

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**March 15, 2023 6:00 pm**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tara Kochheiser, Lori Dittmar, Jenn Bryant-RTA, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Justin Bonne, Autumn Czizek

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

Addition to Closed Session Matters: Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10),

**5. Comments from the Community**

**6. Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Sam Hawkinson for the flowers sent after she had her baby.
- 1-Out of school suspension @ SMMS
- 4-In school suspensions @ SMMS
- 1-In school suspension @ WPES

**7. Executive Session**

- discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
- Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)
- Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)

Scott Robinson motioned to move into Executive Session at 6:02 pm, seconded by Carson Breed. All in favor 7.

**8. Approval of March Personnel**

**Certified New Hire**

Taylor Daniels, Certified School Psychologist, Effective with the 2023-2024 SY

**Non-Certified Resignation**

Danielle Cooper, 1:1 Para @SMMS, Effective 3/10/2023

Anna Yeager, Paraprofessional @SMMS, Effective 3/13/2023

Joe Krumsee, Custodian @SMMS, Effective 3/14/2023

**Certified Internal Transfer**

Hannah Rehfeldt, 3rd Grade SPED WPES to 2nd Grade SPED Teacher @ RGS, Effective 2023-2024 SY

Kaitlyn Feehan (Amenda), Kindergarten to Pre-K Teacher @RGS, Effective 2023-2024 SY  
Stori Dimke, 2nd Grade Teacher @RGS to PE Teacher @WPES, Effective 2023-2024 SY  
Dalton Holcomb, 7th Grade Science Teacher @SMMS, Effective 2023-2024 SY  
Taylor Gruenberg, 1st grade @ RGS to 5th Grade @ WPES, Effective 2023-2024 SY

**FMLA/ Extended Child Rearing Leave**

Mallory Lewis, 8th Grade Reading Teacher @SMMS, Effective 2023-2024 SY

**Certified Resignation**

Makenzie Palmeri, SPED Resource Teacher @WPES, Effective end of 2022-2023 SY

**Stipend Resignation**

Beth Johnston, Track Coach @SMMS, Effective 3/8/2023

**Stipend New Hire**

Lilyana de la Uz, Cheer Coach, Effective with the 2023-2024 SY

Luke McMillan, Track Coach Asst, Effective with the 2022-2023 SY

Mike Plourde motioned to approve 1 Certified New Hire, 3 Non-Certified Resignations, 5 Certified Internal Transfers, 1 FMLA/Extended Child Rearing Leave, 1 Certified Resignation, 1 Stipend REsignation, 2 Stipend New Hires, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen

Motion Passed.

**9. Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

- November 16, 2022-BOE
- December 14, 2022-BOE
- February 8, 2023-C.O.W.

Steve Harkess motioned to approve the above referenced closed session minutes, and recommend the following minutes remain closed, seconded by Mary Newman. All in favor 7. Motion Passed.

**10. Consent Items**

**Items recommended for the consent agenda are:**

- **Financials:** Approval of RSD #140 March 2023 bills \$105,888.19, Approval of February Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of February 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 \$797,270.47, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$428,019.22
- Approval of February 27, 2023 BOE Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative February 2023 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative February 2023 Financial Reports

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

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers

Motion Passed.

**11. Approval of One Year Bus Extension with First Student**

Mary Newman motioned to approve the one year bus extension with First Student, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess, Carson Breed

Motion Passed.

**12. Approval of WPES-Camera Project**

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the Omni Technologies quote in the amount of \$23,419.00 for camera upgrades at WPES, seconded by Steve Harkess.

Roll Call: Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen

Motion Passed.

**13. Approval to Hire 3 Summer Help Positions for Maintenance**

Kelsey Lueshen motioned to approve hiring 3 summer help positions for maintenance, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess, Carson Breed

Motion Passed.

**14. Second Reading and Approval of the Following Policy Changes:**

- 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
- 2:210 Organizational School Board Meetings
- 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:120 Food Services
- 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspension
- 5:320 Evaluation
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

- 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:340 Student Records

Mike Plourde motioned to approve the above referenced policy changes, seconded by Steve Harkess. All in favor 7. Motion Passed.

#### **15. Old Business**

- **RGS Kitchen Update**  
Mr. Terry advised the BOE that separate bids went out for the RGS kitchen update. The bid opening for the kitchen equipment will be next Thursday. The bid for the actual work will go out on Friday with the opening on April 6th. The approval for both will be at the April BOE meeting.
- **Enrollment Projection Update**  
Mr. Terry reviewed enrollment projections again and recommended that the Board continue with the original plan to reduce elementary positions. Mr. Terry indicated that there would still be a need to hire 2 certified staff as a result of the internal moves that have been made.

#### **16. New Business**

- **April 5th COW**  
The BOE had a brief discussion regarding the upcoming April 5th C.O.W. meeting. Cynthia Driggers and Mary Newman will not be present at the meeting. Carson Breed confirmed that he will be present and will lead the meeting in Ms. Driggers absence.

#### **17. Superintendent's Report**

- **Election Reminder**  
Mr. Terry reminded the BOE of the upcoming election. He urged everyone to get out and vote.

#### **18. Administrative Reports**

##### **RGS Administrative Report**

**March 15, 2023**

- i. Kindyl Etnyre
  - i. Next week, RGS will hold their annual preschool and kindergarten screening and registration process at the WCSEC! At this point in time, we have 99 future kindergarten students registered. We are also screening 38 current preK, EC and walk-in speech students in the school setting. This gives us an overall total of 137 kindergarten students. We currently are screening 64 new preschool students.
  - ii. Next year, RGS will be implementing three blended preschool programs and one self-contained preschool setting. We hope to offer

a more diverse continuum of services and increase our inclusion opportunities. We are looking forward to Kaitlyn Feehan, Bri Heitz and Keegan Ray leading this initiative!

## 2. Erin Hauser

- i. RGS raised \$14,930.29 for the Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge program! Thank you, Mr. Martin for organizing! Mrs. Wolfe's class earned a pizza party in the gym on Friday with him for raising the most as a class.
- ii. Last week, we celebrated National Maintenance Worker Day (Thank you Jamie, Justin and Brian) & National School Social Worker Week (You are amazing, Rebecca)!

## WPES Administrative Report

### 1. Forsythe

- a. We celebrated some special staff members these last couple of weeks with National Maintenance Worker and School Social Worker Recognition Days. Thank you to Jamie Lunsmann for joining our Rockton team and giving it his all! Jamie takes pride in our schools and has such incredible work ethic! And Christie Miklas, WPES' School Social Worker, is doing such a phenomenal job at connecting with our students, staff, and community. We are so lucky to have them part of our Rockton family.
- b. I-BOB (Battle of the Books) was held last Wednesday and was such a wonderful event that promoted reading and team work with the fun of a little healthy competition. Thank you to our Reading Specialist for all of her time and hard work in planning and organizing this fantastic event for our community.
- c. PTO Updates:
  - i. Be sure to check out the Rockton PTO Facebook page to see all of the events. Check out the pictures and videos from Friday night's Games with Grownups!
  - ii. Rockton PTO Beef-a-Roo Night was rescheduled for next Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Roscoe location from 4:30-close.
  - iii. Looking for business donations for our school playgrounds - all 3 schools will be getting new playground equipment that is set to begin with our community build plans from June 1-6 (RGS/WPES) and June 15-17 (SMMS). Be sure to contact the Rockton PTO with any business connections to help make this all happen!

### 2. Bonne

- a. We are so proud of our SEL(Social Emotional Learning) coaches, Christie Miklas and Megan Genens. On February 28th, in collaboration with Lori Dittmar, they held a SEL parent presentation at SMMS and did a fantastic job at teaching various concepts to our families in a fun and engaging way. About 20 adults and kids showed up to the event and we will be making the recorded version to all soon.
- b. We have a lot to look forward to in the next week. We are taking our students who make Quarter Rewards to Beloit Classic Cinema. Fifth grade will be going on Tuesday and our third and fourth graders will be going on Thursday. Also, next

Thursday and Friday our Fifth grade will be going to Camp Timberlee. Both staff and students are excited to finally make it happen! Thanks to our QR committee members (Kathy Sipe, Laura Brooks, Shelia Ball, Brianna Meyer, and Megan Genens) and our fifth grade team for all of their planning and hard work.

### **SMMS Administrative Report**

#### **1. Autumn Czizek**

- National School Maintenance Worker Recognition Day– A big thank you to Jamie Lunsmann, Emily Nighswonder, Xander Way and Deb Morrison. And just a thank you to Beth DeVries and Kristin Grimes for their support in honor of School Social Worker's Week. We appreciate everyone's dedication to our school!
- National Junior Honor Society held a fundraiser for the American Heart Association at the end of February. They raised \$625! Mr. Schroeder, Mrs. Bennington and Mrs. Way's homerooms were the grade level winners for the homerooms raising the most money in their grade levels.

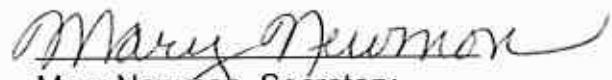
#### **19. Members' Comments**

Scott Robinson shared with the BOE that his son was able to participate in the DC trip this year. Mr. Robinson stated that his son had an awesome time and that it was a fantastic trip. Mr. Robinson thanked the chaperones that went on the trip for making this experience memorable for his son.

#### **20. Adjournment**

Cynthia Driggers motioned to adjourn at 6:56 pm, seconded by Steve Harkess.

  
Cynthia Driggers, President

  
Mary Newman, Secretary