# 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	Р	ABS	P	Р	Р	Р	Р

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.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

Items included:

- 1. October 27, 2010 Regular meeting minutes, October 27, 2010 Policy Committee meeting minutes
- 2. November bills, December payroll, October treasurer's report
- 3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
- 4. Appoint Alternate for Board Secretaries
- 5. State Library Grant

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Schubert, Midgett, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried. Mr. Meason was not in room during roll call vote.

### **Personnel**

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

a. Employment – 2011-12 school year

#### Certified

o Dan Baumgartner

Cross Country Team Coach (shared position)

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Schubert, Praneis, Midgett, Warren. Nay: None. Carried. Mr. Meason was not in room during roll call vote.

# **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the October 27, 2010 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

## Tax Appeal

Mr. Midgett moved to approve tax appeal resolution in conjunction with Hononegah High School District that will be filed with the Winnebago County Board of Review, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Praneis, Midgett, Warren. Abstain: Schubert. Nay: None. Carried. Mr. Meason was not in room during roll call vote.

### Tax Levy for 2010

Julia Saunders, Business Manager presented the tax levy for 2010. Information presented included the estimated tax rates and recommended levy figures. The levy hearing is scheduled on December 15, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Neece moved to approve estimated 2010 tax levy figures as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Warren, Meason, Neece, Schubert, Praneis, Midgett. 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.
  - 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board
  - o 2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct
  - o 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest

- 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- o 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
- o 5:290 Educational Support Personnel Employment Termination & Suspensions
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- o 7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- o 7:190 Student Discipline
- 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- 7:285 Food Allergy Management Program
- o 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:		