

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2009 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Rockton School District 140, Winnebago County, Illinois, held at the Rockton Grade School Library, 1050 East Union Street, Rockton, Illinois, in said School District at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on the 19th day of August, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Brenda Warren, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location: Chanice Michowski, James Meason (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), William Midgett, Laura Neece, Sarah Praneis, and Larry Schubert.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barbara Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry, Jim Taphorn, Business Manager Julia Saunders, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson.

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None.

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: None.

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), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

WCSEC Budget Hearing

The budget hearing for the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative was called to order. Mr. Zelten presented the WCSEC's proposed FY10 budget.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative's budget as presented for the 2009-2010 school year, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schubert moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Midgett.

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

Items included:

1. July 22, 2009 Regular meeting minutes
2. August bills, September payroll, July treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Request – School Tours of America to Washington D.C. information
5. Donation – School supplies donated by Rich Rollette of the Hilander Cultural Council.

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2009–2010 school year:

Certified

- o Craig Carter SMMS Seventh Grade Teacher
- o Craig Carter Geography Club Advisor
- o Lucinda Balandis National Jr. Honor Society Advisor
- o Richard Wicks Science Olympiad Advisor

Non-Certified

- o Kathy Hull RGS Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
- o Regina Bruckner RGS Food Service Aide – part-time
- o Tina Lewandowski SMMS Teacher Assistant – part-time
- o Mary Gillis RGS Special Teacher Assistant – part-time
- o Kyle Schneider Technology Technician Aide – part-time

b. Resignation

Certified

- o Stacey Shahamat Satellite Special Education Teacher (with regrets)

Non-Certified

- o Tara Sheetz Cross Country Coach (shared position)

c. Transfer – 2009-2010 school year:

Certified

- o Michelle Bottensek RGS Special Education Teacher to SMMS Satellite Teacher

Non-Certified

- o Laurie Yost Special Teacher Assistant (1:) – RGS to WPES – part-time
- o Suzanne Kolberg Teacher Assistant to Special Teacher Assistant (1:) – part-time
- o Christine Brown Special Teacher Assistant to Teacher Assistant – RGS – part-time
- o Kimberly Norwood Special Teacher Assistant to Teacher Assistant – RGS – part-time

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the July 22, 2009 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Enrollment Status

Overall, the projected enrollment figures are lower than FY09 due to the record-breaking 2009 graduating class (198). New student enrollment registration conducted during the first two weeks in August resulted in preliminary numbers that indicate 89 new students and a loss of 57 students. An enrollment history for the past five school years and projected first day attendance for the 2009-10 school year was presented. Current number of kindergarten sections, capacity, and number of kindergarten students enrolled was discussed.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve adding additional kindergarten section, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

DRAFT FY10 Budget

Superintendent Harezlak and Business Manager Julia Saunders reviewed the FY10 draft budget. The draft budget information outlines the projected revenues, expenditures and anticipated balances for FY10. The tentative budget was placed on display for public review on August 20, 2009. According to the ILSC, Section 17-1, a tentative budget must be available for public review for 30 days prior to the final adoption of the school district budget at a public hearing. The budget hearing is scheduled for September 23, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve tentative FY 2010 budget as presented that includes approximate cost for a storage building at SMMS, seconded by Mr. Meason.

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

Self-Insurance Status

Miller & Buettner, district's insurance broker, negotiated cost effective re-insurance renewal that has \$56,126 risk to the reserve. The current self-insurance fund balance lost \$272,977 in FY09 due to a high number of claims with an ending balance of \$1,214,852. Based on the re-insurance proposals, our broker has recommended the district increase its contribution as well as the employee dependent contribution to the insurance fund to maintain the fund balance. A history of medical and dental insurance contributions was provided.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve medical/dental insurance rates as recommended for the 2009-10 school year, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Public Hearing for Interfund Transfer

At 7:00 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments concerning the intent of the Board to transfer \$196,085 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of the District (the "*Interfund Transfer*"), and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed Interfund Transfer were as follows: To pay for summer construction projects.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following: None.

Written testimony concerning the proposed Interfund Transfer was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*. None.

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed Interfund Transfer. Statements were made by the following: None.

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed Interfund Transfer.

Member Mr. Schubert moved and Member Mr. Midgett seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Meason, Schubert, Warren, Neece, Midgett, Praneis, Michowski.

The following members voted NAY: None.

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OTBK&C, Ltd.'s Sixth Annual School Law Conference

Board members are invited to the annual law conference on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. presented by our attorney's law firm. If you are interested in attending, please notify Karen Binger by September 4, 2009.

Other

- A policy committee meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2009 at 5 p.m.
- An update was provided for the summer construction projects.
- Superintendent Harezlak shared information regarding pre-pay system for lunches.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Browning reported:

- RGS staff is working hard to prepare for the first day of school.
- She is excited the board approved the extra section of kindergarten.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- WPES has four new teachers.
- The WPES building looks great.
- WPES orientation is August 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Several calls have been received from residents thanking the district for extending the sidewalk at SMMS.
- The new teacher breakfast hosted by the Chamber of Commerce was wonderful.
- SMMS orientation is August 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Terry reported:

- Kindergarten orientation is September 1st at 6:30 p.m.
- First grade orientation is September 2nd at 6:30 p.m. and second grade orientation is at 7 p.m.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- He is excited about the new school year.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson thanked the board members for approving the extra section of kindergarten and thanked the administration for hosting the welcome back picnic for staff. Regular session resumed.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Neece moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason, carried unanimously.

Approved date: September 23, 2009

President: _____

Secretary: _____