

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held November 20, 2013**

**The Board of Education
Rockton School District No. 140**

1. **Call to Order** by President Jim Meason at 6:31p.m.

Roll Call

Bill Midgett, Larry Schubert, Chanice Michowski, Laura Neece, Sarah Praneis, Brenda Warren, Jim Meason

Others presents were Rich Mayer, Mark Donaldson, Gail Johnson, Diane Roth, Betsy Atkins, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Glenn Terry, Shaun Newmes and numerous other guests.

2. Ms. Neece moved to go into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. Executive Session 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 Mr. Midgett.

Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren – 7 ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:11p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren – 7 ayes Motion carried.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Diane Roth for the flower arrangement sent to her after surgery.
- Three letters of in-school suspension, eight letters of out-of-school suspension, and eight letters of bus suspension.

5. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting to audience input, seconded by Mr. Midgett.

Gail Johnson brought a dessert for the school board as a thank you for all they do.

Regular Session resumed.

6. **PTO Fundraising Opportunity**

Scott Rollinson and Jason Beck asked for approval on a fundraising opportunity for the PTO. Ms. Neece moved to approve the fundraising opportunity, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Michowski. – 7 ayes motion carried

7. **PMA Financial Network**

Greg Kubitz from PMA presented a power point that reflected this year's budget numbers and how they have an impact on the fund balance over the next several years for the Rockton School District.

8. **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.

9. **Consent Items**

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

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

1. October 23, 2013 regular meeting minutes, October 30, 2013 and November 13, 2013 special purpose board meeting minutes.
2. November bills, December Payroll, October treasurer's report.
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative Action. *
4. State Library Grant.

* **Cooperative**

Action taken at the November 14, 2012 executive meeting of the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Ms. Neece, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Praneis, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, and Mrs. Warren – 7 ayes Motion carried.

10. **Personnel**

Personnel report was recommended as per the closed session discussion.

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert to approve the following employments and resignations for the 2013/2014 school year.

A. Employments

Certified Employment

Non-Certified

- Tammy Welcher – WPES Secretary (Resignation Rescinded)
- Laura Rebban - Teacher's Assistant WPES

- Amy Applegren – Teacher’s Assistant SMMS
- Mandy Pearson – Kitchen Staff (Hour Change)
- Alicia Bottensek – Kitchen Staff (Hour Change)

B. Resignation

Non-Certified

- Teri Palombi – RGS Nurse (Resignation)

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Praneis, and Ms. Neece– 7 ayes Motion carried.

11. **Closed Session Minutes**

Ms. Neece moved to approve the October 23, 2013 regular closed session minutes, they are to remain closed and the October 30, 2013 and November 13, 2013 special purpose closed session minutes to be opened.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Praneis, Mrs. Michowski, Ms. Neece and Mr. Meason – 7 ayes Motion carried.

12. **Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

None

13. **School Maintenance Grant**

The State of Illinois offers a School Maintenance Grant of \$50,000 that would need to be matched by the school district. The money would be used to help finish up the Life safety items that are scheduled for SMMS.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to apply for School Maintenance Grant of \$50,000, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren and Mr. Meason – 7 ayes motion carried

14. **School Picture Contract**

The administration sought approval of a three year agreement with Inter-State Studio for the school district pictures.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve a three year agreement with Inter-State Studio to provided school pictures, seconded by Ms. Neece.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Praneis, and Mr. Meason – 7 ayes motion carried.

15. **Tax Appeal**

The administration sought approval of a tax appeal resolution for Petry Trust and other residential parcels in conjunction with Hononegah High School District that will be filed with the Winnebago County Board of Review.

Mr. Midgett made a motion to adopt the tax appeal resolution to be filed by Attorney Jack Cook with the Winnebago County Board of Review, seconded by Ms. Neece.

Roll call: Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, and Mr. Meason – 7 ayes motion carried.

16. **Tax Levy for 2013**

The administration presented information on the 2013 tax levy. The information includes the estimated tax rates and recommended levy figures as well as the sample of the truth in taxation notice.

Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the recommended Tax Levy so a truth in taxation notice can be published, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Midgett, and Mr. Meason – 7 ayes motion carried.

17. **Health Insurance Flex Spending**

New laws will go in effect on November 1st, 2013 for flex spending plans. Employees will now be able to roll over \$500 of unused dollars and can now claim up to \$2500. The administration sought board approval of those changes to our flex spending plan to comply with the new laws.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to adopt the new flex spend laws in the Rockton School District's Flex Spending Plan seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Praneis, Mrs. Michowski, Ms. Neece, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes Motion carried.

18. **Superintendents Report**

❖ Golden Apple Nominees

The Golden Apple Foundation is recognizing Pre K – 5th grade teachers this year. We had 24 teachers nominated from RGS and WPES this year.

❖ Strategic Planning

The Action teams have begun to meet and are working on their plans. I will have further updates at next month's meeting.

❖ Village Water

The Village President has contacted me about the possibility of using a portion of our vacant property by SMMS to extend a village water line towards Route 2. More details will be coming as they emerge.

❖ Winter Concerts

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

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| ○ Thursday, November 21 | 6:30 p.m. | 5 th Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Thursday, December 3 | 6:30 p.m. | 3 rd Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Thursday, December 12 | 6:30 p.m. | 2 nd Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Thursday, December 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Band & Choir | SMMS |

19. **Administrative Reports**

A. Mr. Glenn Terry

- Congratulations to the following teachers on their Golden Apple nomination: Michelle Anderson, Lindsay Campbell, Emily Dummer, JoAnn Eischeid, Joanne Fitzgerald, Marge Guerrero, Rachel Maddix, Annie Rohrer, Erin Salberg, Chris Wolfe. We will all be attending the Golden Apple Reception tomorrow. At least one teacher will be applying for the award.
- We have 21 teachers participating in a book talk on Whole Brain Teaching. Whole Brain Teaching is a behavior management system and approach to teaching. It's very effective, as well as fun and engaging for children. Please let me know if you want to visit a classroom to check it out.
- A special thank you to Mrs. Baumgartner and Mrs. Davis for running the RGS Book Fair during conferences. Kelly Baumgartner was actually in charge of all 3 Book Fairs. She had 17 parent volunteers and will be able to purchase \$7,440 worth of books for our three libraries.
- Thanked the school board for all they do.

B. Mr. Scott Rollinson

- Today we celebrated Mix It Up Day during lunch. Students were challenged to sit at different lunch tables and make new friends during lunch.
- 5th grade concert will be on 11/21 at 6:30 at HPAC.
- 3rd grade concert will be on 12/3 at 6:30 at HPAC.
- The WPES choir will be singing at the Christmas Walk on 12/6 and at Cherryvale Mall on 12/18.
- The PTO Holiday Shoppe will be at SMMS on 12/7 from 9 am-noon.
- Thanked Kelly Baumgartner for all her hard work with the book fair.
- Thanked the school board for all they do.

C. Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre

- Once a month, the SMMS staff decides on a worthy cause or selects a family to support. We call this day, 'Casual for a Cause.' This month we chose the Rockton Food Panty. A cartload of donations and money was received.
- Our 6th grade math and 8th grade reading teachers recently collaborated on curriculum for the next quarter.
- On Tuesday, November 26th, SMMS will be hosting the Fun Run rewards. Dodge ball tournaments, awards, a concession stand and movie will be part of our day.

- Thanks Kelly Baumgartner and Sue Patterson for their hard work with the book fair.
- Thanked the school board for all their hard work and wished them a happy Thanksgiving.

D. Mr. Shaun Newmes

- NJHS will be hosting its annual handball tournament on November 21st. The students brought in 2000 food donations. Thanks Melissa Blecker for all her work putting this together.
- Students and staff will be participating in our first Fancy Friday spirit day on November 22nd.
- Students and staff participated in a national activity, Mix-It-Up on Tuesday, November 19th. Thanks to Kristin and Beth for challenging our staff and students.
- Thanked the school board members and wished them a happy Thanksgiving.

20. Comments from the Community

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting to audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert

Mark Donaldson thanked the school board for all their time and everything that they do. Regular Session resumed.

21. Members' Comments

Jim Meason thanked the board members for all they do.

22. Ms. Neece moved to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Executive Session 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. Michowski

Mr. Midget, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren – 7 ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 9:33 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Midgett.

Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren – 7 ayes Motion carried.

23. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Warren moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Praneis. 7 ayes Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, December, 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Approved date: December 18, 2013

President: _____

Secretary: _____