

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held November 19, 2014**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President at 6:34 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Bill Midgett, Gail Johnson, Larry Schubert, Brenda Warren, Chuck Kleeberger, Chanice Michowski, Jim Meason

Others present: Dr. Robert Willis, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Shaun Newmes, Mark Donaldson, Rich Mayer, Julia Saunders, and several community members.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. Mr. Meason moved to go into **Executive Session** at 6:35 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 Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

5. **Correspondence**

- Two letters of in-school suspension, two letters of out-of-school suspension, and one letter of bus suspension.

6. **Comments from the Community**

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

7. **Life Safety Survey Report for RGS and WPES**

Steve Nelson, from Larson and Darby Inc. presented the findings of the ten year life safety visit of RGS & WPES.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the RGS/WPES Ten Year Life Safety Plan, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Michowski, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes. Motion carried.

8. **SMMS HVAC Evaluation**

The proposal from KJWW Engineering for a complete evaluation of the SMMS HVAC system was provided for Board approval. This in-depth evaluation provided the Board with information & recommendations to proceed with any enhancements of the system.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the amount of \$22,875 for the evaluation seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes. Mrs. Johnson – Nay. Motion carried.

9. **Asphalt Repair Project**

The proposal from Fehr-Graham Engineering was provided for Board approval regarding the engineering and soil boring on the parking lot at the Union Street Campus. The soil borings are necessary to provide firm costs for the repairs of the asphalt areas on both campuses.

Mrs. Schubert made a motion to approve the \$16,500 for the preliminary engineering survey, geo-technical services and preliminary design plans for the asphalt areas on both campuses, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

10. **Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, November bills, December payroll, October treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**.

Cooperative

- Action taken at the November 12, 2014 executive meeting of the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is attached for your review and action.

Mr. Midgett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

11. **Personnel**

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the following employments and resignations for the 2014/2015 school year, seconded by Mr. Schubert. – 7 ayes, motion carried.

A. Certified

- Approve hiring of Brendan Kelly – WPES Special Ed Position
- Approve increase in hours for Jane Guerrero starting Nov.24th. Increase from .26 hours to .527 hours daily.

- Approve hiring Amy Meier for After School Reading

B. Non-Certified

- Approve hiring of Jamie Connors, WPES Classroom Aide
- Approve hiring Kris Saey, SMMS Classroom Aide
- Approve hiring Todd Praneis – SMMS Co-Science Olympiad Coach

C. Resignations

- Approve resignation of Monica Way, SMMS Co-Track Coach
- Approve resignation of Craig Carter, SMMS Co-Track Coach
- Approve resignation of Rich Mayer, SMMS Co-Science Olympiad Coach.

12. Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the October 22, 2014 regular closed session minutes, and the November 5, 2014 Special Purpose Meeting closed session meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Kleeberger. The October 22, 2014 closed session minutes will remain closed and the November 5, 2014 closed session minutes will be opened.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

13. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

None.

14. Tax Levy for 2014

The 2014 Tax Levy information was presented by Julia Saunders. The information included the estimated tax rates and recommended levy figures as well as the sample of the truth in taxation notice.

Mr. Meason made a motion to set a public hearing to consider the 2014 Tax Levy for Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rockton Grade School Cafeteria. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

15. Resolution to Repay FY Interfund Loan

The Board needs to repay the Interfund loan in the amount of \$329,357 from the Operations & Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund that was recorded as of June 30, 2014 to eliminate the Educational Fund negative unreserved cash balance that existed as of that date. Board approval is recommended.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the Resolution to Repay FY Interfund Loan, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

16. Superintendents Report

❖ Golden Apple Nominees

The Golden Apple Foundation is recognizing Middle School teachers this year. We had 16 teachers nominated from Stephen Mack Middle School this year. They are: Lucinda Balandis, Dan Baumgartner, Stephanie Bennington, Melissa Blecker, Craig Carter, Bryan Collins, Sharon Crowley, Ann Hart, Sarah Kazluski, Penny Lee, Richard Mayer, JoAnn Swinson, Cori Taylor, Sue Vermett, Richard Wicks, and Laura Zimmerman. The Nominee Reception was held November 19th, 4:30 – 6 pm at the Radisson in Rockford.

❖ TIF District in the Village of Rockton

Rockton Village President, Dale Adams and Planning & Development Administrator, Patricia Diduch, met with representatives from Hononegah and Rockton School Districts to discuss a proposed Tax Increment Finance District.

❖ 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 2 | 6:30 p.m. | 5 th Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Tuesday, | December 9 | 6:30 p.m. | 3 rd Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Wednesday, | December 10 | 6:30 p.m. | 2 nd Grade | HHS PAC |
| ○ Thursday, | December 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Winter Band Concert | SMMS |

17. Administrative Reports

A. Mr. Glenn Terry

- Thanks to Mrs. Etnyre's expertise, all buildings used a Google survey for our parent/teacher conference survey. Last year we had approximately 90 paper surveys filled out. So far, this Fall I have had over 80 submitted electronically.
- Attendance at RGS increased for both Sept. and Oct. as a result of our attendance incentive program. Attendance increased almost one percent in September and half a percent for October.
- Congratulations to Lindsay Campbell for being named 97-ZOK's teacher of the week. She was presented with flowers and treats. Lindsay was recognized on air and photos are on ZOK's website. This is just one example of the great things happening in all our classrooms!

B. Mr. Scott Rollinson

- Thank you to Rebecca Rathe and Zach Newman for a wonderful Veterans Day Assembly!
- WPES will be helping with the Wimpy's fund this year. We will have spirit days Dec. 1-5 to help raise money for a needy family.
- Our 5th grade concert is on Dec. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at HPAC. Our 3rd grade concert is on Dec 9th at 6:30p.m. at HPAC.
- Happy Thanksgiving

C. Mr. Shaun Newmes

- PTO Holiday Shoppe will be held Saturday, December 6th from 8-11 at SMMS.

- NJHS sponsored a handball tournament with 13 teams. Each team brought in a minimum of 60 items for the local food pantry to participate.
- NJHS and Student Council are selling candy canes during lunch for \$1.00 to support the WIMPY's Fund.
- SMMS has been featured in The Beloit Daily News regarding the Hononegah High School tutoring program and the ACE program.
- Class Act assembly will be held Tuesday, November 25 at 1:45 p.m. Please join us!
- SMMS would like to thank our cafeteria staff for the turkey dinner. It is a favorite among all!

18. **Comments from the Community**

Community members Alan Mohring and Jamie Anderson gave suggestions on how the community could become more involved with volunteer work and potential fundraising activities for the Rockton School District.

19. **Members' Comments**

- Gail Johnson congratulated the SMMS Golden Apple nominees.
- Bill Midgett thanked Dean Snowden and Julia Saunders for all the information they gathered for the RGS/WPES Life Safety Survey. Bill Midgett also thanked Alan Mohring for his work in the club 'All Pro Dad'.
- Larry Schubert wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

20. Mr. Schubert moved to go into **Executive Session** at 8:55 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. Michowski.
Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Kleeberger moved to return to open session at 10:28 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, motion carried.

21. **Adjournment**

Mr. Meason moved to adjourn at 10:29 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m. The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School cafeteria on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Approval Date: December 17, 2014

President _____

Secretary _____

