

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
Board of Education Meeting
August 23, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Steve Harkess, Trisha Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen

Absent: Scott Robinson

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tara Kochheiser, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Nicole Nelson, Justin Bonne, Jodie Freeman, Jenn Bryant-RTA

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

- Thank you cards from RGS, WPES & SMMS for the breakfast provided at the start of the school year and the bagels and donuts on Teacher Institute.

7. Executive Session

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

Mary Newman motioned to move into Executive Session at 6:02 pm, seconded by Carson Breed.

8. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 August 2023 bills \$893,996.79, Approval of July Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of July 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 \$619,565.76, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$337,001.86
- Approval of July 12, 2023 BOE Minutes
- Approval of August 2, 2023 Special Purpose Minutes
- Approval of August 9, 2023 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative June & July '23 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative June and July 2023 Financial Reports

Kelsey Lueshen motioned to approve the above reference consent items, seconded by Steve Harkess.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess, Trish Burgan, Mary Newman, Kelsey Lueshen
6-ayes.Motion Passed.

9. Approval of Personnel

Certified New Hire

Daniel Nelson, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher @SMMS, Effective 23-24SY

Non-Cert New Hire

Yessica Malpica Ramirez, SPED Paraprofessional @SMMS, Effective 8/14/2023

Alyssa Cote, 1:1 Para @RGS, Effective 8/14/2023

Doris Wilson, Para @WPES, Effective 8/14/2023

Verneda Kessling, 1:1 Para @SMMS, Effective 8/14/2023

Paula Warner, 2nd shift Custodian @SMMS, Effective 8/28/2023

Rhonda Oakey, Para @SMMS, Effective 8/28/2023

Non-Certified Resignation

Kimberly Wagner, 1:1 Paraprofessional @WPES, Effective 8/10/2023

Kyle Lane, Technology Specialist, Effective 9/22/2023

Certified FMLA Request

Kristin Grimes, FMLA, Effective 11/13/2023 - 2/22/2024

Carson Breed motioned to approve 1-Certified New Hire, 6-Non-Certified New Hires, 2-Non-Certified Resignation, 1-Certified FMLA Request, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Trisha Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen, Steve Harkess, Carson Bree, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers
6-ayes. Motion Passed.

10. Approval of Increase to Nurse Sub Rate

Steve Harkess motioned to approve the increase of nurse sub rate from \$21/hour to \$27/hour, seconded by Mary Newman.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Kelsey Lueshen, Trisha Burgan, Steve Harkess

6-ayes. Motion Passed.

11. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement

Cynthia Driggers motioned to approve the reopening, modifications and three year extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the RTA and BOE seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers, Steve Harkess, Kelsey Lueshen, Trisha Burgan

6-ayes. Motion Passed.

12. Approval of Contract with Southern Wisconsin Psych Service

Carson Breed motioned to approve the contract with Southern Wisconsin Psychological Services for the 2023-2024 school year, for a total of 72 days, at a rate of \$850/ per day, seconded by Steve Harkess.

Roll Call: Trisha Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen, Steve Harkess, Carson Bree, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers

6-Ayes. Motion Pass

13. New Business

- RGS Kitchen
Mr. Terry reported that the RGS Kitchen remodel is complete and that cooking has commenced.

14. Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Terry advised the BOE that the district has had a great start to the school year with the back to school breakfast that took place on August 14th. Mr. Terry advised the BOE that Jamie Lunsman alongside Miller Engineering kept all of the district's HVAC systems running during the brutal heat wave that the area endured.

15. Administrative Reports

BOE Admin Report

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RGS Administrative Report

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- i. Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Rehfeldt for her countless hours over the summer working with families on residency and transportation! No one will truly understand the organization behind our systems like Lisa!
 - ii. We would like to thank our summer school staff for an awesome two weeks of preparing our students for the 2023-2024 school year! It was a jungle out there!
 - iii. Our goal is to be a trauma-informed and care school. We are collaborating with the ROE #4 and Jennifer Kaiser to make that happen! One of the first steps is recognizing our own needs as individuals before helping others. We need to take care of ourselves and each other. ♥
2. **Hauser**
- i. It was all hands on deck with our playgrounds this summer! We wanted to send a special thank you to the Rockton PTO, Board of Education, REEF, RSD families, staff, community members and business donors that helped make this dream a reality! Our students were all smiles with the new equipment!
 - ii. Thank you to our summer maintenance staff for making our schools shine, we appreciate you! Welcome, Christine!

WPES Administrative Report

1. **Forsythe**
 - a. Thank you to Spring Eldridge and Alison Booth for all their hard work with registration and the start of the year. These two make such a great team and get the job done with smiles on their faces. Whitman Post is lucky to have this duo! Also, thank you to Jamie, Derek, & Chris for getting our building ready for the upcoming school year!
 - b. WPES teachers received training from the ROE on Trauma Informed practices. It was such an eye-opening experience that we are also looking forward to opening this training up to our paraprofessionals, and even possibly our bus drivers.
 - c. PTO Updates:
 - i. Back to school picnic & ribbon cutting ceremony was well-attended and a fantastic community event! We had many local vendors and organizations there to promote community involvement and student activities. Thank you to many of our donors, including Lisa & Trish Burgan, for their generous donation of all of the bouncy houses!
 - ii. Fall mum sales are open through September 1st with a pick up date of September 6th at Stephen Mack Middle School. We also have spirit wear available through American Bell so show that Rockton pride!

2. **Nelson**

- a. We spent time reviewing behavior expectations with all the students last Friday. Our "Behavior Bootcamp" was a success and we appreciate all the staff that helped make that possible.
- b. We received numerous school supply donations, including a large donation from NorthPointe Wellness. Thanks to the generous donations, we were able to provide families with needed supplies to kick the year off.

SMMS Administrative Report

1. **Bonne**

- Thanks to the SMMS staff with a special shout out to Jenny and Tina for all of their help with getting the year off to an amazing start. There has been a lot to learn in the last several weeks, but we are fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and supportive staff.
- We are back in full swing with athletics at SMMS. Several sports have already begun including cheer, dance and cross country. Volleyball tryouts just wrapped up and soccer braved the heat wave to cram in soccer tryouts to start the week. Games start next week for volleyball and soccer and cross country will have their first meet in Winnebago on Sept 5th. Thanks to Eric Eiss and all of our coaches for making all of these sports possible for our kids.

2. **Freeman**

- We welcomed all students back to school with an admin introduction and school expectations presentation in PE classes last Friday. The overall theme was on showing universal love and respect to each other and having a strong start to the year! Students in all three grade levels were so attentive and positive. In addition, our students are doing a fantastic job with the new cell phone policy and the dress code.
- SMMS has worked with the ROE to create SEL goals for the 2023-2024 school year. Staff self-care was identified as an area to improve upon. We plan to send out a monthly staff check-in and include self-care tips in the weekly newsletter.

16. Members' Comments

Mary Newman stated that she can feel the excitement from staff on the start of the school year!

17. Adjournment

Carson Breed motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm, seconded by Steve Harkess. 6-eyes. Motion Passed.


Cynthia Driggers, President


Mary Newman, Secretary