

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2008 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 23, 2008, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 6:25 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, RTA Representative/Teacher Glenn Terry, Curriculum Coordinator Kindyl Etnyre, Rob Baxter from Rockford Register Star, Roger Eckdahl from Larson and Darby, and various staff, parents, and community members.

Closed Session

Mrs. Percy moved to enter closed session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss 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). 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 Mr. Schubert.

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

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

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

Forensics Presentations

A group of RGS and WPES students presented their award winning speeches.

Strategic Planning

The 2008 – 2012 Strategic Plan document was presented to the BOE. Leaders from the three action teams – Student Achievement, Growth, and Community Engagement – reviewed a summary of the proposed action plans.

Mrs. Warren moved to accept with gratitude and in memory of Ruth Pennycook, planning task force member, the draft 2008-2012 Strategic Plan as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- Thank you card received from Scott and Erin Rollinson for the book received for the birth of daughter Emma.

- Thank you card received from Monica Way and family for the book and plant received for the birth of son Teagan.
- Thank you card received from Andrea Leitner for the book received for the birth of daughter Isabella.
- Thank you card received from Roger Eckdahl, architect for the district, for the flowers sent during his illness.
- Eleven letters of school suspension and eight letters of in-school detention.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Percy moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.
Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: None.
Carried.

Items included:

1. March 19, 2008 Regular meeting minutes and March 19, 2008 Policy Committee meeting minutes
2. April bills, May payroll, March treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Illinois Elementary School Association annual membership

Summer Maintenance Assistance

Mr. Schubert moved to approve request of three full-time and one part-time additional summer maintenance workers, seconded by Mrs. Neece.
Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Praneis, Meason, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: None.
Carried.

Student Discipline

Mrs. Warren moved to expel student number 1-2008 per recommendation by Assistant Principal Mr. Taphorn for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mr. Schubert.
Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Praneis, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Abstain: Meason.
Nay: None. Carried.

Personnel

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

- a. Employment – 2008-09 school year

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| • Lindy Daniels | Curriculum Coordinator |
| • Kelly Baumgartner | WPES library teacher – part-time |
| • Carie Champeny-Johns | SMMS Special Education teacher – full-time |
| • Jay Bigwood | WPES Fifth grade teacher |
| • Mary Newman | WPES Project Fair Advisor |
| • Diana Stephens | SMMS Quiz Bowl Coach |
| • Tom Breese | SMMS Girls Basketball Coach |

- b. Transfer – 2008-09 school year

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| • Julie Breese | Second Grade teacher to Fourth Grade teacher |
| • Chris Wolfe | Second Grade teacher to Third Grade teacher |

c. Resignation

- Kevin Burns
- Brenda Hobson

Girl's Basketball coach
WPES secretary – effective end of 07-08 school year

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

Mrs. Warren moved to deny child rearing request for 2008-09 school year from Milana Bergstrom – RGS library teacher as discussed in closed session seconded by Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Neece, LaForge, Meason, Schubert, Percy, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve FMLA as requested from Michelle Bottensek – RGS Special Education teacher, seconded by Mrs. Percy, carried unanimously.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the March 19, 2008 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Quarterly Investment Review

The quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was provided.

Summer Construction Projects

Mr. Schubert moved to approve bid from Larson and Larson Builders, Inc. for repair of the RGS cafeteria and gym ceiling, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Neece, LaForge, Meason, Schubert, Percy, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to authorize architect Roger Eckdahl to prepare bid documents to repair the SMMS roof, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Praneis, Neece, LaForge, Meason, Percy, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Policy Committee Report

The following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for Board action at the May BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes.

- o 5:35 – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- o 5:222 – Part-time Teachers
- o 5:226 – Stipend
- o 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions
- o 5:336 – Full/Part-time Status
- o 7:150 – Agency and Police Interviews

Mrs. Percy moved to approve the March 19, 2008 Policy Committee minutes, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Fixed Asset Appraisal

Mrs. Percy moved to accept proposal from American Appraisal in the amount of \$6,100 to prepare a full appraisal with replacement values, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Schubert, Praneis, Neece, LaForge, Meason, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Village of Rockton TIF Project

Details of the proposed TIF district for Rockton was reviewed.

Mr. Meason moved to authorize Superintendent Harezlak to prepare a statement regarding proposed TIF district, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

The following statement was sent to the Village President and Trustees:

Although the Rockton School District Board of Education acknowledges the suitability of the location and the potential economic benefit to the community of the proposed TIF, the Rockton School District expresses concern that the length of the TIF (23 years) is overly burdensome to school districts. We request the Village Board establish concessions within the TIF proposal that would minimize the significant loss of revenue over 23 years for the area schools. We believe that adjusting the length of the TIF as well as instituting an annual contribution to the schools would lessen the long term harm of diverting needed tax dollars to our local schools.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

IASB Survey

BOE members were provided an IASB survey to complete by May 1st.

April SIP Day Evaluations

Summary evaluations for the April 11th SIP day were provided.

PreK Grant Initiative

The district has submitted a grant request to the state to expand the preK program to fund another half day program enabling the district to serve 20 more pre-school at-risk students.

Other

- Superintendent Harezlak shared that she joined the eighth grade class on their field trip to Springfield.
- Students participated in 'Jump Rope for Heart' and \$21,000 was raised.
- Mentioned the article in The Herald regarding Denie Kelley and the SMMS geography club.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- Mr. Larson is supervising students at Upham Woods.
- Thank you to Mr. Terry for his assistance during his administrative internship.
- The eight grade field trip to Springfield was wonderful.
- May 2nd is Red and White day at SMMS in honor of Denie Kelley and Jay Larson.
- Several compliments have been received for the new track.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- The PTO playground build is Saturday, April 26.
- The Golden Apple banquet to honor winner Amy Meier is April 26th.
- Forensics was April 19th.
- WPES 'Where and When' fundraiser raised \$1,500.
- PTO elected new board members for 2008.

- Thanked the BOE for continued support for the SMMS track.
- Brainstormers assembly to encourage student creative writing was successful.

Mrs. Browning reported:

- The rain forest art show is currently displayed in the art room at RGS.
- The speakers at April SIP day were great.
- At the kindergarten concert there was a special tribute to retiring teacher Mrs. Eggum.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Camp Invention enrollment is increasing.
- The math study team is preparing for the new math textbook.
- The SIP day speakers were excellent.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Meason reported:

- His daughter attended a very good sixth grade math and science program at Beloit College.

Closed Session

Mrs. Percy moved to enter closed session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss 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). 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 Mr. Schubert.

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

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 10:30 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mrs. Percy moved to approve the three-year contract for Superintendent Jean Harezlak as presented in closed session, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Neece, LaForge, Percy, Warren, Praneis. Nay: Meason. Carried.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Neece moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. LaForge, carried unanimously.

Approved date: May 28, 2008

President: _____

Secretary: _____