

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140

Board of Education Meeting

April 19, 2023

1. Call to Order

President Driggers called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess, Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson

Absent: Mary Newman

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tara Kochheiser, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Trisha Burgan, Lindsey Tackeberry-RTA Representative, Dan Krita and Matt Verdun from Wold Architects, Lisa Burgan

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

Correspondence for 4/19/23:

- 1-Out of school suspension at RGS
- 4-Bus suspensions at RGS
- 1-Out of school suspension at WPES
- 1-In school suspension at WPES
- 3-In school suspensions at SMMS

7. Executive Session

- Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))
- appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

Scott Robinson motioned to move into Executive Session at 6:01pm, seconded by Steve Harkess. All in favor 6 ayes. Motion Passed.

8. Approval of April Personnel

Certified New Hire

Arisa Midgett, Special Education Resource Teacher @WPES, Effective 23-24 SY

Lexie Robinson, 3rd Grade Special Education Teacher @WPES, Effective 23-24 SY

Lori Dittmar, Assistant Principal @SMMS, Effective 23-24 SY

Dulce Martin, Spanish Teacher @SMMS, Effective 23-24 SY

Molly Parker, 3rd Grade Teacher @WPES, Effective 23-24 SY

Certified PT to FT

Laura Erwin, PT to FT SLP, Effective 23-24 SY

Certified Resignation

Autumn Czizek, Principal @SMMS, Effective end of 22-23 SY

Certified Leave/FMLA

Megan Genens, 12 weeks (60 days), Effective 9/26/23 - 1/4/2024

Non-Certified New Hire

Michelle Dorris, FT 2nd Shift Custodian @SMMS, Eff 22-23 SY

Kaili Thompson, 1:1 Para @SMMS, Eff 22-23 SY

Jessica Gillespie, Para @SMMS, Eff 22-23 SY

Non-Certified Resignation/Retirement

Marilyn Cramp, Food Service @SMMS, Resign effective 3/22/2023

Kris Saey, Para @SMMS, Retire effective 5/26/2023

Stipend Resignation

Cindy Heckman, Shared Student Council Advisor @SMMS, End of 22-23 SY

Lucinda Balandis, Shared Student Council Advisor @SMMS, End of 22-23 SY

Scott Robinson motioned to approve 5-Certified New Hires, 1 Certified PT to FT, 1-Certified Resignation, 1 Certified Leave/FMLA, 3 Non Certified New Hire, 2 Non-Certified Resignation/Retirement, 2 Stipend Resignations, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Steve Harkess, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers-6 ayes.

Motion Passed.

9. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

- March 15, 2023 BOE Closed Session Minutes
- April 5, 2023 C.O.W. Closed Session Minutes

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the above referenced closed session minutes and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Steve Harkess. All in favor 6 ayes. Motion Passed.

10. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 April 2023 bills \$419,791.83, Approval of March Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of March reports as follows: Cash Report, Revenue Report, Expenditure Report, Cash & Investment Report, Operating Funds Summary, Fund Balance Report, Treasurer's Report, Check Register, Activity Check Register, Payroll Gross Earnings \$797,817.87, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$425,104.53
- Approval of March 15, 2023 BOE Minutes
- Approval of April 5, 2023 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative March 2023 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative March 2023 Financial Reports

Kelsey Lueshen motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess, Carson Breed-6 ayes.

Motion Passed.

11. Decision Regarding Approval of Bid for Exhaust Hood

Wold Architects is recommending that the bid that was received from Miller Engineering Company be rejected due to the equipment not conforming to the design intent of the project.

Steve Harkess motioned to reject the bid from Miller Engineering Company for an exhaust hood, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess, Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson-6 ayes.

Motion Passed.

12. Decision Regarding Approval of Bid for Air Handler at RGS

Wold Architects is recommending the lowest bid from Brucker Company be rejected based on an anticipated lead time to receive equipment that falls outside the project timeframe. Wold is recommending accepting the bid from Gunn and Pegelow for the contract amount of \$68,574.00.

Scott Robinson motioned to reject the bid from Brucker Company for an air handler at RGS due to equipment lead time falling outside the project timeframe, seconded by Steve Harkess.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess, Mike Plourde, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen-6 ayes.

Motion Passed.

Steve Harkess motioned to approve the bid from Gunn and Pegelow for an air handler at RGS for the contract amount of \$68,574.00, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers-6 ayes.

Motion Passed.

13. Decision Regarding Approval of Bid for Kitchen Construction at RGS

Cynthia Driggers motioned to approve Northwest Contractors base bid with Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$552,576.00 for kitchen construction at RGS, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess, Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson-6 ayes.

Motion Passed.

14. Approval of 2023-2024 Sub Rate Increase

Kelsey Lueshen motioned to approve 2023-2024 sub rate increase by \$25, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess, Mike Plourde-6 ayes.

Motion Passed.

15. Approval of Increased Social Work at SMMS

Carson Breed motioned to increase the social work services at SMMS by 1.4 FTE, seconded by Cynthia Driggers.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess, Carson Breed, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson-6ayes.

Motion Passed.

16. Old Business

None.

17. New Business

- Board Member Recognition-Cynthia Driggers presents Mike Plourde with a recognition plaque on behalf of the Rockton School District for his role as a board member from 2021-2023.

18. Adjournment

Carson Breed motioned to adjourn at 6:24 pm, seconded by Steve Harkess. All in favor 6 eyes.

Motion Passed.

19. Call to Order

President Driggers called the meeting to order at 6:24 pm.

20. Roll Call

Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson

21. Review Election Results

Cynthia Driggers read the election results as received from the Winnebago County Clerk's office. Congratulations to the following 4 elected board members:

Two Year Term

Stephen Harkess-write in-13 votes

Four Year Term

Mary Newman-1,174 votes

Kelsey Lueshen-1,124 votes

Trisha Burgan-1,123 votes

22. Administer Oath-New BOE Member

President Driggers administered the oath of office to four elected BOE members from the April 4, 2023 election: Stephen Harkess, Kelsey Lueshen, Trisha Burgan

23. Board Organization

President Driggers asked for nominations for president pro tem to carry out the election of officers to the Rockton School District Board of Education, the following were nominated:

- Kelsey Lueshen

President Driggers asked if there were any further nominations. President Driggers called for a vote on the candidate by show of hands.

Results:

Kelsey Lueshen was elected president pro tem by a unanimous vote.

President pro tem Lueshen asked for nominations for the office of President. The following were nominated:

- Cynthia Driggers

President pro tem Lueshen asked if there were any further nominations. Discussion was held on the candidate. President pro tem Lueshen called for a vote on the candidate(s) by show of hands.

Cynthia Driggers was elected President by a unanimous vote.

President Driggers asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. The following were nominated:

- Carson Breed

President Driggers asked if there were any further nominations. Discussion was held on the candidate. President Driggers called for a vote on the candidate by show of hands.

Results:

Carson Breed was elected Vice President by a unanimous vote.

President Driggers asked for nominations for the office of Secretary. The following were nominated:

- Mary Newman

President Driggers asked if there were any further nominations. Discussion was held on the candidate. President Driggers called for a vote on the candidate by show of hands.

Results:

Mary Newman was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote.

24. Approval of 2023-2024 BOE and COW Meeting Dates

Carson Breed motioned to approve the 2023-2024 BOE and COW meeting dates and location, seconded by Scott Robinson. All in favor 7 ayes.

25. Playground Update

Mr. Terry updated the BOE on the new playground project. He advised the BOE that signup notifications have gone out to staff and parents for the community build. Mr. Terry stated that \$18,000 has been received from local businesses and that REEF has pledged to donate \$10,000. PTO's Fun Run is scheduled for May 5th and 100% of funds received will go towards the playground expense. Mr. Terry reminded the BOE that the district had pledged up to \$100,000 towards the playground expense but the final amount looks to be around \$75,000. Total cost of the new playground at all 3 schools will be approximately \$241,915.00.

26. New Business

None

27. Superintendent's Report

- SmartProcure FOIA Request
- John Falzone FOIA Request
- Smart Procure 2nd FOIA Request

- Local Labs FOIA Request
- Data Research Partners FOIA Request

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that he had received 5 FOIA request over the last couple of weeks from the above referenced places. All had asked for similar information, i.e. employees name, position, address.

28. Administrative Reports

BOE Admin Report

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RGS Administrative Report

1. Kindyl Etnyre

- i. Our first graders took an inaugural field trip to Stone Ledge Farm, a horse training and academy stable. The students could not stop sharing about their experiences at the farm! Thank you, Gruenberg family!
- ii. Shout out to Mrs. Hauser: We celebrated and honored Mrs. Hauser during the week of April 3-7, National Assistant Principal Week. RGS would not be the best without Mrs. Hauser!
- iii. A special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Rehfeldt for organizing our preschool screening and kindergarten registration!

2. Erin Hauser

- i. We celebrated School Librarian Appreciation Day on April 4th. A very special shout out to our very own, Kelly Baumgartner and Cheryl Butler!
- ii. We celebrated Paraprofessional Appreciation week April 3-6 and recognized our outstanding paraprofessionals!
 1. Thank you, Bri Heitz, Robin Hardyman, Faith Fandel, Brooke Earlywine, Michelle Anderson and Jen Bryant for organizing.
 2. Our 'Para Pizzeria' included a one hour uninterrupted breakfast where they could enjoy time with their colleagues, posters around the building, special announcements from students and a free slice of RGS pizza at a time of their choosing.
- iii. Kindergarten Alphabet Musical - Thank you Stephanie Ballard for leading another outstanding performance on April 11th! It was so wonderful to see all of our kindergarten families celebrating such a special event.

WPES Administrative Report

1. Forsythe

- a. Our 5th graders celebrated their 1,000th day of school last Wednesday with decorated halls and fun activities including recreating their kindergarten pictures - students, teachers, & principals included! Thank you to our teachers for planning and organizing these engaging lessons for our students.
- b. Also last Wednesday, our 4th graders and WPES choir members put on a fantastic performance! It was so fun to watch our students singing, dancing, and being amazing kids. Thank you to Mr. Newman and Ms. Ballard for working so hard to let our students shine!
- c. PTO Updates:
 - i. Goodies with Grownups will be this Friday during RGS & WPES lunch times - we're looking forward to welcoming all these grownups to our cafeterias!

- ii. Our Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser is next Wednesday, April 26th at the Beloit location any time from 11AM-11PM.
- iii. We've had several business donations for our school playgrounds this past month - Country Financial, Cathy Bellich from State Farm, Law Office of Brendan Caver, and the Rockton Lions Club have all made generous donations!
- iv. Fun Run Assembly this Friday to kick off our biggest fundraiser of the year!
 2. Bonne Bonne will not be in attendance. He will be at his son's 1st grade Spring Concert.
 - a. Today we held our first session of Spring Fitness Club. Our coaches, Andrea Leitner, Amy Bigwood, and Taylor Jacobi have 90 students in the club and provide them with a variety of activities from walking and running to calisthenics.
 - b. Laura Benkovich, our reading specialist, has kicked off the annual, One Book One Community, event where "mystery readers" record themselves reading chapters. Links for each chapter get sent to families so they can follow along at home . This year we will be reading the book "Caterpillar Summer" by Gillian McDunn. For the reading, our mystery readers include teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, a board member, and a few students. Thanks for putting together this awesome activity for our families, Mrs. Benkovich!

SMMS Administrative Report

1. Autumn Czizek-will not be at the board meeting this month-it's Harper's opening night for Into the Woods, Jr.! :)

29. Executive Session

- appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))


Scott Robinson motioned to move into Executive Session at 6:49 pm, seconded by Cynthia Driggers. All in favor 7.

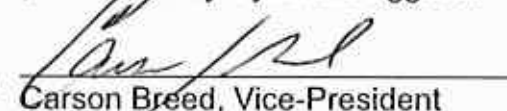
30. Members' Comments

The BOE welcomed Trisha Burgan to the board!

31. Adjournment

Carson Breed motioned to adjourn at pm, seconded by Cynthia Driggers.


Cynthia Driggers, President


Carson Breed, Vice-President