

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held August 23, 2017**

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

01. Call to Order by President Littlefield at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Chad Papke, Katie Littlefield

Absent: Stacey Heiar, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton

Others present: Superintendent Terry, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Assistant Principal Matt Roer, RTA Treasurer Stephanie Bennington, Director of WCSEC Kim Moore, Special Education Administrator, Susan Sherbon

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Approval of Agenda

Shawn Connors motioned for approval of the agenda, seconded by Chad Papke.

All in favor - 4 ayes, Motion carried.

02. Comments from the Community

None.

03. Correspondence

Thank you note from Patti Luevano for the plant sent in memory of her mother.

04. WCSEC Budget Hearing

Kim Moore presented the FY-18 Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative budget and responded to questions during the budget hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Katie Littlefield opened the hearing at 6:05 p.m. and asked the audience for public input. No public input was given.

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve the FY18 Winnebago Special Education Cooperative Budget at 6:05 as presented, seconded by Shawn Connors.

Roll Call: Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Chad Papke, Katie Littlefield
- 4 ayes, Motion carried.

05. Katie Littlefield moved to go into Executive Session at 6:10 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 ©(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 Contract (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), And Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and Self-evaluation, practices and procedures for professional ethics when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21), seconded by Brett Lundsten.

Roll call: Shawn Connors, Chad Papke, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield - 4 ayes, Motion carried.

Mrs. Littlefield moved to return to open session at 6:14 p.m. seconded by Shawn Connors.

Roll Call: Chad Papke, Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Katie Littlefield - 4 ayes, Motion carried.

06. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

6.1 Approval of 5-17-17 Regular Closed Minutes

Chad Papke made a motion to approve the May 17, 2017 regular closed session minutes and recommended they are to remain closed, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

All in favor - 4 ayes, Motion carried.

6.2 Approval of Personnel Listing

Brett Lundsten made a motion to approve the following employments for the 2017/2018 school year, seconded by Shawn Connors.

CERTIFIED STAFF

Kaila Strubhart (Hire) – Special Education Teacher
April Blodgett-Graves (Hire) - RGS Art Teacher

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

Deb Vischulis (Resign) –WPES Food Service
Suzanne Hostetter (Hire)- Para RGS/SMMS
Leslie Keehn (Hire) – Pre-k Para
Lindsey Lee (Hire)- Para SMMS
Leslie McLellan (Hire) – Food service WPES

Roll call: Chad Papke, Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Katie Littlefield - 4 ayes, Motion carried.

07. Rockton #140 FY-18 Budget Presentation

Sue Miller, Business Manager, presented the proposed FY-18 District #140 budget. According to Statute, the budget will be available for public review for a 30-day period prior to final approval at the September 26th Board meeting.

08. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- July Regular BOE Open Session Minutes
- August Bills and September Payroll
- Approval of the August 9, 2017 Committee of the Whole Minutes (addendum)

Chad Papke motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Chad Papke, Katie Littlefield - 4 ayes, Motion carried.

09. Approval of RSD #140 Board Member Agreement

This item will be moved to the September 26, 2017 BOE meeting.

10. New Business

None.

11. Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Terry commented that it was a great opening to school this year. Thank you to the RSD staff for organizing a smooth, welcoming school opening and for organizing student involvement in viewing the August 21, 2017 eclipse. It was an awesome experience for both staff and students.
- FOIA Request - RSD #140 received a FOIA request from Ben Hatchett regarding our accounting software.
- Parking Lot Update - Mr. Terry updated the BOE on progress of the RGS/WPES parking lot renovation and schedule of approvals required from the Village Board.
- RSD #140 enrollment on opening day was 41 students higher than September 2016 enrollment and it looks as if it will keep growing due to new construction in nearby subdivisions. The administrators, as well as the BOE, will focus on larger enrollment tasks.

12. Administrative Reports

RGS Kindyl Etnyre

1. The first annual **PTO 'Back to School Picnic'** is Thursday, August 24th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the fields behind RGS/WPES. Free food, dunk tank, various community/school organizations and raffles will be available. Come join the fun!

2. Stay tuned - RGS is making changes with our character development program! We are focusing on the principles of being respectful, responsible and safe.

3. **And for the W.I.N.** - Thank you to Mrs. Lisa Rehfeldt for all of her organization and countless hours of dedication to make sure each student and staff member could start the 2017/2018 with success!

WPES Megan Forsythe

1. **Behavior Boot Camp!** Thank you to our school social workers, Kristin Carroll and Rebecca Scheppmann, for making a fun and informative "training" for our little student soldiers this past Thursday to review expectations and rules at Whitman Post as they marched through 7 different sessions of Behavior Boot Camp.

2. **Eclipse Experience:** Thank you to the teachers, support staff, parents, and Mr. Terry for allowing us to participate in Monday's out-of-this-world event. It was an experience our kids will always remember.

Thank you to the PTO for making our first day back to school feel more like a festive celebration with the balloon arch welcoming our students.

SMMS Autumn Czizek

1. Thank you to Jenny Middleton and Tina Bottensek for their wonderful work getting ready for the school year. They are much appreciated!

2. On Monday, August 21, our students were able to view the eclipse. It was a great event! Thank you to all that were a part of organizing this for the students.

3. Thank you to Mrs. DeVries, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Hammes and the peer support students for organizing a great orientation for the new students to SMMS. We appreciate the efforts to make our new students feel welcome!
4. Booster Club--Mum sales are currently going on. Orders are due on Friday, August 25 and mum pick up is next Wednesday.

At the end of the administrator comments, Mr. Terry introduced Susan Sherbon, our new Special Education Administrator.

13. Comments from the Community

None.

14. Board Member Comments

Brett Lundsten thanked everyone who helped to make the PTO Back-to-School picnic a great success.

Katie Littlefield thanked Mr. Terry and the administrators for organizing the 'eclipse experience' for the students. It was an awesome learning opportunity.

15. Adjournment

Shawn Connors moved to adjourn at 6:39 p.m., seconded by Chad Papke. 4 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39.. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Katie Littlefield, President

Stacey Heiar, Board Secretary