

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 28, 2010 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 28, 2010 at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

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

	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</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 6:05 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Scott Rollinson, Barbara Browning, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry and Jim Taphorn, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, and various parent and teacher guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert 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), seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call vote: Aye: Michowski, Midgett, Schubert, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Forensics Presentations

Magnolia Maurer – 2nd grade, Jacob Roberson – 3rd grade, Amelia Fenton – 4th grade, and Olivia Mueller – 5th grade, presented their award winning speeches.

Correspondence

- Thank you card from the kindergarten teachers for purchasing SmartBoards for classrooms.
- Thank you cards from Lisa Rudy, Karen Binger, Kris Holland, and Teresa Tomblinson for flowers received on Administrative Assistants' Day.
- Thank you card from WPES teacher Ruth King for allowing students to attend performance of the SMMS play "Annie Jr."
- Four letters of in-school suspension and five letters of out-of-school suspension.

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

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Items included:

1. March 17, 2010 Regular meeting minutes and March 17, 2010 Policy Committee meeting minutes
2. April bills, May payroll, March treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
4. Renewal – Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) membership for 2010-2011 school year

Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis.
Nay: None. Carried.

Summer Maintenance Assistance

Mr. Schubert moved to approve additional four full-time and one part-time summer maintenance workers, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Meason, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Warren, Praneis.
Nay: None. Carried.

Personnel

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

- a. Non-certified staff released effective end of 2009-10 school year
 - o Kristina Hall RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - o Cindy Dantuma Food Service Aide – part-time
 - o Christine Brown RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - o Mary Gillis RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - o Nancy Damon RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - o Jay Krueger WPES Custodian – full-time
 - o Jill Barron SMMS Lunchroom Aide – part-time

- b. Non-certified staff reduction in force for the 2010-11 school year
 - o Katie Kramar Satellite Teacher Assistant – full-time
 - o Jenna Manning Satellite Teacher Assistant – full-time
 - o Kristine Saey SMMS Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - o Laurie Yost WPES Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - o Melissa Olivotti WPES Teacher Assistant – part-time
 - o Kyle Schneider Computer Technician – part-time
 - o Carleen Hill RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time

- c. Non-certified part-time staff reduction in time for the 2010-11 school year
 - o Tina Bottensek SMMS After School Secretary (reduce 1 hour per day)
 - o Kris Holland Public Relations/Curriculum Secretary (3 days/week to 2 days/week)

- e. Resignation – end of 2009-10 school year
 - Certified
 - o Tammy Tongue WPES Special Education Teacher

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Michowski, Meason, Warren, Schubert, Midgett, Praneis.
Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the March 17, 2010 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Quarterly Investment Review

The quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was provided. Superintendent Harezlak provided Information regarding third quarter investments.

Policy Committee Report:

- At the March 17, 2010 Policy Committee meeting, the following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for BOE action at the May meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes.
 - 4:30 – Revenue and Investments
 - 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
 - 4:90 – Activity Funds
 - 4:110 – Transportation
 - 4:170 – Safety
 - 5:20 – Sexual Harassment
 - 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
 - 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

- Mr. Midgett moved to approve changes to policies listed below, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.
 - 2:200 – Types of School Board Meetings
 - 2:250 – Access to District Public Records
 - 4:110 – Transportation
 - 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - 6:60 – Curriculum Content
 - 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
 - 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - 7:180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

“Budget At a Glance” Brochure

Final copy of the district's “Budget At a Glance” brochure was distributed. The brochure will be released to the public and posted on district website after May 17th.

Registration Late Fee Cap

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve a \$50 cap on late fees for summer registration, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Neece, Michowski, Meason, Warren, Schubert, Midgett.

Nay: None. Carried.

Vets Roll Initiative

Rockton students and staff are participating in this local initiative for WWII veterans to visit Washington D.C. by preparing thank you letters for the veterans' service to our country.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Bravo and Applause for Annie Jr.

The SMMS cast of "Annie Jr." under the direction of Stephanie Araoz and Rebecca Rathe, provided a delightful and very entertaining performance for our school community.

ISBE Academic Excellence Award

Congratulations once again to WPES and SMMS for achieving the 2009 Illinois Honor Roll. To earn this award, Illinois schools have 90% of the students meet or exceed state standards in reading and math for three or more consecutive years. Although RGS students are not eligible for this award because of they do not participate in the ISAT testing, the preparation and learning that occurs during these primary years provides the foundation for the ongoing academic excellence in the upper grades.

Other

- A draft of Board of Education meeting dates for 2010-11 school year was distributed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Browning reported:

- Pro Kids Show assembly at RGS and Pro Kids Family assembly at SMMS on April 26th were wonderful.
- The kindergarten concert is May 12th at HHS.
- School Improvement day was successful.
- Laura Lueschen and Keegan Ray received an Ecolab grant.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- HHS students will be at all three schools on April 29th to do service projects.
- May 3rd through May 7th is Teacher Appreciation Week.
- The WPES after-school cross country race is May 12th.
- Fifth grade students will be visiting SMMS on May 14th.
- Stori Dimke and Mary Newman received Ecolab grants.
- Former SMMS students will be participating in a marathon at University of Illinois.

Mr. Terry reported:

- WPES students enjoyed the SMMS performance of Annie Jr.
- RGS McTeacher night was April 8th and \$714 was raised for PTO.
- WPES McTeacher night is May 13th.
- MAP testing at RGS began April 27th.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- Mrs. Etnyre is at Upham Woods with 7th grade students this week.
- The play performance of Annie Jr. was fabulous.
- Thirty-five SMMS students were inducted into National Jr. Honor Society.
- A Discipline Committee meeting is scheduled for May 4th.
- Awards Night is May 10th at HHS PAC.
- The SMMS track team will be participating in the state track meet on May 22nd.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mrs. Warren reported she attended district Risk Assessment meetings chaired by Business Manager Julia Saunders. She commented the meetings were very informative.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson mentioned Tom Shook and Jim Taphorn were selected by the RTA to be honored at dinner sponsored by the IEA. Regular session resumed.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 7:45 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), seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Michowski, Midgett, Schubert, Meason, Warren, Neece, Praneis.
Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Praneis moved to return to open session at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.
Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis.
Nay: None. Carried.

Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

Mrs. Warren moved to approve administrator salaries as discussed in closed session for the 2010-11 school year, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: Meason.
Abstain: Midgett. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve two year non-certified personnel compensation schedules for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, seconded by Mrs. Neece.
Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Neece, Warren, Praneis.
Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve district non-certified personnel salaries for the 2010-11 school year as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.
Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Meason, Schubert, Midgett, Michowski, Warren, Praneis.
Nay: None. Carried.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved date: May 26, 2010

President: _____

Secretary: _____