

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**September 20, 2023 6:00 pm**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Trish Burgan

Kelsey Lueshen arrived at 6:08pm

Absent: Steve Harkess

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Laura Lueshen-RTA, Jenn Bryant-RTA, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Nicole Nelson, Justin Bonne, Alan Molby-IASB, Arissa Midgett, Lexie Robinson, Dulce Martin, Molly Parker, Holly Janowski, Aiesha Rice-Dainty, Rachel Garbutt, Madison Kloster, Taylor Daniels, James Ivacic, Caitlin O'Brien

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

None

**5. Comments from the Community**

Laura Luesehn said thank you for the kitchen renovation. SMMS rec night was good.

**6. Correspondence**

- RGS had 1 out of school suspension and 1 bus suspension;
- WPES had 4 bus suspensions, and 3 in school suspensions;
- SMMS had 4 in school suspensions and 3 out of school suspensions.

**7. RSD#140 Budget Hearing**

Cynthia Driggers opened the public hearing for the RSD#140 hearing at 6:04pm. Information detailing the 2024 budget was published in the Beloit Daily News. There was no public comment. Cynthia Driggers closed the public hearing at 6:04pm.

**8. RSD#140 Budget Approval**

Approval is recommended for the FY24 RSD#140 Budget.

Scott Robinson motioned to adopt FY24 RSD#140 Budget, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Trish Burgan

Motion Passed.

**9. WCSEC Budget Hearing**

Cynthia Driggers opened the public hearing for the WCSEC Budget Hearing at 6:06 pm. Information detailing the 2024 budget was published in the Herald in August. There was no public comment. Cynthia Driggers closed the public hearing at 6:06pm.

**10. WCSEC Budget Approval**

Approval is recommended for the FY24 WCSEC Budget.

Scott Robinson moved to adopt the 2024 Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative budget presented, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Trish Burgan, Scott Robinson, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers

Motion passed.

**11. Introduction of New Teachers**

RTA Co-Presidents, Laura Lueshen and Jen Bryant introduced the following new hire teachers to the BOE while playing an interactive game of two truths and a lie:

Arisa Midgett, Lexie Robinson, Dulce Martin, Molly Parker, Holly Janowski, Aiesha Rice-Dainty, Rachel Garbutt, Madison Kloster, Taylor Daniels, Alexandra Lidbury, James Ivacic, Cailllin O'Brien.

## **12. 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))
- Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21))

Scott Robinson motioned into Executive Session at 6:19 pm, seconded by Carson Breed. Back to open session at 6:31pm

## **13. Approval of Closed Session Minutes**

- July 12, 2023 BOE Closed Session Minutes
- August 2, 2023 BOE Special Purpose Closed Session Minutes
- August 9, 2023 COW Closed Session Minutes
- September 6, 2023 COW Closed Session Minutes

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the above referenced closed session minutes and it is recommended that they remain closed, seconded by Carson Breed. All in favor 6 ayes. Motion Passed.

## **14. IASB Presentation**

Alan Molby from IASB is here to present to the BOE the benefits of using IASB to conduct a Superintendent search.

## **15. Approval to use IASB for Executive Search**

Carson Breed motioned to approve the Contract with IASB for an amount not to exceed \$9,900, seconded by Scott Robinson.

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

## **16. Consent Items**

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

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 September 2023 bills \$388,042.30, Approval of August Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of August 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 \$670,100.15, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$371,355.52
- Approval of August 23, 2023 BOE Minutes
- Approval of September 6, 2023 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative August 2023 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative August 2023 Financial Reports

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Trish Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman  
Motion passed

## **17. Approval of September Personnel**

### **Non-Certified New Hire**

Rocio Urban, 1:1 Paraprofessional @RGS, Effective 8/30/2023

Konnor Mogenis, Technology Specialist, Effective 9/18/2023

### **Non-Certified Resignation**

Lilyana de la Uz, Paraprofessional @RGS, 9/8/2023

Yessica Malpica Ramirez, Paraprofessional @SMMS, 9/12/2023

### **Stipend Resignation**

Lilyana de la Uz, Cheer Coach @SMMS, 9/8/2023

### **Certified Irrevocable Letter of Retirement**

Lindy Daniels, Curriculum Coordinator, Effective end of 2025-2026 SY or fall of 2026

Scott Robinson motioned to approve 2 Non-Certified New Hires, 2 Non-Certified Resignations, 1 Stipend Resignation, 1 letter of retirement seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Trish Burgan, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen  
Motion passed

### **18. Second Reading and Approval of Policy Changes**

The following policy was reviewed and presented at the September Committee of the Whole Meeting and is recommended for Board approval:

- 7:190 Student Behavior

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the above reference policy change, seconded by Carson Breed. All in favor 6 ayes. Motion Passed

### **19. Approval of Contract with TC networks**

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the Contract with TC Networks for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$110,250.00, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Trish Burgan  
Motion passed

### **20. Old Business**

None

### **21. New Business**

None

### **22. Superintendent's Report**

- FOIA Request-Janine Asmus
- SMMS Track: Wold was contacted about resurfacing the track. We will go out to bid in late November/early December. The booster club will be contributing to the total cost.

### **23. Administrative Reports (need to get notes from staff. Here are the highlights.)**

BOE Admin Report

September 20, 2023

RGS Administrative Report

#### 1. Etnyre

- i. Fall field trips are happening at RGS!
  1. Our kindergarten classes are visiting the Pumpkin Patch in Caledonia.
  2. The first grade classes traveled to Marengo to visit Cody's Farm and Orchard.
  3. The second grade classes will be touring the Severson Dells Nature Center in Rockford.
- ii. Our self-care focus for September and October is honing in on our core values and personality types. The more we understand about ourselves and team members leads to stronger daily choices and relationships.
- iii. Special shout out to Andrea Enderle for National Substitute Appreciation Week! We ♥ you and your dedication to RGS!

#### 2. Hauser

- i. We are so excited to have the Rockton Fire Department visit on October 11-12, 2023! They will discuss fire safety and prevention with all RGS students and provide goodie bags and fire hats for students to take home.
- ii. RGS is grateful to have our therapy dogs back again this year! Thank you, Cassie, Nadine, Tom and Betsy for bringing your furry friends each week to visit our students! We appreciate Mrs. Atkins organizing this amazing opportunity!

- iii. RGS will hold their annual ALICE evacuation drill this Friday (9/22). The Rockton Police Department will be present to observe this event.

## WPES Administrative Report

### 1. Forsythe

- a. Thank you to Jennifer Kaiser and the ROE for providing the Trauma 101 Trainings. While our teachers had this training during our TI Days, our paraprofessionals also attended this training at either an after school session or one we held in the morning at WPES last week. We received great feedback on not only the training providing strategies to best meet the needs of our students, but also gave our paraprofessionals an opportunity to reflect on their own self care and ways we can support them as administrators. We are looking forward to welcoming Jennifer back for future trainings!
- b. In honor of National Substitute Appreciation Week, we want to give Keri Solverson a shout for all the hats she wears each day at WPES. And we are so grateful for all of the amazing substitutes who join us in the Rockton School District.
- c. PTO Updates:
  - i. Fun Run/Color Run is set for Friday, September 29, and is "scaled down" as we move the event back to the fall after having just held it in the spring. Looking forward to focusing on the FUN while also raising some additional funds for our Rockton PTO.
  - ii. PTO Bucks is a new incentive to promote volunteers for our PTO events and also a way for our PTO to support our classrooms!

### 2. Nelson

- a. Afterschool activities are up and running at WPES!
  - i. We have 42 students getting ASM/ASR support.
  - ii. We have 90 students participating in Fitness Club
  - iii. We have 15 students enjoying Ukelele Club
  - iv. We have 42 students enjoying Choir
  - v. We will have an after-school Art Enrichment Class starting on 9/26
  - vi. We appreciate our teachers for providing these opportunities for our kiddos.
- b. The 5th-grade team is having a "bonus" rec night on 9/29 to help offset costs for the Spring Timber-lee trip. We appreciate the 5th-grade team for giving their time and keeping this wonderful tradition going at an affordable cost to our families.

## SMMS Administrative Report

### 1. Bonne

- a. We couldn't be more happy to have Beth Johnston as our permanent sub. In addition to filling in wherever she is needed, she brings such much positive energy into our building. Thanks for all you do for our staff and students!
- b. Last Friday, the Rockton PTO put on the first rec night of the year. We had 132 out of 157 excited sixth graders turnout for the event. They played board games and Nintendo up in the mezzanine, ate concessions, and we also had an open gym and 3v3 basketball tournament. On top of all the fun, the PTO raised over \$1,600 in profit. A special thanks to our NJHS volunteers who were able to help supervise and help everything run smoothly.
- c. In the past couple weeks we have had a few new clubs start up. Every Monday, students can attend Strategic Games Club with Ann Hart where they play and learn a variety of board games. Yearbook club that is run by Penny Lee and Lucinda Balandis meets on Thursday's, and Student Council, run by Amanda Mathews and Krista Sumner is underway. They are hard at work planning events and dances for the year. Thanks to all those who help get our students involved!

### 2. Freeman

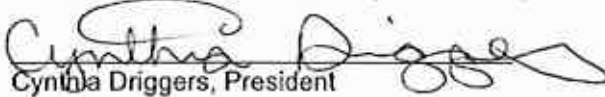
- a. Freeman will be supervising at our volleyball game tonight.

## 24. Members' Comments

None

**25. Adjournment**

Scott Robinson motioned to adjourn at 7:51pm, seconded by Carson Breed.

  
Cynthia Driggers, President

  
Mary Newman, Secretary