

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 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 September 23, 2009, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mrs. Praneis arrived at 6:04 p.m. and Mr. Meason arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry and Jim Taphorn, Business Manager Julia Saunders, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, and various teacher guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:01 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), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Michowski, Midgett, Schubert, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Budget Hearing

The budget hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Warren. Mrs. Warren moved to open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously, no one wished to address the Board of the proposed budget. Regular session resumed.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the 2009-2010 budget as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

Welcome New Teachers

Our school community is pleased to recognize and welcome our new teachers – Valerie Adams, Paige Young, Bardley Breakfield, Drew Ibendahl, Cherice Fuller, Cindy Beaudry, Angela Schmidt, Rikki Fleming, Zachary Newman, Craig Carter, Jessica Steinmiller, Nicole Duhigg. The new teachers had the opportunity to share their experiences as the new professional members to our staff.

Correspondence

- Thank you card received from Lisa Rudy for the flowers sent after her surgery.
- Received letter from eighth grade student Diane Meason regarding a bike path along Old River Road.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by.

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

Items included:

1. August 19, 2009 Regular meeting minutes
2. September bills, October payroll, August treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Recognition

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2009-2010 school year

Certified

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| o Nicole Duhigg | Part-time Pre-Kindergarten Teacher |
| o Jessica Steinmiller | RGS Special Education Teacher |
| o Ruth King | Fifth Grade After School Reading Teacher |
| o Laura Benkovich | Fourth Grade After School Reading Teacher |
| o Lynn Bergstrom | Third Grade After School Reading Teacher |
| o Gina Tuula | Fifth Grade After School Math Teacher |
| o Mark Schroeder | Fourth Grade After School Math Teacher |
| o Cari Benkovich | Third Grade After School Math Teacher |
| o Darryl Rohrer | Cross Country Coach (shared position) |

Non-Certified

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| o Charles Limberg | Track Coach |
| o Debra Valley | Assistant Track Coach |
| o Wendy Comstock | RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time |

b. Resignation

Non-Certified

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| o Charles Limberg | Assistant Track Coach |
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c. Transfer

Certified

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| o Teresa Halom | Part-time PreK Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher |
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Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Michowski, Schubert, Midgett, Warren, Praneis. Abstain: Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the August 19, 2009 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Compliance with P.A. 96-0434

Mr. Midgett moved to approved posting district administration compensation on the district website as required by the new state law, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Technology Proposal

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve 2009-2010 technology initiative proposal as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

Electrical Service

Mr. Midgett moved to approve plan one upgrade to electrical service at each building as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

WCHD Flu Season Preparedness

Superintendent Harezlak shared information regarding the Winnebago County Health Department's plans to address the potential threat of a flu pandemic. An informational letter was sent home with students and also posted on the district website regarding the upcoming vaccination program available for Rockton students and the public information forum on October 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at SMMS.

Annexation Agreement

Superintendent Harezlak shared information regarding status of the annexation agreements with the Village of Rockton for the new property as well as the Drummond property.

Use of District Athletic Fields

District procedures and requirements for the use of district athletic fields were reviewed and discussed. Superintendent Harezlak reported issues regarding organizations not completing the facilities rental agreement for the use of athletic fields. Policies and procedures will be reviewed.

Intergovernmental Agreement Proposal

A proposal for an intergovernmental agreement with the Winnebago County Supervisor of Assessment and all county school districts was presented. Board members stated they are not interested in the proposal.

2009 Illinois Report Card

Our district students have maintained a high level of excellence as demonstrated in the district's 2009 state report card. At this time, this information has not been released to the media. The district and building report cards will be posted on our website by October 29th and individual student reports will be sent home with first quarter report cards. Lindy Daniels, Curriculum Coordinator, will provide a summary assessment of our results at the October BOE meeting.

Message to Students

Board members Mr. Meason and Mr. Midgett shared their perspective regarding the school district's response to the presentation of the recent message from President Obama.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Golden Apple Foundation

September 17th was "Golden Apple" day for teachers in Winnebago County. The Golden Apple Foundation presents apples to teachers in appreciation for the valuable work with children. This day was also the beginning of the annual award nomination process for teachers. This year teachers in Pre-K through fifth grade can be nominated for excellence in education. Nomination forms are available at www.goldenappleofrockford.com.

Annual Fundraisers

The Rockton School District PTO, Booster Club and Rockton Teachers Association have requested and received approval from the superintendent to conduct a variety of fundraisers for this school year.

Other

- Shared letter from IASB regarding Mrs. Warren receiving an award in the Master School Board member program.
- Superintendent Harezlak and principals thanked BOE members for approving the technology plan.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning

- RGS students have been attending field trips to Rockton, Severson Dells, and the apple orchard.

Mr. Rollinson

- Reported the second lunch line at WPES is working great.
- October 2nd is the PTO Fun Run.
- Hat day is September 24th.
- Interims will go home on September 24th.
- Mad Science started September 21st and Young Rembrandts starts September 29th.

Mrs. Etnyre

- Thanked everyone who purchased mum plants from the Booster Club.
- Noted the large number of students participating in the Chess Club.
- Thanked parents who volunteer at SMMS.
- SMMS McTeacher night was a success. Funds collected totaled \$628.

Mr. Taphorn

- Noted the Rockton Herald had a nice article about the new swings at SMMS.
- Student Council donated spirit wear clothing to the Satellite students.
- The 911 ceremony went very well.

Mr. Terry

- The WPES after school math and reading programs have started.
- Family bike ride is October 3rd.

Mrs. Praneis moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson thanked the board members for approving the technology plan. Regular session resumed.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Schubert shared a positive story he heard on a local radio station regarding our school system.
- Mr. Meason commented on district hiring practices.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason, carried unanimously.

Approved date: October 28, 2009

President: _____

Secretary: _____