

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2007 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 24, 2007, 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.

Roll Call LaForge Meason Pearcy Neece Praneis Schubert Warren
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Mr. Schubert arrived 6:07 p.m. and Mr. Meason arrived at 6:26 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Scott Rollinson, Barb Browning, Jay Larson, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, and RTA President/Teacher Glenn Terry.

Closed Session

Mrs. Neece moved to enter closed session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss 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). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

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

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

Correspondence

- A thank you letter was received from Melinda Mayfield for the gift certificate from 3R's.
- A thank you card was received from Ann Hart for the baby book received for the birth of her son Caleb.
- A thank you card was received from Jay and Mary Jo Larson for the flowers sent in memory of Mary Jo's father.
- A thank you card was received from Sue Walsh for taking the time to meet all the new teachers at the September BOE meeting.
- One letter of in-school detention and one letter of school suspension.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Warren moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Items included:

1. September 26, 2007 Regular meeting minutes and October 10, 2007 Policy Committee meeting minutes
2. October bills including MCI bill, November payroll, September treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donation – Two laptop computers valuing \$800 from Kristine Bielke.

Personnel Agenda

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

- a. Employment – 2007-08 school year
 - o Don Walsh Chess Club Advisor – SMMS
- b. Resignation
 - o Jerome Jennings Custodian – Chapel Street facility
- c. FMLA Request – 12 weeks – 2007-08 school year
 - o Stori Dimke Third Grade Teacher
- d. Leave Request – Medical Maternity – 2007-08 school year
 - o Amy Stevens First Grade Teacher

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the September 26, 2007 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Policy Committee Report

The following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for Board action at the November BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes. Copies of the recommended policy changes were provided.

- o 2:125 – Board Member Expenses
- o 4:180 – Pandemic Preparedness
- o 5:130 – Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information
- o 5:180 – Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
- o 5:200 – Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- o 5:222 – Part-Time Teachers
- o 6:40 – Curriculum Development
- o 6:235 – Access to Electronic Networks
- o 7:90 – Release During School Hours

Quarterly Investment Report

As per BOE policy, the 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.

2007 ISAT Results

A review of the ISAT results from the assessment completed in March 2007 has been rescheduled. Results will be presented at the November BOE meeting.

Parent Notification System

Superintendent Harezlak reported she contacted five possible providers regarding set up fees, calling options, STI compatibility, and pricing options for parent notification systems. The BOE directed Superintendent Harezlak to obtain more information regarding systems and bring a proposal to the BOE.

District Strategic Plan – Update

The three Action Teams are meeting on a regular basis this fall to address the strategies developed by the Strategic Planning Task Force.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Moment of Silence

Our schools are complying with the new law, Senate Bill 1463, that requires each public school classroom to observe a brief period of silence with the participation of all students at the start of each school day. The “moment of silence” requirement has been included with part of the morning announcements and pledge schedule.

District Staff Holiday Party

Board members are invited to join the district staff’s annual holiday party. The RGS staff is planning this year’s party that will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2007.

Other

- Superintendent Harezlak is meeting with school nurses next week about notice from Winnebago County Health Department regarding the MRSA infection concern.
- The bids for the replacement and cleaning of the glycol cooling system at SMMS are due November 6th at 3 p.m.
- Reported meetings are scheduled next week for staff regarding the new benefit of flexible spending accounts.
- Reported that the district has passed the life safety inspection performed last week.
- Distributed copies of the curriculum brochures that were provided at parent orientation night.
- Explained the repair that will be completed for condensation issues on the walls at RGS.
- Bulletins and newsletters were provided.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mr. Taphorn

- Mentioned the first SMMS code red lock down went well.
- Reported a fire drill was performed with simulated smoke and the students and staff did a great job.
- Announced the dance scheduled for October 26th.
- Boys basketball starts October 29th.
- Commented the Class Act assembly was great.
- Reported that SMMS has raised \$5,000 for the PTO Fun Run.
- Mentioned that the SMMS band concert is October 30th at 8 p.m.

Mr. Rollinson

- Mentioned that the WPES pumpkin painting event was fun.
- Reported that WPES has raised \$8,100 for the PTO Fun Run.
- Red Ribbon Week is this week for all three schools.
- Commented that the Brainstormers assembly was very successful.

Mrs. Browning

- Reported the RGS Halloween parade is October 31st at 1 p.m.
- Announced that the additional PreK At-Risk grant filed by WCSEC was not funded.
- Noted RGS has raised \$9,103 for the PTO Fun Run.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Schubert reported he attended the IASB conference at Hononegah High School regarding penalties for retirement.
- Mr. Meason commented about the sixth grade science books.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LaForge moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved date: November 14, 2007

President: _____

Secretary: _____