

**1. Call to Order**

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Chad Papke  
Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tim Ehlers  
Absent: Mary Newman, Josh Houghton

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

Shawn Connors stated that he had several items he wanted to add to 'New Business' to discuss. Gail Johnson also wanted to talk about canceling cross country at SMMS.

**5. Comments from the Community**

Brian Northrup, a grandparent of a child in the district, addressed the BOE regarding proper ventilation in the existing HVAC system for each building. He shared statistics and information on implementing an improved ventilation system which would have a health benefit to students and staff.

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. Hearing to Hold School and Staff Development Days on a Scheduled Holiday**

Days that staff will be working are as follows: November 13th-Veteran's Day, February 19th-Lincoln's Birthday, March 1st- Casimir Pulaski's Day. Students and staff will be in attendance on October 12th-Columbus Day.

Katie Littlefield opened the public hearing at 6:12 pm. There were no public comments.

Katie Littlefield closed the public hearing at 6:13 pm.

**8. Approval of Amended Calendar for FY21**

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the amended calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

All in favor 5 ayes. Motion passed.

**9. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Rockton regarding traffic control**

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Rockton regarding traffic control at all three school locations, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

All in favor 5 ayes. Motion passed.

## 10. Consent Items

### Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of Personnel
  - **Non-Certified Resignation**
    - Barbara Maxey, Paraprofessional @RGS, Effective 7/29/2020
    - Melissa Schnurr, Title I Reading Paraprofessional @RGS, Effective 8/18/2020
    - **Non-Certified Unpaid Leave of Absence**
    - Cindy Mizner, Paraprofessional @ RGS through December 2020
    - **Non-Certified New Hire**
      - Olivia Dirske, 1:1 Paraprofessional @SMMS, Effective 9/1/2020
      - Ann Garton, SPED Classroom Para @RGS, Effective 9/2/2020
      - Katarina Parsonage, Title I Reading Assistant, Effective 9/2/2020
    - **Certified New Hire**
      - Amy Dalke, PT Teacher @ RGS/WPES, Effective 8/31/2020
    - **Certified New Stipend Positions**
      - Mark Schroeder, Extra Section Stipend for 2020-2021
      - Sarah Padhye, Extra Section Stipend for 2020-2021
      - Lucinda Balandis, Extra Section Stipend for 2020-2021
      - Carol Flohr, Extra Section Stipend for 2020-2021
  - Approval of RSD #140 August 2020 bills:\$313,326.81, August 2020 Payroll Liabilities \$141,429.55, August Activity Expenditures \$99.13
  - July 2020 Expenditures, July 2020 Revenue Report, July 2020 Operating Funds Summary, July 2020 Treasurer's Report
  - Approval of July 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes
  - Approval of July 29, 2020 BOE Meeting Minutes
  - Approval of August 12 Committee of the Whole Minutes
  - Approval of WCSEC Cooperative partial July 2020 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
  - Approval of WCSEC Cooperative July 2020 Financial Reports
  - Rockton #140 FY-21 Budget Review
    - Kim Garst, Business Manager, provided the Board with the proposed tentative FY-20 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 23rd Board meeting.

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Chad Papke

## 11. Enrollment Review

Mr. Terry updated the BOE on current enrollment as follows:

|      | <b>In-person Learning:</b>                                             | <b>Remote Learning:</b>              |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| RGS: | K-16/average class size<br>(7 classes)<br>1st-17/18 average class size | K-39 students<br><br>1st-40 students |

|       |                              |                 |
|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|
|       | (6 classes)                  |                 |
|       | 2nd-18/19 average class size | 2nd-42 students |
|       | (8 classes)                  |                 |
| WPES: | 3rd-20 average class size    | 3rd-25 students |
|       | 4th-22 average class size    | 4th-35 students |
|       | 5th-22/23 average class size | 5th-27 students |
| SMMS: | 6th-22 average class size    | 6th-31 students |
|       | 7th-20 average class size    | 7th-30 students |
|       | 8th-23 average class size    | 8th-25 students |

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that these numbers will likely change the closer we are to the start of school.

## **12. New Business**

- a. Cross Country: Gail Johnson discussed with Mr. Terry and the rest of the BOE the importance of sports continuing to establish some sort of normalcy to the students. It was pointed out that most of the area schools have followed suit in cancelling fall sports. The State did not state that there could not be soccer and volleyball, however there would be no games or meets. Brett Lundsten stated that kids do not have any outlets and that sports are important to keep them engaged and working hard. However, the ultimate goal is to keep the students in school longer. It was agreed upon by all present that we cannot control what people are doing outside of school, however, we can control what they are doing here.
- b. Advance Classes: Shawn Connors wanted to discuss the cancellation of advanced classes at WPES. Mr. Terry discussed the reasons administration made the decision.
- c. Covid Testing for Employees: Shawn Connors and the BOE discussed paying for Covid testing for employees who are required to get tested.
- d. Safer Route to School Grant: Shawn Connors stated that he was approached by the Village regarding a bike path they will be installing which would connect Old Settlers' park to SMMS. It would provide a safe traveling path for students riding bikes and walking to school at SMMS. The Village is asking for a letter of support. The District would be responsible for 25%, which could break down to \$30-\$35,000 paid next July or August 2021.

## **13. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Terry informed the BOE that he was contacted by a cell phone company who wants to place antennas on the roof at RGS. The company will be sending someone out to look at the roof.

## **14. Members' Comments**

Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield and Mary Newman have been working on a way to say thank you to the staff and teachers. On Monday, August 31st the BOE will be providing breakfast pizzas from Casey's General Store, Tuesday cookies from Panera will be provided, and Wednesday ice cream treats!

## **15. Executive Session**

Shawn Connors motioned into Executive Session at 7:14 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 Brett Lundsten.

## **16. Adjournment**

Chad Papke moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm, seconded by Shawn Connors. Motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Cafeteria on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020.**

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Katie Littlefield

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Mary Newman