

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2011 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District No. 140 was held on November 16, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School cafeteria, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, IL 61072.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 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	ABS	P	P	P	P	P	P

Others present: Superintendent Mike Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Cheri Fuller, Shaun Newmes, RTA President/Teacher Gail Johnson, and various guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter executive session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of Sale Price of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), seconded by Mrs. Neece. Neece, Praneis, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Warren – 6 ayes
Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:11 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis. Midgett, Neece, Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Warren – 6 ayes

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Mrs. Warren.

School Board Members' Day

On behalf of the Rockton School District staff and students, a big "thank you" to school board members for dedicated leadership in public education and continuing service to the children of this community.

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Mike & Shelly Greenlee and family for plant sent in memory of Shelly's mother.
- Thank you note from JoAnn Eischeid for having the board meeting in the cafeteria this month because of the book fair.
- Five letters of out-of-school suspensions, two letters of in-school suspensions, and seven letters of bus suspension.

Comments from Community

Mrs. Warren 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 the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Items included:

1. October 25, 2011 Regular meeting minutes, October 27, 2011, November 2, 2011, November 9, 2011 Finance Task Force meeting minutes
2. November bills, December payroll, October treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
4. State Library Grant

Schubert, Neece, Midgett, Praneis, Michowski, Warren – 6 ayes
Motion carried.

Satellite Bills

Mrs. Warren moved to approve Satellite bills as presented, seconded by Mr. Midgett. Schubert, Neece, Midgett, Praneis, Warren, Michowski-abstain – 5 ayes and 1 abstain
Motion carried.

Personnel

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

a. Reduction in Force

Non-Certified

- Kelly Carlsson RGS teacher assistant – part-time

Neece, Schubert, Midgett, Praneis, Michowski, Warren – 6 ayes
Motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the October 25, 2011 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed and destroy verbatim record of closed meetings prior to April 2010, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

All voted aye – 6

Motion carried.

The following closed session minutes were reviewed and were recommended to remain closed: January 26, 2011, February 23, 2011, March 1, 2011, March 16, 2011, April 27, 2011, May 25, 2011, June 22, 2011, July 27, 2011, and August 17, 2011.

Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

None

Tax Appeal

A tax appeal resolution, in conjunction with Hononegah High School, is being reviewed by Attorney Jack Cook. A resolution that will be filed with the Winnebago County Board of Review, will be brought to the December board meeting.

Tax Levy for 2011

The materials for the 2011 tax levy were provided. The information includes the estimated tax rates and recommended levy figures as well as the sample of the truth in taxation notice. The levy hearing is scheduled on December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Midgett moved to approve estimated 2011 tax levy figures as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.
Neece, Schubert, Midgett, Praneis, Michowski, Warren – 6 ayes
Motion carried.

Snow Removal

Mr. Schubert moved to approve bid of \$11,535 from JD Construction for district snow removal for the 2011-12 school year, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.
Neece, Schubert, Midgett, Praneis, Michowski, Warren – 6 ayes
Motion carried.

Policy Committee

A Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Surplus Equipment

Bid results from obsolete surplus items that were approved in August were provided.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Golden Apple Nominees

The Golden Apple Foundation is recognizing Pre-K–5th teachers this year. Congratulations to our district nominees: Terri Brown, Scott Carlson, Emily Dummer, Joyce Fitzsimmons, Jackie Hade, Teresa Halom, Gail Johnson, Barb Kubat, Jayne Maxwell, AnnDee Nimmer, Annie Rohrer, Pat Taphorn, Shelia Ball, Cari Benkovich, Amy Bigwood, Jay Bigwood, Julie Breese, Leah Carter, Lisa Larson, Andrea Leitner, Kathy Sipe, Anita Stiffler, Gina Tuula, Lance Tuula, Paige Young.

Winter Concerts

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

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| ○ Tuesday, December 6 | 6:30 p.m. | WPES Fifth Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Wednesday, December 7 | 6:30 p.m. | RGS Second Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Thursday, December 8 | 6:30 p.m. | WPES Third Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Friday, December 9 | 7:00 p.m. | SMMS Band | SMMS Gym |

State Veto Session Update

The State of Illinois concluded its veto session in Springfield. There were several issues that have an impact on our schools and some important decisions to be made on the ROE's, Transportation, and PTELL.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Each principal thanked board members for their service to Rockton School District.

Mr. Terry

- PTO allocated \$3,000 to each school for mini grants.
- Mentioned after school language program has lower participants this year.
- A RGS parent serving in the army reserve brought two army trucks to RGS for the children to see.

Mrs. Fuller

- Ronald McDonald Dental Mobile will be at RGS on November 17th.
- WPES first quarter rewards to Showplace 14 was November 7th.

Mr. Rollinson

- Veteran's Day assembly was wonderful.
- The Rockton PTO sponsored a food drive this week.
- Mix It Up day is November 17th.
- The WPES choir will be performing at Cherryvale Mall on December 8th.

Mrs. Etnyre

- SMMS students are currently raising money for Wimpy's fund.
- Students are donating hats, gloves, and scarves to children at the Goldie Floberg center.
- The new shed is constructed.

Mr. Newmes

- SMMS band performed songs on Halloween.
- The band will be competing in the IMEA Festival in DeKalb on November 19th.
- Band concert is December 9th.
- Handball tournament was November 9th.
- Mrs. Etnyre and Mr. Newmes signed 413 honor roll letters.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Midgett thanked Superintendent Greenlee for keeping board members informed regarding the White house property.

Comments from Community

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs Praneis. On behalf of the RTA, Gail Johnson thanked board members for all of their support. Thanked Superintendent Greenlee for involving her in the teacher evaluation meetings. Regular session resumed.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter executive session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of Sale Price of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Neece, Praneis, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Warren – 6 ayes
Motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.
Midgett, Neece, Schubert, Michowski, Praneis, Warren – 6 ayes

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.
All voted aye – 6
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Approved date: December 14, 2011

President: _____

Secretary: _____