

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held August 12, 2015**

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

1. **Call to Order** – by President Littlefield at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Brenda Warren, Chanice Michowski, Stacey Heiar, Kevin Finnegan, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield

Absent: Jim Meason (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)

Others present: Dr. Robert Willis, Principals Glenn Terry, Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Assistant Principal Autumn Czizek, RTA President Mark Donaldson, RTA Vice President Dan Baumgartner, Kim Moore, Sue Miller, Jim Schiffer, Rich Mayer, Diane Roth and several community members.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Comments from the Community**

There were no comments from the community.

5. **WCSEC Budget Hearing**

Kim Moore presented the WCSEC's proposed FY16 budget and responded to questions during the Special Education Cooperative budget hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Michowski made a motion to approve the FY16 WCSEC proposed budget, seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

6. **ROCKTON #140 Budget Hearing**

Jim Schiffer, Interim Business Manager, presented the proposed tentative FY16 District #140 budget and responded to questions during the budget hearing. According to Statute, the budget will be available for public review for a 30 day period prior to final approval at the September 23rd Board meeting.

7. Mrs. Johnson moved to go into **Executive Session** at 6:48 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, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to return to open session at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Heiar.
Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes

8. **Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Elizabeth LaLande for the lovely plant sent to her after her eye surgery.

9. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Meason.
Items included:

1. July Open Session Minutes
2. August Bills and September Payroll
3. Employee Handbook Adoption
4. Student/Parent Handbook Adoption
5. Pizza Bid Award

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield
7 ayes – Motion carried.

10. **Action on Items Arising Out of Closed**

- a. Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the appointment of Glenn Terry as Superintendent of Schools pending completion of his licensure and the successful implementation of a succession plan, seconded by Mrs. Heiar. The anticipated date of assuming the Superintendent position will be January 3, 2016.
Roll Call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Mrs. Michowski – 1 nay – Motion carried.
- b. Mr. Finnegan moved to approve Glenn Terry as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools effective August 3, 2015 as well as continuing as the Principal of Rockton Grade School, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Roll Call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Mrs. Michowski – 1 nay – Motion carried.
- c. Mrs. Warren moved to approve Sue Miller as full time Business Manager effective August 31, 2015, seconded Mrs. Heiar.
Roll Call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Mr. Meason – Abstain – Motion carried.
- d. Mrs. Warren moved to approve the hiring of an additional kindergarten teacher, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Roll Call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski – 2 nays – Motion carried.

- e. Mrs. Heiar moved to approve the hiring of an additional first grade teacher, seconded by Mrs. Warren.
Roll Call: Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski – 2 nays – Motion carried.
- f. Mrs. Warren moved to approve the hiring of Wes Morgan as a part time Assistant Principal at Rockton Grade School, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Roll Call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski - 2 nays – Motion carried.

11. The following personnel changes were made for the 2015-2016 school year:

CERTIFIED STAFF

- Mary Spors – (Hire) 1st/K Teacher
- Lisa Larson – (Transfer) 3rd Grade Teacher
- Betsy Atkins - (Transfer) 2nd Grade Teacher
- Jane Guerrero – (Hire) 5th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the above listed personnel changes for the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Mrs. Heiar.

Roll Call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes – Motion carried.

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

- Tracy Wam – (Resign) Maintenance Director
- Al Persson – (Hire) Temporary
- Teresa Tomblinson – additional hours/compensation

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the above listed personnel changes for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

12. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the regular closed minutes from July 22, 2015 and they can be opened. Special Purpose Meeting Minutes from July 30, 2015, Reconvened Special Purpose Meeting Minutes, July 31, 2015, and Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes from July 31, 2015, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **BOE Meeting Date Change**

Mr. Meason moved to approve the May 25, 2016 BOE meeting to be rescheduled to May 18, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Littlefield. This meeting was rescheduled due to a schedule conflict with the SMMS graduation on May 25, 2016.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Superintendents Report**

There was no Superintendent Report this meeting.

15. **Administrator Reports**

There were no Administrator Reports this meeting.

16. **Members' Comments**

- Mrs. Johnson thanked the Administrators for the invite to the staff picnic stating it was very enjoyable.
- Mrs. Warren congratulated Glenn Terry on his appointment to Superintendent.

17. Mrs. Littlefield moved to go into **Executive Session** at 8:30 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 Mr. Finnegan.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mrs. Johnson moved to return to open session at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

18. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Littlefield moved to adjourn at 8:51 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Katie Littlefield, President

Stacey Heiar, Secretary

