

1. Call to Order

President Driggers called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

2. Roll Call

Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Trisha Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson

Absent: Steve Harkess

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tara Kochheiser, Sally Southworth-RTA, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Justin Bonne, Lindy Daniels

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Eliminate #6-Executive Session and #7-Student Residency Case 2023-1

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. ~~Executive Session~~

- ~~Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(10))~~

7. ~~Action Regarding Student Residency Case 2023-1~~

8. Correspondence

9. Hearing for SIP Waiver

Cynthia Driggers opened the public hearing at 6:10 pm., for the Waiver Application for the Modification of School Code. Said modification would allow the district to hold two full days of School Improvement in-service days, rather than four half-day school improvement and inservice days. There was no public comment.

10. Approval of SIP Waiver

Cynthia Driggers closed the public hearing at 6:11 pm. Kelsey Lueshen moved to approve the Waiver Application for Modification of the School Code, seconded by Scott Robinson. All in favor 6 ayes.  
Motion Passed.

11. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 November 2023 bills \$215,124.28, Approval of October Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of October 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 \$850,150.06, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$454,678.14
- Approval of October 18, 2023 BOE Minutes
- Approval of November 8, 2023 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative October 2023 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative October 2023 Financial Reports

Mary Newman motioned to approve the above reference consent items, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman, Trish Burgan, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers

12. Approval of November Personnel

Non-Certified New Hire

Ricardo Gomez, ELL Para, WPES, Effective 11/7/23

Daniel Marinelli, 1st Shift Custodian @RGS, Effective 11/1/23

Olivia Dirkse, 1:1 Para @WPES, Effective 11/6/23

Melissa Thor, PT (M-W) ELL Para @RGS & WPES, Effective 11/13/23

**Non-Certified Termination/Resignation**

Abbie Michowski, 1:1 Para, WPES, 10/27/23

William Peacock, Para, SMMS, 11/9/23

Doris Wilson, Classroom Para, WPES, 11/30/23

Rhonda Oakey, Classroom Para, WPES, 11/14/23

**Stipend Position Changes**

Minden Clark, WPES Project Fair Coordinator, Effective 23-24 SY

Scott Robinson motioned to approve 4-Non-Certified New Hires, 4-Non-Certified Termination/Resignations, 1-Stipend Position Change, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Trish Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman

Motion Passed.

**13. IAR Scores Presentation**

Lindy Daniels presented to the BOE the results of the IAR testing and the progress the district has made which is reflected in the scores from last year. Grades 3-8 are the grade levels that are participating in the IAR testing. RSD consistently exceeds the State's standards in the IAR test scores.

**14. Approval of 2024 Dental Premiums**

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the 2024 dental premium, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Trish Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman

Motion Passed.

**15. Approval of Part Time Custodial Position**

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the hiring of a part time custodial position at RGS, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Trish Burgan

Motion Passed

**16. Approval of Resolution to Intervene on Property Tax Appeal #03-13-402-021**

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing our Request to Intervene on Property Tax Appeal, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman, Trish Burgan, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers

Motion Passed.

**17. Old Business**

- **FY 25 Levy** - The Board has no followup questions regarding the levy.

**18. New Business**

None

**19. Superintendent's Report**

- **24 - 25 & 25 - 26 school calendars**  
Mr. Terry advised the BOE that Hononegah Nations is currently working on the calendar for the next two school years and will have something available for approval by February.
- **FOIA request from Procure-current employee information (i.e., names, titles, contact information)**

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that Tara Kochheiser had prepared the requested report and had submitted it to Procure.

- **Track Update**

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that the district had a company come out to inspect the track and he was told that at this time it only needs to be resurfaced. Mr. Terry stated that the BOE will approve going out to bid at the December BOE meeting.

- **GYM Roof Update**

Mr. Terry stated that the roof does not need to be replaced at this time. Instead, elastomeric coating will be applied to the gym roof which should give the district 15 years before it needs to be evaluated again.

- Mr. Terry thanked the BOE for the nut basket that was sent to him after his accident.

## 20. Administrative Reports

### BOE Admin Report

November 15, 2023

#### RGS Administrative Report

##### 1. Etnyre

- i. Three former Rockton Grade School students gave back to their elementary school! We would like to thank and recognize:
  1. Dominic Kasel for collecting and donating recess equipment.
  2. Gavin Schmidt for building a second 'buddy bench' for our playground.
  3. Cameron Driggers for building two new picnic tables for our courtyard.
- ii. Our district recently celebrated National School Psychology Week! We would like to publicly thank Taylor Daniels for her commitment to our students, families and staff. ♥

##### 2. Hauser

- i. Tuesday (11/14) we celebrated Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Day and wore blue! We have several students in our building who need our support!
- ii. Our math committee continues to meet regularly to support one of our building instructional goals (based on our survey from last year). Thank you to Lindy Daniels, Betsy Atkins, Amy Selover, Mary Spors and Jamise Roberts for your valuable input each meeting. Next steps include:
  1. Reaching out to local schools to inquire about math intervention delivery models and materials
  2. Seeking upcoming math PD
  3. Release time for the committee to look at our scope and sequence, plan ahead and look for intervention materials

#### WPES Administrative Report

- a. **Veterans Day Assembly** was held last Thursday and such a wonderful tribute to those who have served. Thank you to our committee members (Amy Meier, Lindsey Tackeberry, Catie O'Brien, Shelia Ball, & Rachel Garbutt), as well as Ms. Ballard and our WPES Choir for their wonderful performance and to Hononegah trumpeter, Spencer Paterson, for the playing of taps. We had over 40 veterans join us and a very respectful audience of 524 Whitman Post students.
- b. **Quarterly Bonanza** was a hit! Students enjoyed the Obstacle Course Bounce House, bingo, bubbles, chalk, the playgrounds, their scooters and bikes, snacks, and running around with their friends. Big thank you to all the teachers who volunteered their time to make it a success.
- c. PTO Updates:
  - i. **Games w/ Grownups & Turkey Bingo** were both such a fun success! Thank you to all of our volunteers and a shout out to our bingo callers, Mrs. Hauser & Mrs. Freeman. And **Pack the Bus** lived up to its title with so many Thanksgiving meal items delivered to Old Stone Food Pantry. Thank you to First Student, NJHS, and all of our volunteers for making such a positive difference in our community!
  - ii. December 9th is the Holiday Shoppe & planning is underway.

## SMMS Administrative Report

### 1. Bonne

- a. Incubator product reveal took place during parent teacher conferences last week. The event was held in the gym and students showed off their inventions and businesses, pitched their ideas, and sold their products to parents and fellow classmates. Some of the inventions included air-freshener for shoes, scented stress bracelets, locker organizers, fishing bait and flavored mouth spray.
- b. Happy School Psychologist Week, Scott Everson. Thanks for being a great resource to our staff and for the time you put into working to help our students.

2. Freeman is at her daughter's Fall concert.

### 21. Members' Comments

Mary Newman thanked all of the principals for all of the gifts they received for BOE Appreciation. Mrs. Newman also reminded the Admins. that REEF grants would be available in the upcoming days.

### 22. Executive Session

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

Scott Robinson motioned into Executive Session at 7:05 pm, seconded by Cynthia Driggers.

### 23. Adjournment

Cynthia Driggers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Mary Newman.

  
Cynthia Driggers, President

  
Mary Newman, Secretary