

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2006 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 October 25, 2006, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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|           | <u>LaForge</u> | <u>Meason</u> | <u>Pearcy</u> | <u>Neece</u> | <u>Praneis</u> | <u>Schubert</u> | <u>Warren</u> |
| Roll Call | P              | P             | P             | P            | P              | P               | P             |

Mr. Meason arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Georgiann McKenna, Barb Browning, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, and Teacher Sarah Kazluski.

Mrs. Percy moved to enter closed session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, last month's closed session minutes, pending litigation, negotiations, student discipline, and setting price for the sale or lease of school property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (6), seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

### **Safety Drill Update**

School Resource Officer Penny Cure and the building principals provided a review of the safety drills conducted at each building and reported that all drills ran smoothly.

### **Request**

Principal Jay Larson, on behalf of the Booster Club, presented a fundraiser program to construct a sidewalk/walking path at SMMS. The Booster Club would sell blocks of concrete within the sidewalk or plaza area which can be personalized. The funds obtained from the fundraiser will be used for the track and field. The BOE agreed to have the Booster Club pursue the details for the project and return for BOE approval.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Percy. Sarah Kazluski mentioned that the Student Council would like to purchase benches for SMMS. Regular session resumed.

### **Correspondence**

- A thank you card was received from Karen Binger for flowers sent to her after surgery.
- A thank you card was received from Penny Lee stating it was a pleasure coming to the September Board meeting to speak to board members and how she enjoys teaching in the Rockton School District.
- Two letters of school suspension and five letters of in-school detention.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve items on the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Items included:

1. September 26, 2006 Regular meeting minutes
2. October bills, November payroll, September treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action taken at the October 11, 2006 meeting
4. Donations
  - RGS received two donations this fall to their activity account - \$74.81 from Office Depot and \$431.00 from Target
  - Christie Arndt, director of STARZ Volleyball Club, announced the donation of \$500 for volleyball nets for SMMS
5. Policy Committee
  - o 2:90 – Board Self Evaluation
  - o 2:120 – Board Member Development
  - o 2:250 – Access to District Public Records
  - o 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
  - o 4:90 – Student Management
  - o 4:160 – Hazardous and Infectious Materials
  - o 5:40 – Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
  - o 5:150 – Personnel Records
  - o 5:160 – Release of Credit Information
  - o 5:170 – Copyright for Publication or Sale of Instructional Materials and Computer Programs
  - o 5:300 – Schedules and Employment Year
  - o 5:320 – Evaluation
  - o 6:30 – Organization of Instruction
6. Lease Agreement – Universalist Unitarian Church

### **Personnel**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve employment of Kelly Hansen-Brandenburg – part-time special education teacher, Judi Willson – part-time classroom aide, Linda Witek – part-time classroom aide, Brenda Lisitza – part-time special education aide, and Lisa Dodd – part-time special education aide, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Mrs. Warren moved to approve resignation of Kris Holland – SMMS track coach (partial stipend), Sarah Goeglein – part-time special education aide, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

### **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the September 26, 2006 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

### **Science Olympiad Proposal**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve science olympiad proposal as presented, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Neece, LaForge, Praneis, Schubert, Warren. Nay: Meason. Carried.

### **Quarterly Investment Report**

As per BOE policy, a quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was provided. Board members are requested to review the investment performance by appropriate and creditable standards for the investment type.

### **Online PRESS Service**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve participation in the IASB School Board Policies Online, seconded by Mr. Meason.

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

### **Developer Fee Proposal**

Board President Warren and Superintendent Harezlak met with Hononegah High School Superintendent Dr. Gross and Board President Kurlinkus to discuss the developer fee proposal. The developer fee split is 60% to Rockton School District and 40% to Hononegah High School.

### **Construction Update**

Superintendent Harezlak reported on the progress of the RGS/WP project and the track and soccer field. Because of the weather the water service line for the track and soccer field has not been installed. If weather does not permit installation, a snow fence will be put around the area. The track surface and seeding will not be completed until Spring 2007. Windows have not arrived for the RGS/WP addition. Delivery is expected the third week of November. The rest of the construction is on schedule.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve two change orders for the RGS/WPES project, seconded by Mrs. Percy. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Percy, Neece, LaForge, Meason, Praneis, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

- o Eighteen additional lockers at WPES because of incorrect angled walls - \$3,190
- o Extend wall up to ceiling in Board conference room for sound separation - \$750

### **District Strategic Plan – Update**

The fall meeting of our Public Information Council was postponed in order to have the members of the Council tour our new addition in January.

### **BOE Retreat**

The Board of Education retreat is scheduled for January 6, 2007 from 8:00 a.m.–noon.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak**

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

#### **2006 ISAT Results**

The ISAT results from the assessment completed in March 2006 have not been distributed to Illinois schools. Also, Illinois School Report Cards for school districts in Illinois has been delayed. Information will be shared with BOE members as well as parents and the general public when it arrives.

#### **District Staff Holiday Party**

Board members are invited to join the district staff's annual holiday party. The SMMS staff is planning this year's party that will be held on Friday, December 8, 2006.

Bulletins and newsletters were provided.

Mr. Schubert 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.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- Mrs. Browning reported that it is Red Ribbon Week. The Character Assembly is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The annual Halloween parade is October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Dr. McKenna mentioned what fun the students had at the rewards program after school karaoke party. She thanked the Board for approving the after school reading program. Dr. McKenna invited the BOE members to the Veteran's Day program at 8:00 a.m. on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Larson reported that he met with Kindyl Etnyre and six teachers to work on a School Improvement Plan. He invited the BOE members to the Class Act program on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:55 p.m.
- Mr. Taphorn congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball team for obtaining conference champions. The band concert was a big hit. The next band concert is December 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a dance at SMMS on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Mr. Taphorn stated that School Resource Officer Penny Cure does a fabulous job.

**MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

- Mr. Schubert commented about the state policy on lunch box checks.
- Mr. Meason mentioned that on a field trip his child attended the beverage selection was soda or water. Dr. McKenna will check into providing other options.

**NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved Date:        November 15, 2006

President:        \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:        \_\_\_\_\_