

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held April 23, 2014**

**The Board of Education  
Rockton School District No. 140**

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1. **Call to Order** by President at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**  
Larry Schubert, Chanice Michowski, Bill Midgett, Brenda Warren, Jim Meason  
Chuck Kleeberger was absent.  
  
Others present: Dr. Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, Gail Johnson, Jessica Sieja, Emily Dummer, Annie Rohrer, Betsy Atkins, Leah Carter, Diane Roth, Mark Donaldson, Rich Mayer, Alan Mohring, and various other guests.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Appointment of New BOE Member**  
President Jim Meason administered the oath of office to appointed member Mrs. Gail Johnson who will serve in place of former BOE member, Ms. Laura Neece. Mrs. Johnson will serve until the next election.
5. Mr. Schubert moved to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to Discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)3), Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of Sale Price of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) seconded by Mrs. Michowski.  
Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.  
  
Mr. Meason moved to open session at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Warren.  
Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.
6. **Correspondence**
  - Thank you card from Gail Johnson and family for the flower arrangement sent to her father-in-law's memorial service.
  - Five letters of in-school suspension, seven letters of out-of-school suspension and one letter of bus detention.

7. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting to audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

- Mark Donaldson welcomed Gail Johnson, new Board Member, on behalf of the Teacher's Association.
- Gail Johnson introduced and thanked Alan Mohring, who helped create the video shown during Ro-Ro Exhibition. A shortened version of the video was shown during the Board meeting highlighting "Our Schools through Their Eyes".

8. **SMMS Chiller Bid Approval**

We have received a bid to have the SMMS Chiller repaired for \$31,190. It currently is undersized to cool the building and running at less than 50% of efficiency. Dr. Greenlee recommended the Board approve the bid for the repair which would occur this summer.

Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the bid for \$31,190, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

9. **Summer Maintenance Personnel**

Dr. Greenlee recommended the Board approve the hiring of 2 positions to help with summer cleaning. These staff members will be needed to help with cleaning as well as complete other projects that are scheduled with the Life Safety work at SMMS.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the hiring of 2 positions, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

10. **WPES Computer Lab**

The Computer Lab at WPES is in great need for replacement computers. Dr. Greenlee recommended that the Board purchase 30 desktop computers for the WPES lab for \$7000.

Mr. Schubert made a motion to approve the purchase of 30 desktop computers, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

11. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Items included:

1. March 19 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. April 2 and April 9 Special Purpose Meeting Minutes
3. April bills, May payroll, March treasurer's report
4. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
5. Renewal of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) for the 2014-15 school year.

Roll Call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

12. **Personnel**

A motion was made by Mr. Meason, seconded by Mrs. Warren to approve the following personnel changes for the 2013/2014 school year.

- **Certified Employment**

Robert Willis – Interim Superintendent for the 2014-15 School Year  
 Bryan Collins – Lunchroom Supervisor (2014/2015)  
 JoAnn Eischeid – Project Fair Resignation  
 Kelly Baumgartner and Stori Dimke – Project Fair Shared (2014)

- **Non-Certified**

Cathie Dobson – Resignation SMMS Kitchen  
 Katie Carmack – RGS Kitchen  
 Nicole Hickcox – Resignation

Roll Call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

Abstained: Mrs. Johnson

13. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the March 19 regular closed session minutes and recommend they are to be opened, seconded by Mr. Midgett. Mr. Meason moved to approve the April 2 and April 9 special purpose closed meeting minutes and recommend they are to be opened, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

Mr. Midgett recommended holding the expulsion of student 2014-1 for the 2013-2014 school year in abeyance with the following requirement:

Student 2014-1 will enroll as an eighth grade student and maintain passing academics and meet behavioral expectations at an alternative school for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Rockton School District will provide transportation to and from the alternative school. Seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, , Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

15. **Quarterly Investment Review**

Information and recommendations regarding third quarter investments were presented at the meeting.

16. **Superintendent's Report**

- The Rockton School District received a grant from the State of Illinois for \$1092 that can be used for books, CD's and DVD's for our libraries.

17. **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Glenn Terry

- We are currently in the process of sorting through over 80 applicants and interviewing candidates for our special education and 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching positions. We've interviewed some very talented teachers and we will bring recommendations to the Board in May.
- We had 85 projects submitted for Project Fair. Our kids did an amazing job putting their projects together and learned a tremendous amount on various subjects. A special thank you to Stori Dimke and Kelly Baumgartner for organizing the event and to everyone involved.
- With budget reductions impacting professional development, we are trying to grow professionally in new ways. Fifteen teachers have just wrapped up our second book talk on "Teach Like Your Hair's on Fire". We have also tried to utilize peer observations into our professional development. By the end of the year, teachers will have completed over twenty peer observations including one out of district.

Mr. Scott Rollinson

- Thank you to Mr. Farrell for his donation for shirts for our running club students.
- 60 kids are running the 2-mile Heritage run this weekend.
- Thank you to Ruth King for a great job on the Project Fair.
- Thank you to the BOE for their continued support of Camp Timberlee.
- WPES Art Show is on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30p.m. Thank you, Mr. Enderle.

Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre

- The SMMS staff would like to recognize Mrs. Jenny Middleton and Mrs. Tina Bottensek for their dedication to students, our families and staff.
- Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> will be Economy Day for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our fellow 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be coming over to make purchases – consider stopping by and shopping that morning!
- We will welcome 31 new inductees to National Junior Honor Society this Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at SMMS.
- Looking forward to our SIP day this Friday with Anne Werda. I would like to thank the BOE for supporting us.

Mr. Shaun Newmes

- The SMMS Track Invitational is this Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Consider stopping by after 9:00 a.m. to see our athletes in action.
- Our annual Carpenter's Place Donation Drive is happening this week at SMMS. Thanks to Mrs. DeVries and Mrs. Carroll for organizing this great event.
- 230 invitations were mailed out for SMMS Awards Night. The event will occur Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the HHS PAC.

18. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Betsy Atkins informed the Board that Cari Benkovich wrote a REEF grant on behalf of the third grade team and received \$630 which will be used to supplement the Daily 5 reading program and purchase the books used for literature lessons. There were also 2 separate Ecolab grants written by Jane Schamell, Leah Carter, Betsy Atkins and Cari Benkovich which will help purchase books to expand classroom libraries and purchase additional books for the Daily 5 reading program.

Regular session resumed.

19. **Members' Comments**

- Gail Johnson thanked the Board for making her feel welcome as a new Board member.
- Brenda Warren shared that the Northern Winnebago Rotary Club held a successful fundraiser at North Pointe called the Power of the Purse Dinner and Auction. They raised \$8900 of which a large portion will be given to the WCSEC for classroom technology, and some of the proceeds will also go to area schools food backpack programs and to several other worthwhile causes.

20. **Adjournment**

Bill Midgett moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m, seconded by Mrs. Michowski. 6 ayes – Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on May 21, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Approved date: May 21, 2014

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_