

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**October 20, 2021**

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1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

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

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Lindy Daniels, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Justin Bonne, Amy and Matt Mylin, Brian Wahl, Katie Hardwick, Heather Hardwick, Jamie Hanson

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

5. **Comments from the Community**

Brian Wahl, Matt Mylin and Katie Hardwick spoke about the need to start incorporating student dances and other student parent/events at our schools. Cynthia Driggers read an email she received from Nancy GeRue which contained the same sentiment as the speakers who appeared in person.

6. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from RGS staff for the breakfast provided on SIP day;
- 5-In school suspensions at WPES;
- 2-In school suspensions at SMMS;
- 1-Out of school suspension at SMMS.

7. **Lindy Daniels will present on IAR-i-Ready Testing/Scores**

Lindy Daniels presented to the BOE the results of IAR and iReady testing that took place last spring and this fall. Mrs. Daniels emphasized that 6 times more students didn't take the test last year as in previous years due to remote learning and general absences when testing was happening. She is hoping for a better comparison this year. Mrs. Daniels did explain to the BOE the difference between the IAR and iReady testing. iReady is taken 3 times a year and has national and state comparisons. Mrs. Daniels advised the BOE that with iReady, after each testing there is data review with our representative, which is more beneficial than IAR.

8. **Executive Session**

- appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),
- other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)

Scott Robinson motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm, seconded by Steve Harkess.

9. **Consent Items**

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

Financials: Approval of RSD #140 October 2021 bills:\$377,157.61, Approval of September 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:\$752,353.96, Payroll Liabilities Paid: \$411,000.90

- Approval of September 22, 2021 BOE Minutes
- Approval of October 8, 2021 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative September 2021 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative September 2021 Financial Reports

Mary Newman motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Cynthia Driggers.

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

10. **Approval of October Personnel**

### **Non-Cert New Hire**

Lani Rostamo, PT Para @RGS (MW)

### **Non-Cert Resignation**

Christena Rollins, Custodian @SMMS, Resignation Effective 10/8/21

Megan Schuller, Paraprofessional @RGS, Resignation Effective 9/27/21

Thomas Henschel, Para @SMMS, Effective 10/22/21

Scott Robinson motioned to approve 1 Non-Certified Hire and 3 Non-Certified Resignations positions, seconded by Steve Harkess.

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

### **11. Approval of RSD#140 FY21 Audit Report**

Steve Harkess motioned to approve the RSD#140 Audit Report for FY21, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

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

### **12. First Reading of Policy Changes**

The following policies are presented for a first reading:

- 2:10-School District Governance
- 5:10-Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 8:90-Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs
- 2:130-Board-Superintendent Relationship
- 2:240-Board Policy Development
- 6:145-Migrant Students
- 6:160-English Learners
- 6:235-Access to Electronic Networks
- 6:260-Complaints about Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

Mr. Terry asked the BOE if anyone had any questions regarding the proposed policy changes. Approval will be sought at the November BOE meeting.

### **13. COVID**

Mr. Terry reported to the BOE that last week there were zero positive cases and that the district's numbers have been very good for the last few weeks. He also advised the BOE that after careful consideration and with the high positive numbers at the beginning of the school year the decision was made to have fall parent teacher conferences be conducted virtually.

### **14. New Business**

### **15. Superintendent's Report**

- FOIA request-SmartProcure, Data Research Partners, LocalLabs.
- Story Walk Update  
Mr. Terry updated the new BOE on the story walk concept. Further, he explained that the Story Walk will be at Old Settlers Park and Cheryl Butler and Kelly Baumgartner have been working on details with the Village and Talcott library.
- Tax Levy  
Mr. Terry advised the BOE that Levy information will be presented at the next committee of the whole meeting.

### **16. Administrative Reports**

RGS Administrative Report

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1. Kindyl Etnyre

i. Erin and I would like to acknowledge our staff for being creative in planning safe, small group instruction experiences for our students. This type of instruction allows the teaching staff to meet the academic and social needs of the young learners!

ii. Thank you to Lindy Daniels for always planning a productive SIP day for our staff! The staff greatly appreciate the time to plan, share and collaborate!

2. Erin Hauser

i. PTO - It is time to pack the bus! PTO will partner with NJHS students from SMMS to host a food drive at RGS on Saturday, November 13th. Please spread the word!

ii. Shout out to our amazing specialists for implementing 'specials around the world'. It has been so wonderful to see students making connections across PE, Music, Art and Library. Thank you to Mr. Martin, Ms. Ballard, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Baumgartner and Mrs. Butler for making this happen!

#### WPES Administrative Report


1. Megan Forsythe (was not read at September meeting so same topics)
  - It's great to have our students participate in some after school activities again!
  - Whitman Post Running Club was a success! The group met after school every Monday and Wednesday the past two months to challenge each other and run laps around the school in different level groups. Many members of running club culminated this session with the Jamie Cox Memorial Run 5K this past Saturday. Thank you to our running club coaches, Amy Bigwood, Taylor Jacobi, and Brooke Michowski, for getting this activity up and running again! Pun intended.
  - Our after school reading and after school math classes are moving along. Thank you to Mr. Bonne and all of our ASR/ASM teachers for organizing this program to give our kiddos the opportunity for this extra academic boost.
2. Justin Bonne
  - This Friday we will be celebrating the end of the 1st quarter with our Fall Ball. Students will rotate with cohorts through 4 different stations that include a variety of activities including, bottle flipping, hula-hoops, gaga-ball, our new 9 square game, and a bouncy house obstacle course.
  - As part of our Character Program we focused on the character trait of kindness throughout our first quarter. Our teachers each nominated one student from their classes who exemplified this characteristic. This Friday we are awarding all of them on Friday during lunch with a special treat and they will receive special privileges throughout the day.

#### 17. Members' Comments

Scott Robinson thanked parents for coming and speaking. Mr. Robinson stated that the BOE takes these statements seriously and appreciates parents attending and sharing their thoughts. Cynthia Driggers also thanked the parents and the student for attending the BOE meeting and addressing the BOE.

#### 18. Adjournment

Steve Harkess motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by Cynthia Driggers. Motion carried.

  
Cynthia Driggers, President

  
Mary Newman, Secretary