

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
Board of Education Meeting  
February 27, 2023

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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, Carson Breed, Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen

Absent: Steve Harkess, Scott Robinson

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tara Kochheiser, Megan Forsythe, Kindyl Etnyre, Mary Vosberg-RTA

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

Removal of Executive Session

5. **Comments from the Community**

None

6. **Correspondence**

- 3-Bus suspensions at RGS
- 1-Out of school suspension at RGS
- 9-In school suspensions at SMMS

~~7. **Executive Session**~~

8. **Approval of February Personnel**

**Stipend Resignation**

Sarah Stitt, Cheerleading Advisor @SMMS, Effective with the end of 22-23 school year duties

Ali Bowers, Spirit Squad Advisor @SMMS, Effective with the end of 22-23 school year duties

**Stipend New Hires**

Taylor Daniels, Spirit Squad Advisor @SMMS, Effective with the 23-24 school year

**Stipend Bonus - Extra Duties For 22-23SY**

Autumn Czizek

Kindyl Etnyre

**Non-Certified New Hire**

Deborah Morrison, part-time custodian @ SMMS effective 2/13/2023

Abbie Eldridge, Paraprofessional @ WPES, effective 2/27/2023

**Certified Internal Transfer**

Matt Hammes, Move from 7th Grade Science to 8th Grade Science, Effective 23-24 SY

Paige Vansistine, 4th Grade Teacher to 4th Grade SPED Teacher, Effective 23-24 SY

**Certified Irrevocable Letter of Retirement**

Penny Lee, SMMS Teacher, Effective end of 2024-2025 SY

Sally Southworth, SMMS Teacher, Effective end of 2025-2026 SY

Cari Benkovich, WPES Teacher, Effective end of 2025-2026 SY

Carson Breed motioned to approve 2 Stipend Resignation, 1 Stipend New Hire, 2 Stipend Bonuses, 2 Non-Certified New Hire, 2 Certified Internal Transfer, 3 Certified Irrevocable Letter of Retirement, seconded by Mike Plourde.

Roll Call: Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers

Motion Passed.

#### **9. Consent Items**

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

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 February 2023 bills \$302,121.08, Approval of Revised December Payroll Liabilities \$558,546.60, 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 \$757,463.04, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$414,713.54
- Approval of January 18, 2023 BOE Minutes
- Approval of February 8, 2023 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2023 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2023 Financial Reports

Mary Newman motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mike Plourde

Motion Passed.

#### **10. Approval of the 2023-2024 District Calendar**

Mary Newman motioned to approve the 2023-2024 District Calendar, seconded by Carson Breed. All in favor 5 ayes.

Motion passed.

#### **11. Approval of Land Rental Contract with New Tenant**

Mary Newman motioned to approve the land rental contract between Chad Kaeding and Rockton School District, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Mike Plourde, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Kelsey Lueshen

Motion Passed.

**12. Approval of E-Rate Grant from Entre Computers in the Amount of \$35,179.67**

Cynthia Driggers motioned to approve Entre Computers quote in the amount of \$35,179.67 for the E-Rate Grant, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mike Plourde

Motion Passed.

**13. Approval to Go Out To Bid for New HVAC System at Rockton Grade School**

Kelsey Lueshen motioned to approve going out to bid for a new HVAC system at Rockton Grade School, seconded by Mary Newman. All in favor 5 ayes.

Motion Passed.

**14. Approval of Camera System Upgrade at Rockton Grade School from Omni Technologies in the Amount of \$24,187.00**

Cynthia Driggers motioned to approve the camera system upgrade at Rockton Grade School in the amount of \$24,187.00 from Omni Technologies, seconded by Mary Newman.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde

Motion Passed.

**15. First Reading of the Following Policy Changes:**

- 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
- 2:210 Organizational School Board Meetings
- 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:120 Food Services
- 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspension
- 5:320 Evaluation
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy

- 7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:340 Student Records

Second reading and approval will take place at the March 15, 2023 BOE meeting.

## **16. New Business**

Mr. Terry and the BOE discussed the following:

- It was agreed that the March 8th Committee of the Whole meeting will be canceled. The next meeting will be the March 15th BOE meeting.
- Mr. Terry advised the BOE that he will be out of the office on Wednesday, March 1st, and is hopeful to return the next day. Mr. Terry also advised that he will be out of the office from March 3rd, returning on the 8th.
- Mr. Terry advised the BOE of the negotiations with First Student regarding an extension of the district's current contract. Mr. Terry advised that the district will incur a 17.5% increase in pricing for next year. He advised that going out to bid due to the increase would not produce better pricing. Mr. Terry stated that approval of the extension would be sought at the next BOE meeting.

## **17. Superintendent's Report**

- FOIA-Illinois Retired Teacher's Association
- FOIA-Local Labs

## **18. Administrative Reports**

### **RGS Administrative Report**

**February 22, 2023**

1. Kindyl Etnyre

i. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade took a short bus ride to the Hononegah Performing Arts Center to view Willy Wonka! Students were entertained by the amazing singing and acting!

ii. Happy National Children's Dental Health Month! Kindergarten made a trip to Talcott library to read and create smiles full of teeth. The first grade will have a visit from Dr. Kilby from Roscoe Family Dental.

iii. Happy Bus Driver Appreciation Day!

2. Erin Hauser

i. We want to give a very special shout out to Ms. Stephanie Ballard for a wonderful first grade concert last week! Sounds of the Night was an epic performance - including singing in pajamas! First graders were all smiles!

ii. Thank you, Mrs. Scheppmann, for organizing Friendship Week! Students celebrated with themed spirit days to celebrate being a caring friend.

### **WPES Administrative Report**

1. Forsythe

a. "High Flying Huskies" visited our 5th graders to give us all a dog sled presentation. This corresponds to many of our 5th grade classes' Iditerod themed

activities, and we wish Mrs. Fish a wonderful adventure and learning experience as she joins other educators at the Iditarod in Alaska next week! Mrs. Fish will be meeting virtually with her class while she is in Alaska to share her experiences.

b. Thank you to our Rockton BOE and PTO for putting together our Valentine's Room Service for all of our staff members. It was such a treat for everyone to hang their snack and drink requests on their door handles. We felt the love and appreciation!

c. PTO Updates:

i. Our first ever Snowball Dance set some records! Thank you to all of our volunteers for putting such a memorable evening together for our over 1,000 Rockton family members who attended the event!

ii. Games with Grownups - Friday, March 10th

#### **Bonne**

d. We recently completed our book study on Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics and it provided a lot of insights into various instructional strategies that are not limited to math alone. Thanks to all of our participants for diving into the book with us and engaging in some reflective conversations.

e. On Valentine's Day our 4th graders attended a presentation by Miss Carly's in our Gym. Through this our students gained understanding on what it is like to be homeless. Later, our kids decorated 225 lunch bags and put together lunches for families. Our parents donated all sorts of goodies including chips, granola bars, water bottles and oranges. Thanks to our 4th grade students for their efforts and Paige VanSistine and the fourth grade team for putting together this experience for our kids.

#### **SMMS Administrative Report**

Autumn Czizek

- Congratulations to Drew Grimes for winning the SMMS Spelling Bee. His winning word was conifers. All of our students participated in classroom spelling bees and the winners of the classroom spelling bees moved on to the school bee. Thank you to Mrs Balandis and Ms. Lee for organizing the spelling bee and best of luck to Andrew as he moves on to the next round.

- SMMS held No Name Calling Week

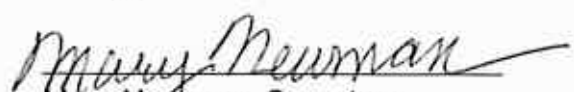
#### **19. Members' Comments**

Mary Newman advised the BOE that she helped with the SMMS Spelling Bee. Mrs. Newman expressed how much fun it was and the enjoyment she received from helping.

#### **20. Adjournment**

Mary Newman motioned to adjourn at 6:24 pm., seconded by Carson Breed.

  
Cynthia Driggers, President

  
Mary Newman, Secretary