

# ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140

## Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

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### 1. Call to Order

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

### 2. Roll Call

Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton  
Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tim Ehlers, Lindy Daniels, Gina Tuula, Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Matt Roer, Cori Taylor, 3 SMMS students from the Incubator Class-Brooke Mason, Molly Hughes and Aaralyn Dezarn, along with their families.

Absent: Brett Lundsten

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Nothing was added or corrected on the Agenda.

### 5. Comments from the Community

None

### 6. Review Election Results

Katie Littlefield read the official election results as received from the Winnebago County Clerk's office. Congratulations to the following 3 elected board members:

#### Four Year Term

Katie Littlefield-	999 votes
Gail Johnson-	1,024 votes
Mary Newman-	1,006 votes

### 7. Administer Oath - New BOE Members

Vice-President Houghton administered the oath of office to three elected BOE members from the April 2, 2019 election: Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson, Mary Newman.

### 8. Election of Office

President Littlefield asked for nominations for president pro tem to carry out the election of officers to the Rockton School District Board of Education, the following were nominated:

- Shawn Connors

President Littlefield asked if there were any further nominations. President Littlefield called for a vote on the candidate by show of hands.

Results:

Shawn Connors- 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Shawn Connors was elected president pro tem by an unanimous vote.

President pro tem Connors asked for nominations for the office of President. The following were nominated:

- Katie Littlefield

President pro tem Connor asked if there were any further nominations. "If there are none, nominations for President are closed." Discussion was held on the candidate. President pro tem Connor called for a vote on the candidate by show of hands.

Results:

Katie Littlefield - 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Katie Littlefield was elected President by an unanimous vote.

President Littlefield asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. The following were nominated:

- Gail Johnson

President Littlefield asked if there were any further nominations. "If there are none, Nominations for Vice President are closed." Discussion was held on the candidate. President Littlefield called for a vote on the candidate by show of hands.

Results:

Gail Johnson - 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Gail Johnson was elected Vice President by an unanimous vote.

President Littlefield asked for nominations for the office of Secretary. The following were nominated:

- Mary Newman

President Littlefield asked if there were any further nominations. "If there are none, nominations for Secretary are closed." Discussion was held on the candidate. President Littlefield called for a vote on the candidate by show of hands.

Results:

Mary Newman - 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Mary Newman was elected Secretary by an unanimous vote.

## **9. Approval of 2019-2020 BOE and COW Meeting Dates**

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the 2019-2020 BOE and COW meeting dates and location, seconded by Josh Houghton.

All in favor-6 ayes

## **10. Correspondence**

Mary Newman read the following correspondence:

- 3-Out of School Suspensions (WPES)
- 2-Out of School Suspensions (SMMS)
- 1-Bus Suspension (WPES)
- 1-Bus Suspension (SMMS)
- 1-In School Suspension (WPES)
- 9-In School Suspension (SMMS)
- Resignation letter from Matt Roer-Assistant Principal SMMS-Effective end of this year
- Resignation letter from Samantha Allen-Para SMMS-Effective end of this year
- Resignation letter from Jennifer Amundson-Para WPES-Effective immediately
- Resignation letter from Melissa Beffa-Para SMMS-Effective end of this year
- Thank you card from Susan Sherbon for the plant sent during her recovery from surgery.

- Thank you card from Rockton Strong
- Thank you card from Linda Wennerberg for the flowers received after her surgery

#### **11. Incubator Presentation - Cori Taylor**

Cori Taylor and 3 students from SMMS, Brooke Mason, Molly Hughes and Aralyn Dezarn, gave a wonderful presentation regarding the incubator program they participated in which was funded by the GearUp Grant. The product that the students produced was called "Restitch It", which was a chromebook protection case. It was made out of recycled jeans. The material costs was estimated at \$1.67 per case and then each case was sold for \$15.00. The students sold a total of 17 cases and after repaying the District back for the initial \$50.00 start up cost they were able to keep the profits. Mrs. Taylor further discussed the process involved for the students to come up with product ideas, the feasibility of product production, and marketing the product.

12. Josh Houghton motioned into Executive Session at 6:40 pm 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) Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and Self-evaluation, practice and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), seconded by Chad Papke.

Josh Houghton moved to return to open session at 8:32pm, seconded by Chad Papke.

#### **13. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

13.1 Approval of Personnel

##### **CERTIFIED POSITIONS**

Matt Roer-SMMS Assistant Principal-Resignation effective the end of this year  
 Ashleigh Hannel-New Hire-First Grade Position at RGS for 2019-2020 School Year  
 Jacqui Thompson-New Hire-Assistant Principal at SMMS for 2019-2020 School Year  
 Nick Boelte- New Hire-3rd Grade at WPES for 2019-2020 School Year  
 Kristin Fish-New Hire-5th Grade at WPES for 2019-2020 School Year  
 Ally Rotolo-New Hire-5th Grade at WPES for 2019-2020 School Year  
 Tristi Kriegler-Transfer from Kindergarten at RGS to 4th Grade at WPES for 2019-2020 School Year  
 Peyton Rotolo - RGS Summer School  
 Erin Hauser - RGS Summer School  
 Craig Carter - RGS Summer School Director  
 Jenna Parrish-WPES Special Education-requesting 12 weeks FMLA Leave-Fall 2019  
 Mindy Clark-New Hire-WPES STEM/Coding Teacher  
 Kristi Holestein-New Hire-SMMS 6th Grade Special Ed

##### **NON CERTIFIED POSITIONS**

Melissa Beffa-Para SMMS-Resignation effective the end of this year  
 Jennifer Amundson-Para WPES-Resignation effective immediately  
 Sammantha Allen-Para at SMMS-Resignation effective the end of this year  
 Madison Kemp-Para at SMMS-No Show-Employment Terminated

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the above referenced Personnel, and was seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors

13.2 Approval of January 23, 2019 BOE Closed Session Minutes

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the January 23, 2019 BOE Closed Session Minutes, and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Shawn Connors.

All in favor 6 ayes, motion passed.

13.3 Approval of April 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the April 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes, and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Shawn Connors.

All in favor 6 ayes, motion passed.

#### **14. Consent Items**

**Items recommended for the consent agenda are:**

- Approval of RSD #140 April 2019 bills:\$323,062.62, March 2019 Expenditures, Revenue Report, March 2019 Operating Funds Summary, March 2019 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative April 2019 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative March 2019 Financial Reports
- Approval of March 20, 2019 BOE Minutes
- Approval April 10, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- Approval of Assistant Principal Job Description

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mary Newman.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton

#### **15. Request Approval of District Office and Administrator Salary Increases**

Mr. Terry is requesting approval of raises for district office staff and administrators as discussed at the COW meeting and closed session.

Josh Houghton moved to approve the raises for the district office staff and administrators as discussed in closed session at both the COW and BOE meetings, seconded by Shawn Connor.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors

#### **16. Approval of Sealcoating Bid Received for SMMS Parking Lot**

Mr. Ehlers is asking approval of the bid from Behm Pavement Main, Inc. in the amount of \$37,800.00 for the sealcoating of the parking lot, walking path and basketball courts at SMMS.

Mary Newman motioned to approve the bid in the amount of \$37,800.00 from Behm Pavement Main, Inc., for the sealcoating of the parking lot, walking path and basketball courts at SMMS, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors

#### **17. Request Approval of Summer Maintenance Help**

Mr. Ehlers is requesting the hiring of four temporary employees to get summer cleaning and projects done.

Shawn Connors motioned to approve hiring of four temporary maintenance employees for summer, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman

### **18. Approval of Unit Vent Bid**

Mr. Ehlers is asking for approval of the bid received from Miller Engineering in the amount of \$55,400.00 for the replacement of the RGS library unit vent from the 10 year life safety survey.

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the bid in the amount of \$55,400.00 from Miller Engineering for the replacement of unit vents in the RGS Library, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Gail Johnson, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield

### **19. New Business**

None

### **20. Superintendent's Report**

- a. 19-20 Health Insurance Rates  
Mr. Terry reported that next year the health insurance cost would be down .9%. He also informed the BOE that another district would be joining our insurance cooperative putting our members over 1000 which should led to lower costs in the future.
- b. Legislative Update  
Mr. Terry informed the BOE that Illinois' legislature would be back in session Monday and that hopefully several pieces of legislation will be approved.

### **21. Administrative Reports**

#### **RGS Administrative Report**

**April 24, 2019**

#### **1. PTO**

- a. It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's...Staff Appreciation Week! Please share the word that parents need to use [signup.com](http://signup.com) to donate food items. Emails went home on Tuesday.
- b. A superhero themed family dance is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd at SMMS from 5:30-7:30 PM.
- c. The PTO is bringing back school supply kits as a service to families. All kits would be delivered directly to homes. Order forms will come home in May.

#### **2. Why is RGS our Happy Place?**

- a. Thank you to Mrs. Ballard for a truly 'out of this world' performance! The kindergarten staff and families were impressed.
- b. Thank you to RGS teachers who are participating in interviews! Their input and guidance is crucial to the process.
- c. Thank you to Mrs. Graves for selecting and honoring five students at the 78th Annual Young Artist show at the Rockford Art Museum!
- d. Thank you to Mrs. Rehfeldt and Mrs. Daubert for making our office truly shine every day!

**WPES Administrative Report**

1. Recent Events at WPES: Thank you to Ruth King and Sally Burie for organizing another fantastic **Project Fair** where students got to explore and share their interests. And congratulations to Mr. Newman for an entertaining **4th Grade Concert** of Aesop's Fables where students displayed their musical talents and Mr. Newman showcased his flexibility with our change in venue from Hononegah to SMMS. :) Thank you to all of the custodial crew for their help in transporting equipment and setting up for our concerts.
2. Our first **Illinois Assessment of Readiness** ("IAR") testing went very smoothly thanks to our 1:1 Chromebooks, Lindy Daniels, James Hall, and all of our teachers and paraprofessionals. Students caught working hard earned "tough cookie" raffle tickets for Oreos the morning after each testing session. Proud of all of our Tough Cookies!
3. We have also had several presenters come in this past month to entertain our students while sharing their message: **Matt Wilhelm**, BMX stunt master, spoke to our students about perseverance and treating each other with kindness; **Hoo Haven** shared some interesting animals and ways we can help protect them - 2 snakes, an owl, and a pelican - that went along with our 3rd grade curriculum; and **Lori Cazel** taught our 3rd graders the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language as they have started reading Helen Keller.
4. **Thank you to the interview team** for all of their efforts and long days in selecting some fantastic teachers to join the Whitman Post team next year.

### **SMMS Administrative Report-April 24, 2019**

1. NJHS Induction is being held tonight at SMMS. We are inducting 29 new members this year. Thank you to Mrs. Way and Mrs. Lewis and our NJHS committee for their hard work putting together a great ceremony for our students.
2. Our production on the Lion King, Jr. is this weekend. We will have having school day shows for students on Thursday. There will be performances on Friday night (7pm) and Saturday afternoon (2pm) as well. The shows are at the Hononegah PAC.
3. Thank you to Mrs. Hart for organizing a great field trip for our 6th grade ACE field trip to The Fireside Theater with their pen pals. Students met their pen pals for the first time on this trip and had a wonderful time. It was great to see our students shine!

### **22. Members' Comments**

Mary Newman urged the other BOE members to try and attend the play being performed at Hononegah by SMMS students.

Gail Johnson asked how the kindergarten concert went since it was held at SMMS instead of the PAC at Hononegah. Mr. Terry stated that the parking was congested, as people had to park on the street do to the number of attendees. Mrs. Etnyre reported that over 200 charis were set up in addition to the bleachers. By the time the concert started there was standing room only available.

### **23. Adjournment**

Josh Houghton moved to adjourn at 8:55 pm, seconded by Shawn Connors. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on May 29, 2019.

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Katie Littlefield, President

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Mary Newman, Secretary