carter, Bryan Collins, Sharon Crowley, Robin Hagan, Ann Hart, Jana Hoffland, Penny Lee, Amy Limke, David Lynch, Sally Southworth, JoAnn Swinson, Cori Taylor, Monica Way, Richard Wicks.

**Winter Concerts**

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

December 7	6:30 p.m.	WPES Fifth Grade	HHS PAC
December 8	6:30 p.m.	RGS Second Grade	HHS PAC
December 9	6:30 p.m.	WPES Third Grade	HHS PAC
December 16	7:00 p.m.	SMMS Band	SMMS Gym

## **IASB**

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

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

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

- Thanked the BOE for their support and dedication to Rockton School District.
- RGS registered 14 new students since the beginning of the school year.
- Kindergarten students will be attending field trip to Williams Tree Farm.
- Students are collecting money for Wimpy's fund.

### **Mr. Terry reported:**

- The PTO has allocated \$7,500 for mini grants.
- Collections for PTO Food Drive will be donated to the Northern Illinois Food Bank.
- Thanked the BOE for their support.
- Rockton Fire and Police department members read stories to students at WPES as part of the library's local heroes program.

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

- DARE graduation is December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:15 p.m.
- Thanked the BOE for adding a fourth grade class because of enrollment increases.
- WPES choir will be performing at Cherryvale Mall.
- Mr. Newman took 23 WPES students to GEMS music festival at Prairie Hill School last weekend.

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

- Halloween dance was successful.
- Congratulated Golden Apple nominees.
- Pick-A-Time program to schedule conferences works well.
- SMMS has collected over 2,000 cans of food for the food pantry.

## **MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Warren stated she attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony and it was wonderful.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. On behalf of the RTA, Gail Johnson thanked the Board of Education for support and dedication to Rockton School District. She also mentioned plans for American Education Week. Regular session resumed.

## **NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, December 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss the following: 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), Pending litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Approved date: December 16, 2010

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

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