

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2007 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rockton School District No. 140, Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on April 25, 2007, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

	<u>LaForge</u>	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Pearcy</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. Meason arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Georgiann McKenna, Barbara Browning, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, Teachers Sherril Erickson, Marta Polakowski, Carol Fruth, Milana Bergstrom, Cari Benkovich, Business Manager Julia Saunders, PTO co-presidents Stacey Byxbe and Shelly Curtis, and various guests.

Mrs. Percy moved to enter closed session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss the 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). Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Percy, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Percy, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

Forensics Presentations

A group of WPES students presented their award winning speeches.

PTO Playground Proposal

PTO presidents, Stacey Bxybe and Shelly Curtis presented the proposal to construct new playground areas for RGS and WPES. The PTO requested the district fund half of the playground project. The BOE will consider the PTO proposal.

Health Curriculum

Marta Polakowski, SMMS health teacher, was present to answer questions about the district's health curriculum.

Parent Teacher Advisory Committee

Mrs. Percy moved to approve recommendations from the Parent/Teacher Discipline Advisory Committee for changes and/or corrections to the Student/Parent handbook, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Percy, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

Also discussed at the March 16, 2007 meeting was implementing student and/or staff uniforms. The Board directed Mr. Taphorn to explore the idea.

Correspondence

- Letter from Rock Valley College recognizing the leadership and professionalism displayed by Ms. Phommachanh and Mr. Larson for their contributions to this year's Science Olympiad.
- Three letters of school suspension and three letters of in-school detention.

Mrs. Percy moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Percy moved to approve items on the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

Items included:

1. March 21, 2007 Regular meeting minutes, April 2, 2007 and April 11, 2007 Negotiations Committee meeting minutes, and April 3, 2007 Special Purpose Board of Education meeting minutes
2. April bills, May payroll, March treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. IESA membership renewal

Summer Maintenance Assistance

Mr. Schubert moved to approve three full time and one part-time additional summer maintenance workers at the approximate cost of \$14,500, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, Meason, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Percy, to approve the following employments.

Non-Certified - remainder of the 2006-2007 school year

- Barb Kleban – WPES Special Education Aide – part-time
- Ellen Krantz – RGS Oversize Classroom Aide – part-time
- Cindy Mattox – RGS Special Education Aide – part-time

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Meason, Praneis, Schubert, Neece, Warren, LaForge. Nay: None. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve the following employment.

Certified - 2007-2008 school year

- Stacey Shahamat – Satellite Teacher

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Meason, Praneis, Schubert, Neece, Warren, LaForge. Nay: None. Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve the following transfers, carried unanimously.

Transfer – 2007-2008 school year

- Anna Johnson – First Grade Teacher to Second Grade Teacher
- Terri Brown – Title I Reading Teacher to Second Grade Teacher

Mrs. Warren moved to recognize Barb Kubat for completing the requirements for tenure, effective with the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Warren moved to direct the superintendent to follow through on the recommendations regarding the discipline of staff member 1A as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mrs. Percy.
Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Percy, Praneis, Meason, Warren, Neece. Abstain: Schubert. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to direct the superintendent to follow through on the recommendations regarding the discipline of staff members 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mrs. Percy.
Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Percy, Praneis, Meason, Warren, Neece. Abstain: Schubert. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the March 21, 2007 regular closed session minutes, April 2, 2007 and April 11, 2007 Negotiations Committee closed session minutes, and April 3, 2007 Special Purpose Board of Education closed session minutes, and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Village of Rockton

Mrs. Percy moved to approve request from Village of Rockton for additional easement at the site of Well No. 7 located on the southeast corner of the WPES property pending confirmation of existing benefits, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.
Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Percy, Praneis, Meason, Schubert, Warren, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

Quarterly Investment Review

The quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was provided. As per BOE policy, the Board is requested to review the investment performance by appropriate and creditable standards for the investment type. Superintendent Harezlak provided information and recommendations regarding third quarter investments.

Library Automation

Mr. Schubert moved to approve Option 1 of the presented proposal – Follett Destiny library automation system in the amount of \$26,701.10 for all three schools, seconded by Mrs. Neece.
Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Percy, Meason, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

Summer Construction Projects

Mrs. Percy moved to approve bid in the amount of \$8,594.00 for carpeting RGS library and Mrs. Eischeid's classroom, seconded by Mr. Schubert.
Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Meason, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve bid in the amount of \$6,377.00 for SMMS storage room, seconded by Mrs. Neece.
Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, LaForge, Meason, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Percy moved to proceed with the bid documents to reseal and repair RGS, WPES, and SMMS parking lots, seconded by Mr. Schubert.
Roll call vote: Aye: Warren, LaForge, Meason, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Meason and Superintendent Harezlak reported on the proposals received to assess air quality at SMMS. Decision regarding assessment on hold until after summer roof repairs are completed.

Discussed replacing gym lights at SMMS. More information will be available at the May BOE meeting.

Lease Agreements

Mr. Schubert moved to approve lease agreement renewal for one year for the following, seconded by Mr. Meason.

- Chapel Street facility – Streamwood/Northwest Academy
- School Street facility – Universalist Unitarian Church

Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, LaForge, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of obtaining a realtor to sell the Chapel Street facility.

Legal Liability Bid Process

Bid specifications for school board legal liability, worker's compensation and treasurer's bond will be prepared. The results of the bids will be brought to the June BOE meeting for a decision.

Policy Committee

A meeting was not scheduled at this time because of other meetings.

BOE Reminder

A special purpose BOE meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the district office conference room to affirm the April 17, 2007 canvass of election results and seat the elected Board members, elect officers, set BOE meeting dates and address items posted on the May 9th agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

Strategic Planning

The process begins again. The district's strategic planning task force with old and new members will gather for a two-day planning session during the first week of May. At the May BOE meeting, their new vision and preliminary plans for the district's next strategic plan will be shared.

Evaluations – Parent Conference Day

Summary reports of parent evaluations of the spring conference day were provided.

ISBE Certificate of Recognition

Each of our school buildings as well as the district received a "Fully Recognized" certificate from the Illinois State Board of Education. This annual recognition certifies our fulfillment of the standards established for Illinois public schools.

Other

Superintendent Harezlak asked the board members what they wanted to do with the old bus.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning

- Thanked the BOE for their support for the library automation system.
- Reported that RGS received an Ecolab grant for book bags for the early childhood students.
- Shared that Mr. Martin and RGS students raised \$7,100 for the American Heart Association.
- Reported that the first kindergarten concert will be May 15.

Dr. McKenna

- Reported that WPES received an Ecolab grant in the amount of \$1,400.
- Shared that two WPES students have art exhibits on display at the Rockford Art Museum.

Mr. Larson

- Reported that he joined Ms. Phommachanh and SMMS Science Olympiad team went to the State Science Olympiad tournament and it was a good experience for all.
- Expressed gratitude for Mrs. Fruth's hard work and dedication.

Mr. Taphorn

- Reported that the last student council dance was successful.
- Reported that the anti-bullying assembly was great.
- Noted that Class Act day was today.
- Thanked the Village of Rockton with student discipline help. As part of their discipline, students with parent permission helped the Village with various jobs.

Mrs. Percy moved to enter closed session at 9:42 p.m. to discuss the 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). Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Neece, Percy, Meason, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 11:18 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Percy, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LaForge moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved Date: May 23, 2007

President: _____

Secretary: _____