

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held October 23, 2013**

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

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1. **Call to Order** by President Jim Meason at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Others Present: Superintendent Mike Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, Diane Roth, Julia Saunders, Gail Johnson, Bob DeKeyser, Kris Holland, Gary Meier, Barb Kubat, Sherril Erickson, Annie Rohrer, Rich Mayer, Mark Donaldson, Jodi May, Mrs. Koleman, SMMS Cross Country team members, and other various guests.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Correspondence**

- Thank you letter from Hononegah High School Superintendent, Lynn Gibson thanking Mike Greenlee and the Board for including her in Rockton's Strategic Planning meeting.
- Thank you note from Amy Stevens for flowers sent to her after knee surgery.
- Five letters of in-school suspension, seven letters of out-of-school suspension and four letters of bus suspension.

4. **Comments from the Community**

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

There were no comments from the community.

5. **PTO 5K Run**

Jodi May, from the PTO talked to the Board about a 5K Run the PTO will be sponsoring near Memorial Day. She provided more information about the event, the potential for a website allowing access for registration for the Run and is asking for support from the Board.

Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the 5K Run, seconded by Ms. Neece.  
Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes. Motion carried.

6. **FY 2013 Audit Report**

Auditor Gary Meier, Siepert & Co. LLP, presented a review of the district's audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2012 that ended June 30, 2012. A copy of the audit was distributed at the meeting for review and inspection. The audit

contained no findings or concerns. Superintendent Greenlee recommended approval of the report after the presentation.

Mr. Midgett made a motion to approve the FY2013 Audit Report, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

7. **SMMS Cross Country Team**

Coach Bob DeKeyser and Kris Holland had nine students qualify for the state meet which was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board recognized the Cross Country team and their outstanding accomplishments.

8. **Consent Items**

Ms. Neece moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

\* **Cooperative**

Action taken at the October 10, 2012 executive meeting of the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative was reviewed. Superintendent Greenlee recommended approval.

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

9. **Surplus Items**

The following items are surplus:

*(2) Spectrum Harbor Laptop cart model 55815 with 2 charging racks, 8 laptops per rack. Original price ~\$1,550 each.*

*(1) Spectrum Harbor Laptop cart model 55815 with 4 charging racks, 8 laptops per rack. Original price ~\$2,350.*

*(1 maybe 2) Bretford 24 laptop capacity cart model LAP 24EFR-TZ. Original price ~\$1,400.*

Superintendent Greenlee recommended that the Board approve a closed bid sale of those items.

Mr. Midgett made a motion to approve the closed bid sale, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

10. **Resolution to transfer funds from Life Safety to Capital Projects**

The board was asked to abate the amount of \$1 million from the Working Cash Fund to the O & M Fund. A permanent transfer of \$1 Million was then requested

from the O & M fund to the Capital Projects fund for the upcoming buildings and facilities work. Superintendent Greenlee recommended approval.

The President announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution abating the working cash fund of the District.

Whereupon the President presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

Member Warren moved and Member Praneis seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted. After a full and complete discussion thereof, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Roll call: Mrs. Praneis, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Ms. Neece, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason. Upon the roll being called, all members voted AYE.

The members voted NAY: none.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, and in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, which was done.

11. **Snow Removal**

Superintendent Greenlee recommended the approval of JD Construction for district snow removal for the 2013-14 school year. The snowplowing prices remain the same as last school year.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the JD Construction snow removal contract, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

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

12. **Quarterly Investment Report**

As per BOE policy, the quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was reviewed. Board members reviewed the investment performance by appropriate and creditable standards for the investment type.

13. **Superintendent's Report**

- The contract for the Rockton School District is ready to go out to contractors this winter for the remaining work for SMMS. In preparation, Maureen Lemon reviewed the contract to make sure that the interests of the district were appropriately protected.
- The SMMS boilers are up and running. Personnel are fine tuning/coordinating their efficiency and controls.

#### 14. **Administrative Reports**

##### A. **Mr. Scott Rollinson**

- WPES took 69 students to the Wildcat Cross Country race on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the BOE for allowing this program to continue!
- Lots of great Daily 5 reading instruction going on in classrooms!
- Veteran's Day assembly is on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. You are all invited.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at HHS PAC.

##### B. **Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre**

- The Halloween Dance was held Friday, 10/25, from 6-8 p.m.
- Boys' basketball starts with their first home game on 10/29.
- Explore Testing for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be on 10/29.
- The Class Act assembly will be Friday, 11/1 at 1:45 p.m. Please come.
- NJHS Food Drive has begun and will culminate with its annual handball tournament on November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Thank you to our teachers/staff for motivating our students to meet the SMMS Fun Run Goal!

##### C. **Mr. Glenn Terry**

- We had a great inaugural RGS Bike Rodeo. It was a little chilly but the kids had a blast. We had approximately 50 students attend. Thanks to all the teachers that volunteered their time and a special thank you to Mrs. Dimke for organizing the event.
- We had a great turn out for RGS Movie Night. Over 80 people attended to watch Despicable Me.
- Title I parent night was held Monday, October 21. Parents got to learn about what happens in the Reading Center and what they can do at home to help their children become great readers. Great job Mrs. Anderson.

#### 15. **Comments from the Community**

None.

#### 16. **Members' Comments**

Laura Neece commented it was nice to see the schools hosting 'Active, Fun' events for Fundraising instead of just selling items.

17. Jim Meason moved to go into Executive Session at 7:35 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 Mr. Schubert.

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

18. **Personnel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren seconded by Mr. Schubert to approve the following personnel changes for the 2013/2014 school year.

Non-Certified Employees

- Wendy Enos – WPES Teacher Asst. increased hours
- Melinda Blunt – SMMS Teacher Asst. Resignation

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

19. **Closed Session Minutes**

Approval of last month's closed session minutes.

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

Mr. Meason moved to approve and open the September 25, 2013 regular closed session minutes, seconded by Mr. Midgett.

All voted aye – 7

Motion carried.

21. **Adjournment**

Ms. Praneis moved to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Michowski. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on November 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Approved date: November 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_