

1. Call to Order

President Driggers called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Carson Breed, Steve Harkess

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Nicole Nelson, Lindsey Tackberry-RTA, Kevin Finnegan, Betsy Atkins

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Addition of the following to Executive Session:
 - Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11))

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

- Thank you card from Nicole Gorsline for the flowers sent after her surgery.
- 8-In school suspensions at SMMS
- 1-Half day out of school suspension at RGS

7. Executive Session

- appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
- Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))
- Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11))

Scott Robinson motioned into Executive Session at 5:01pm, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

8. Approval of the following Closed Session Minutes

- December 13, 2023 BOE Closed Session Minutes
- January 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes
- January 11, 2024 Special Purpose Closed Session Minutes
- January 24, 2024 BOE Closed Session Minutes
- January 29, 2024 Special Purpose Closed Session Minutes
- February 7, 2024 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the above referenced closed session minutes and recommend that they all remain closed, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen. All in favor 5 ayes. Motion Passed.

9. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 February 2024 bills \$514,869.49, Approval of January Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of January 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 \$781,066.26, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$434,426.18
- Approval of January 24, 2024 BOE Minutes
- Approval of January 29, 2024 Special Purpose Minutes
- Approval of February 7, 2024 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2024 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2024 Financial Reports

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

Roll Call: Trisha Burgan, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen

Motion Passed.

10. Approval of the Bid from Freeport Industrial Roofing, Inc., for the replacement of the RGS Gym Roof in the amount of \$158,900.00

Mary Newman motioned to approve the bid from Freeport Industrial Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$158,900 for replacement of the RGS gym roof, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

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

Motion Passed.

11. Approval of E-Rate Bid

Kelsey Lueshen motion to approve the E-Rate application from TCNetworks in the amount of \$52,068.00, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Trisha Burgan, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen

Motion Passed.

12. Approval of 24-25 and 25-26 School Calendars

Kelsey Lueshen motioned to approve the proposed calendars for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years, seconded by Trish Burgan. All in favor 5 ayes. Motion Passed.

13. Approval of February Personnel Certified Resignation

Mallory Lewis, 8th Grade Reading Teacher, Effective end of 23-24 SY

Certified Irrevocable Letter of Retirement

Amy Meier, Retirement, Effective end of 26-27 SY

Non-Certified New Hire

Diana Perkins, 1:1 Paraprofessional, WPES, Effective 2/12/24

Tina Burns, 2nd Shift Custodian, SMMS, Effective 2/14/24

Jeniffer Aguirre, EC/Pre K Para, RGS, Effective 3/5/24

Non-Certified Termination/Resignation

Dan Marinelli, RGS 1st Shift Custodian, Effective 1/29/24

Katherine Geary, WPES Kitchen, Effective 3/7/24

Non-Certified Internal Transfer

Paula Warner, Custodian, SMMS 2nd Shift to RGS 1st Shift

Stipend Position Changes

Luke McMillan, Asst Track Coach, Resignation, Effective 2/7/24

John (Dan) Adler, 7th Grade Girls BBall Coach, Resignation 2/14/24

Kyle Michowski, 7th Grade Girls BBall Coach, Effective 2/15/24

Scott Robinson motioned to approve 1-Certified Resignation, 1-Certified Irrevocable Letter of Retirement, 3-Non-Certified New Hires, 2-Non-Certified Termination/Resignation, 1-Non-Certified Internal Transfer, 3-Stipend Position Changes, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

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

Motion Passed.

14. Approval of Assistant Superintendent Contract

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the proposed Assistant Superintendent Contract for Kevin Finnegan effective July 1, 2024, seconded by Cynthia Driggers.

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

Motion Passed.

15. Approval of the creation of an EL teacher position and two math interventionists

Mary Newman motioned to approve the creation of an EL teaching position and 2 math interventionists, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

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

Motion Passed.

16. Old Business

None

17. New Business

None

18. Superintendent's Report

- **Impact Fees**

Mr. Terry shared that RSD received \$20,000.00 in impact fees from the Hawks Point subdivision construction.

- **Denali/Hawks Point Developments**

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that he has heard that some problems have arisen in regards to construction in Denali and Hawk's Pointe. This might delay Phase 3 in Denail and has delayed the start of construction in Hawke's Point.

- Mr. Terry reported to the BOE that Governor Pritzker is recommending fully funding EBF.

19. Administrative Reports

BOE Admin Report

February 21, 2024

RGS Administrative Report

1. Etnyre

- a. Last week our kindergarten, first and second grade classes rode a bus to HCHS to meet their English/Reading 'Buddies.' The classes read stories, wrote story reviews and made bookmarks together. We would like to recognize Susan Bohn and Jean Chambers for their collaborative efforts!
- b. From February 12-16, all students in P.E. classes participated in the annual Kids Heart Challenge. Our running total to date is \$14,651.63! Our top class was Mrs. Lanning with \$1083.89 in donations! Our top earners are Abby Butts (\$554.75) and Addyson Reiland (\$568.19)!

2. Hauser

- a. Friendship week was one to celebrate! Thank you, Mrs. Scheppmann, for organizing theme days and an awesome Masked Reader assembly. Friendship week aligned to our social/emotional curriculum, Second Step. Thank you to our guest readers - Cheryl Butler, Lisa Rehfeldt, Andrea Enderle and Mandy Avery for helping with our assembly!
- b. February is National Children's Dental Health Month and we have so much happening at RGS! Mrs. Hubbell organized our mobile dentist visits this week, kindergarten students went to Talcott Library the last two weeks to learn about dental health and first graders will have a dental health presentation at the end of the month.

WPES Administrative Report

a. Forsythe

- i. Kindness Coins - Whitman Post students are focusing on being kind to all, including others, and stopping any name-calling. Each day that WPES shines with kindness, our building earns a kindness coin that is displayed in a heart on our center pillar. When our heart is filled with kindness coins, students all earn an extra recess!
- ii. Whitman Post 5th graders had their first spelling bee! The top 3 students from each class competed last Thursday morning in the WPES cafe. Blake Wright was crowned the queen bee of those 24 super-spellers. Congratulations, Blake, and thank you to Mrs. Negri & Mrs. Mathews for organizing this for our school. We're looking forward to this new tradition in the years to come!
- iii. PTO
 1. Rockton IceHogs Night was a success! Our Whitman Post choir did an exceptional job performing the National Anthem to a sold-out crowd, our

top ten ticket sellers got to ride the Hamboni in between periods, and it was a fantastic fundraising event for our PTO, earning almost \$1,500!

2. The Snowball Dance provided an AMAZING evening for 850 of our Rockton students and special grownups. Thank you to Nancy GeRue and all of the volunteers for such an incredible event.

b. Nelson

- i. ASR/ASM Spring Session is underway! We want to thank our teachers for providing this opportunity to 35 of our kiddos. ASR/ASM runs till May 9th.
- ii. School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is tomorrow, February 22nd. Students have made cards and notes to show their bus drivers how much they appreciate them. We are looking forward to giving those to the drivers.
- iii. To honor our district-wide theme of "Long Live Love", we created WPES Spreading the Love. Staff can complete a Google Form recognizing any staff member who has gone above and beyond for them. To date, we have 94 submissions from staff. The uplifting notes have brought smiles to the faces of the recipients and we have recognized those who have nominated the most/received the most nominations at our staff meetings.

SMMS Administrative Report

1. Bonne

- Kindness Week took place last week at SMMS. In addition to celebrating Valentines day and having various themed days (sports, PJ Day, red,pink,hearts, Tie Dye, Class Act) we asked all students to take place in Kindness BINGO in which they crossed off things like writing thank you notes, talking to someone new, holding the door open, and giving compliments to name a few. Any student who completed a blackout and turned in their card will receive a cookie at lunch.
- Events at the Mack.
- Incubator Product Reveal Night took place last night. Thanks to Cori Taylor for all of the effort she put into the event.
- The SMMS Band will perform at the IceHogs game this Friday. They will be out on the ice performing the national anthem.
- The girls bball season is coming to a close with the tournament starting Saturday (Roscoe for 7th grade & Willowbrook for 8th). The finals for each tourney will take place on the 28th.
- About 70 8th grade students will join Laura Zimmerman, her son Tyler, Megan Forsythe and myself next Friday as we head to Washington D.C. for the 8th grade field trip! Over the course of four busy days we will see many national monuments, and if all goes according to plan,evals we will get a chance to tour the White House.

2. Freeman

- Cheering on her son Miles!


20. Members' Comments

None

21. Adjournment

Trish Burgan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:48pm, seconded by Scott Robinson.


Cynthia Driggers, President


Mary Newman, Secretary