

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held September 21, 2016

The Board of Education Rockton School District No. 140

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield at 6:04 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Chanice Michowski, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Jim Meason, Katie Littlefield

Stacey Heiar arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Terry, RTA President Dan Baumgartner, RTA Vice President Gina Tuula, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Assistant Principal Matt Roer, Business Manager Sue Miller, Maintenance Director Tim Ehlers, Curriculum Coordinator Lindy Daniels, RSD New Teachers Maggie Campbell, Carol Flohr, Annie Hancox, Paige Jaeger, Jenna Parrish, Erin Rollinson, RGS Parent Mr. Papke and several other community members.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **RSD #140 Budget Hearing**

President Littlefield opened the budget hearing at 6:05 p.m. and asked the audience for public input. No public input was given.

Mr. Houghton motioned to approve the RSD #140 FY-17 Budget at 6:06 p.m. as presented, seconded by Mr. Connors.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Connors, Mr. Houghton, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

5. **Comments from the Community**

No input was given.

6. **Introduction of New RSD #140 Teachers**

Lindy Daniels and Matt Roer introduced the following new teachers to the BOE by playing a competitive game of Two Truths and A Lie. Our new teachers are Maggie Campbell, RGS First Grade Teacher; Carol Flohr, SMMS Science Teacher; Annie Hancox, RGS Art Teacher; Paige Jaeger, RGS Kindergarten Teacher; Jenna Parrish, WPES Special Education Teacher and Erin Rollinson, RGS Second Grade Teacher.

7. Executive Session was deemed not necessary at this Board meeting.

8. **Performance Evaluation Reform Act Presentation**

Superintendent Terry gave a Power Point presentation which thoroughly summarized the committee process implementing the new evaluation system for Rockton School District teachers.

9. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Maggie Campbell & family for the flowers in memory her father.

- Thank you card from Jenny Middleton and Laura Benkovich for the Board's contribution to the health insurance premium.
- Five letters of in-school suspension.

10. **Committee Meeting Updates**

1. **September 12 Policy Committee Meeting Update**

The following PRESS policy updates were reviewed and will be recommended for Board approval at the October meeting. Details for each of the policy updates listed below are noted in the Policy Committee Minutes.

- 2:70 Vacancies on the School Board
- 5:332 Insurance Benefits
- 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
- 7:270 – Administering Medicine to Students
- 8:110 – Public Suggestions and Concerns

2. **September 13 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Update**

Mr. Houghton updated the Board on the Committee's discussion regarding the WPES and RGS parking lot renovation. The Board agreed that the committee will bring a recommendation on the architect and construction manager to lead the project

11. **Consent Items**

Mr. Connors moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- A-2 Approve August Open Session Minutes
- A-3 Approve Cooperative September Bills
- A-4 Approve September Bills and October Payroll
- A-5 Approve Application for Recognition of Schools

Roll Call: Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Connors, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

12. **Personnel**

Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the following employments for the 2016-2017 school year seconded by Mr. Houghton.

- **Certified Staff**
With regret, the resignation of Kris Grahnke, Special Education Teacher
- **Non-Certified Staff**
 - 1) Michelle Kleeberger – (Hire) Paraprofessional RGS
 - 2) Laura Rebban – (Hire) ESL Paraprofessional
 - 3) Alex Ruhmann – (Hire) Maintenance/Custodial WPES
 - 4) Alex Ruhmann – (Release) Maintenance/Custodial WPES
 - 5) Melissa Beffa – (Hire) 1:1 Paraprofessional SMMS
 - 6) Vivian Balandis – (Hire) Maintenance/Custodial WPES

Roll Call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Connors, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **Resolution to Intervene at Property Tax Appeal Board**

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Intervene at the Property Tax Appeal Board as read by Board Secretary Stacey Heiar, seconded by Mr. Connors.

After discussion thereof, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Roll Call: Mr. Connors, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **New Business**

There was no new business.

15. **Superintendent Report**

- Superintendent Terry updated the Board on a FOIA request regarding a former employee.
- Superintendent Terry updated the Board on the new school funding formula as well as his upcoming participation in the IASA conference dated 28-30 September 2016.

16. **Administrative Reports**

RGS – Kindyl Etnyre

- Thank you to the Rockton Warriors Booster Club, the Keller family and Kovarik family for organizing a successful RGS family movie night.
- Looking forward to working alongside the Taylor Company on September 24th for our Green Apple Service Day. Thank you to Mrs. Forsythe for spearheading the event.
- I can't wait to camp on the roof when RGS meets their Fun Run goal of \$10,000! Thank you to Mrs. Kramper and Mrs. Schunurr for organizing our assembly.
- I would like to thank all of the staff at RGS for supporting me during the start of the year. I am fortunate to be surrounded by such a dedicated staff.

WPES – Megan Forsythe

- Teacher of the Week – Congratulations to Lance Tuula! Last Wednesday, he was surprised with WREX's teacher of the week!
- Buddy Bench – This week, the Buddy Bench was introduced to students at Whitman Post. The Post Kids Council put together a "promotional" skit and video to share with all of the classes at WPES. The Buddy Bench is a safe way for students to communicate on the playground that they need someone to play with and promotes inclusion. Thank you to Mrs. Scheppmann, Mrs. Carroll, and Mr. Gordon for helping to introduce this new addition to Whitman Post. And thank you to Mr. Enderle for burning the "Buddy Bench" inscription into our benches.
- Upcoming Events:
 - a. Green Apple Day of Service with Taylor Freezer
 - b. 10/17: RGS/WPES Scoopie Night at Culver's in Roscoe
- PTO Update:
 - c. Great turnout for our first ever Buffalo Wild Wings Night Fundraiser, congratulations to the wing-eating champion, Mr. Roer!
 - d. Fun Run will be Friday, September 30th
 - e. Mark your calendars: October 27th is our PTO Fall Family Reading Night

SMMS – Autumn Czizek & Matt Roer

- Our first school dance was Friday, September 9. We had a wonderful turn out and lots of canned food items were donated for the local food pantry.
- Mr. Mayer and our 7/8th grade middle school band will be performing at Hononegah's homecoming game on September 23.
- Upcoming sports events: Volleyball on September 26 and October 3. Home Soccer on September 22 and October 3.
- We would like to thank our 6th grade students and teachers for recognizing our local responders as part of their classroom lesson on 9/11. Students have done a wonderful job with their recognitions.
- Peer support will be attending their annual retreat on October 14-15 with Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Hammes and Mrs. DeVries.
- On behalf of the Booster Club, we would like to thank those who ordered mums; over 365 mums were ordered. The first movie night was last Friday and families watched Zootopia.

17. Comments from Community

None.

18. Members' Comments

- Mrs. Littlefield wished Mrs. Michowski a Happy Birthday.
- Mrs. Johnson stated Tiffany Ingram, Taylor Company employee, will be joining the Joint Finance Committee replacing Shawn Connors. She also updated the Board on the parenting class that United Methodist Church will be offering for 4 weeks starting mid-October for RSD #140 parents. The class, based on the book, "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids will Talk" will be held at United Methodist Church.

19. Adjournment

Mr. Meason moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Michowski. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Music Room on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.

Katie Littlefield, President

Stacey Heiar, Secretary