

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
Board of Education Meeting
December 13, 2023

1. Call to Order

President Driggers called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Trish Burgan, Steve Harkess

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Nicole Nelson, Justin Bonne, Jodie Freeman, Lindsey Tackeberry-RTA, Al Molby, IASB

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

7. Hearing on Levy for FY25

Cynthia Driggers opened the public hearing for the RSD#140 FY 25 Levy at 6:02pm. Information detailing the 2025 Levy was published in the Rockton Herald.. There was no public comment. Cynthia Driggers closed the public hearing at 6:03pm.

8. Approval of Levy for FY25

Approval is recommended for the FY25 RSD#140 Tax Levy.

Kelsey Lueshen motioned to adopt FY25 RSD#140 Tax Levy., seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen
Motion Passed.

9. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 December 2023 bills \$160,514.59, Approval of November Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of November 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 \$850,196.44, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$454,997.82
- Approval of November 15, 2023 BOE Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative November 2023 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative November 2023 Financial Reports

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

Roll Call: Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen
Motion Passed.

10. Approval to go out to bid for gym roof repair

Scott Robinson motioned to approve going out to bid for the repair of the RGS roof, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen,

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen
Motion Passed.

11. Approval to go out to bid for track resurfacing

Scott Robinson motioned to approve going out to bid for the resurfacing of SMMS track, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers
Motion Passed.

12. Approval of December Personnel

Non-Certified New Hire

Carolyn Braun, Classroom Para, WPES, Effective 12/11/23
Sophia LoBianco, 1:1 Para, WPES, Effective 12/4/23
Jennifer Wetzel, 1:1 Para, WPES, Effective 12/11/23
Avery Leonard, 1:1 Para/Classroom Para, RGS, Effective 1/4/24
Nathan Ramlow, Classroom SPED Para, SMMS, Effective ASAP
Meagan Lee, Classroom SPED Para, SMMS, Effective ASAP
Diana Perkins, Class SPED Para, SMMS, Effective 1/4/24
Mallisa (Mandy) Avery, PT Custodian, Effective 11/30/23

Cynthia Driggers motioned to approve 8 Non Certified New Hires, Seconded by Mary Newman.
Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Kelsey Lueshen, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman
Motion Passed.

13. Old Business

Motion Passed.

14. New Business

- Upcoming investment with CD coming due
- PRESS release
Mr. Terry advised the BOE that there was a new PRESS release. A policy meeting will be scheduled for January.

15. Superintendent's Report

- **FOIA-Science of Reading Illinois**
- **FOIA-JMS Environmental Associates**
- **Facility Tax**
This can be up to a 1% in sales tax that districts can use for facility improvement and paying off bonds. If school boards in the county representing 50% of the total student population pass a resolution requesting the question be put on the ballot it will appear for vote by the voters.
- Mr. Terry reminded the BOE of the District's Christmas Party which is on December 20th at 3:30pm at Grand Avenue Pub in Beloit.

16. Administrative Reports

BOE Admin Report

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RGS Administrative Report

1. Etnyre

- i. The first grade piloted a new field trip this school year. They visited the Summerfield Zoo in Belvidere, Illinois. The most popular attraction was the reindeer in training! Kindergarten will attend their annual field trip to the Williams Tree Farm on Friday, December 15. Both trips set the mood for the holidays!
- ii. RGS Math Curriculum Update: Each grade level brought two representatives to meet with Lindy and admin regarding the scope and sequence of the new version of iReady. One of the outcomes was to bring in a math specialist to provide professional development in January 2024 regarding all of the resources available and the best way to implement these activities.

2. Hauser

- i. We had 40 amazing yearbook cover entries for this year's yearbook contest! Congratulations to our 2023-2024 yearbook cover contest winners, Rory and Lena! Rory Ruf's design (1st grade) will be featured on the front cover and Lena Harvey's design (2nd grade) will be featured on the back cover - we are so excited for both of our winners!

- ii. Thank you to the wonderful Ms. Ballard, 2nd grade teachers and all of our students and families for a wonderful second grade concert last week (12/7) - Songs of December was a memorable one!
- iii. Our RGS Behavioral Committee is hard at work! Thank you to our committee members for helping us brainstorm!

Taylor Daniels, Erin Rollinson, Adrienne Engelsen, Amy Stevens, Faith Fandel, Rebecca Scheppmann, Kailyn Feehan, Bri Heitz, Mary Vosberg, Laura Lueshen

WPES Administrative Report

a. Nelson

- i. We want to thank Mr. Newman for two amazing concerts this month. Our 3rd & 5th graders did fantastic and we were fortunate to have Mrs. Ballard and the choir perform at the 5th grade concert. We are excited to see the 4th grade concert in the Spring.
- ii. Wimpy's, Candy Cane Sales were a huge hit! We sold candy canes for three days during our Spirit of Giving Week. We sold 2,831 candy canes!
- iii. Our Whitman Post yearbook winners were both from 4th grade this year! Our 2023 - 2024 theme is "Whitman Post is Out of This World." Dane Carbaugh was our front cover winner and Ashlynn Wells won the back cover design with their great outer space designs.
- iv. The Holiday Shoppe was a huge success! The PTO did a wonderful job planning and organizing this event for our community. The feedback on the event has been great. This year the PTO brought in Santa, outside vendors, and NJHS students with their service projects. One NJHS student shared that they were able to raise \$200 for their charity, Brown Paws Rescue, and were able to get Noodles adopted during the event. Overall it was a wonderful day!

SMMS Administrative Report

1. Bonne

- Recognition of our music program.
- This last Saturday, the SMMS choir sang at Rockford United Methodist church with choirs from neighboring schools for the Hometown Holiday event. I've heard from those in attendance that the students put on a phenomenal performance.
- Tomorrow night (12/14/23) we will have the Winter Concert at SMMS at 7:00pm.. It will highlight our 6th grade band, SMMS Concert Band and the for the first time, the SMMS choir.
- Sports Update
- The last home game of our cheer, dance and boys basketball season was this last Monday night. As with all final home games, we had "Parent Night" where we honored parents of 8th grade athletes by having their student athletes bring a carnation to them in the stands. That night we had 25 8th graders (14 8th grade boys, 5 Cheerleaders and 6 dance team members) wrap up their final seasons as Warriors in their respective sports. After tonight, boys will enter the tournament in a gridlock for first place. When we come back from break we kick off the girls basketball season where the first game will be played at Willowbrook on Jan 16th.
 - On a side note we have had great attendance all season long with anywhere from about six to eight hundred dollars in ticket sales totalling about \$5500 for the season.

2. Freeman

- SEL Update
- Our Social Worker, Beth Devries and classroom teacher, Olivia Spera attended an SEL training in November and they plan to
- We continue to send out a monthly staff check-in that allows staff the opportunity to share how they are feeling, what they need, and they can shout-out their coworkers. Staff who receive a shout-out are recognized with a certificate of awesomeness and a treat.

Wimpy's Week ended with Anything But a Backpack Day at Stephen Mack! If students donated to the Wimpy's Fund throughout the week last week, they could bring in a book-carrying device of their choice on Friday. We saw fishing nets, crockpots, luggage, and little tikes cars.

17. Members' Comments

None

18. Executive Session

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

Mary Newman motioned into Executive Session at 6:34pm, seconded by Scott Robinson. All in Favor 5 ayes.

19. Adjournment

Mary Newman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm, seconded by Scott Robinson.


Cynthia Driggers, President


Mary Newman, Secretary