

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 19, 2022 6:00 pm**  
**Rockton Grade School Cafeteria, 1050 E. Union, Rockton, IL 61072**  
**FOR BOARD ACTION OR CONSIDERATION**  
**Agenda**

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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, Steve Harkess, Scott Robinson, Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Justin Bonne, Jacqui Thompson

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

None

**5. Comments from the Community**

None

**6. Correspondence**

- Thank you card from WPES staff for the treats provided on SIP day.
- 2 In school suspensions at WPES
- 1 bus suspension at WPES
- 8 In school suspensions at SMMS

**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)(2)).~~

**8. Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

Financials: Approval of RSD #140 January 2022 bills \$681,242.40, Approval of December 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 \$1,103,151.65, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$546,751.20

- Approval of December 15, 2021 BOE Minutes
- Approval of January 5, 2022 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative December 2021 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative December 2021 Financial Reports
- Approval of \$1,500 donation of STEM supplies from Thermos

Mary Newman motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Mike Plourde.

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

7 ayes. Motion passed.

**9. Approval of January Personnel**

**Non-Cert New Hire**

Brianna Conley, Food Service @SMMS, Effective 1/3/22

Citlalli Herrera, 1:1 Para @WPES, Effective 1/10/22

Tiffany Fouch, Classroom Para @SMMS, Effective 1/17/2022

**Non-Cert Resignation**

Ashlie Miles, Classroom Para @RGS, Effective 1/14/22

Nicole Kelly, Secretary @WPES, Effective 1/2/22

**LT Subs(Floater)**

Andrea Enderle, RGS, Effective 1/3/22

Kassi Brooks, WPES, Effective 1/3/22

Beth Johnston, SMMS, Effective 1/3/22

**Stipend Resignation**

Matt Hammes, Quiz Bowl Advisor/Coach, Effective 1/3/22

Mr. Zachary Newman, Play Director, Effective 1/11/22

Angela Newman, Asst Play Director, Effective 1/11/22

**Stipend New Hire**

Sally Southworth, Quiz Bowl Advisor/Coach, Effective 1/12/2022

Steve Harkess motioned to approve 3 Non-Certified Hire, 2 Non-Certified Resignations, 3 LT Subs, 3 Stipend Resignations, 1 Stipend New Hire, seconded by Mary Newman.

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

7 ayes. Motion Passed.

**10. Approval to Go Out to Bid for SMMS Office Complex Flooring Replacement**

Mary Newman motioned to go out to bid to replace the flooring in the SMMS office, seconded by Carson Breed.

All in favor, 7 ayes. Motion Passed.

**11. Approval to Go Out to Bid for SMMS Parking Lot**

Scott Robinson motioned to go out to bid for parking lot work to be completed at SMMS, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

All in favor, 7 ayes. Motion passed.

**12. Approval of Non-Certified Hourly Rate Adjustment**

Mike Plourde motioned to approve the rate adjustment for hourly employees as discussed at C.O.W. , seconded by Carson Breed.

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

7 ayes. Motion passed.

**13. Policy Report-First Reading of Batch #1**

- 2:120-Board Member Development
- 2:220-School Board Meeting Agenda
- 2:20-Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
- 2:110-Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 2:260-Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 3:40-Superintendent
- 4:60-Purchases and Contracts
- 4:110-Transportation
- 4:160-Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 4:165-Operational Services
- 4:170-Safety
- 4:175-Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check and/or Screen; Notifications
- 5:30-Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:50-Drug and Alcohol-Free workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
- 5:90-Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100-Staff Development Program
- 5:120-Ethics and Conduct
- 5:125-Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 5:150-Personnel Records
- 5:185-Family and Medical Leave
- 5:200-terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:220-Substitute Teachers
- 5:250-Leaves of Absence
- 5:330-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that approval of the first batch of policy changes would be sought at the February BOE meeting. He asked if the BOE had any questions regarding the changes and stated that questions can be asked at the next meeting also.

#### 14. COVID

Mr. Terry advised the BOE on the increase of positive cases in the district and how it is affecting the staff. As of right now, the district has 35 positive cases, which could surpass last week's total of 49 positive cases. Mr. Terry advised that filling these absent spots has been tough but is being handled right now. Mr. Terry is hoping that the District will be turning the corner very soon. However, since positive numbers have been rising, in person parent teacher conferences will likely not happen in February unless numbers drop drastically.

Mr. Terry did advise that he was able to pick up 400 more Binex testing kits today, which will allow the District to continue to test to stay employees and students.

Mr. Terry also updated the BOE on the ongoing case against Hononegah School District and Prairie Hill School District that was filed by parents opposing the mask mandate. Mr. Terry thought that the judge would rule on this case within the next couple of weeks. There was a brief discussion regarding how the ruling would impact our district.

#### 15. New Business

None

#### 16. Superintendent's Report

- FOIA request - SmartProcure  
Mr. Terry informed the BOE that the District received a FOIA request from SmartProcure for purchase order information. The District receives these requests quarterly from SmartProcure.
- FOIA request-Illinois Retired Teachers Association  
Mr. Terry informed the BOE that the District received a FOIA request from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association requesting contact information for the teachers who will be retiring this year. Mr. Terry stated that he receives this request annually around this time of year.

#### 17. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

January 19, 2022

Kindyl Etnyre

- Thank you to our family volunteers who supported our classroom December holiday celebrations! It was wonderful to see familiar faces and welcome new parents into RGS!
- Thank you to Mrs. Joanna Geddes and Thermo Fisher Scientific for supporting our STEM classroom activities at RGS!

Erin Hauser

- Thank you to the BOE & PTO for the delicious breakfast items for our January institute day. It was very much appreciated! Another special thank you to our PTO for organizing our December Santa visits - nothing but smiles at RGS, WPES and SMMS the last week before break!
- PTO - Looking forward to our donut fundraising through The Mix, kicking off in February!

WPES Administrative Report

Justin Bonne

- Last Thursday we honored 25 students (1 from each class) who were nominated by their teachers and/or peers as someone who constantly exemplifies the character trait of empathy. These students were celebrated by their classes throughout the day as they enjoyed special privileges, and we gifted them with a golden crown and a pack of golden oreos to reward their golden behavior. This Friday we are going to keep the fun going by having a Halfway Hooray Celebration during lunch. Thanks to the quarter rewards committee, we are going to decorate the lunch room, blast music, and have a special treat for all students.
- Thank you for approval of the permanent sub positions! They have already provided a sense of reliability each day when filling positions.

SMMS Administrative Report

Jacqui Thompson

- Recently Stephen Mack had a Winter iReady challenge that started during Thanksgiving break and finished after Winter break. Homerooms competed to have the highest number of iReady lessons

passed. Winning included Mr. Schroeder's room in 6th grade, Mrs. Limke' room in 7th grade, and Mr. Collins' room in 8th grade. Additionally, five students won free Culver's meals for having the highest number of individual lessons completed. Prizes will be delivered on Friday morning.

- We also wanted to take a moment and thank our teachers who are working with our students in their extra curricular activities. We appreciate the staff and all the additional experiences they are providing for our students, helping them feel like school is somewhat normal throughout all the COVID chaos.

**18. Members' Comments**

Scott Robinson thanked Jacqui Thompson for going above and beyond her job duties to assist his child with a computer issue they were having while being quarantined.

**19. Adjournment**

Carson Breed moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

  
Cynthia Driggers, President

  
Mary Newman, Secretary