

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2008 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rockton School District No. 140, Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on December 17, 2008, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

	<u>LaForge</u>	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. LaForge arrived at 6:02 p.m. and Mr. Meason arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, RTA Representative/Teacher Rich Mayer, and Bill Midgett.

2008 Tax Levy Hearing

The tax levy hearing was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Mrs. Warren moved to open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. No one wished to address the Board. Mr. Schubert moved to adopt the levy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

Closed Session

Mrs. Neece moved to enter closed session at 6:05 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). Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mr. Schubert.
Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, Warren, Neece, Praneis, LaForge. Nay: None.
Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.
Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None.
Carried.

Correspondence

- Happy School Board Member Day cards received from Melinda Mayfield and SMMS seventh grade team.
- Two letters of in-school detention.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. LaForge. No one wished to address the Board, regular session resumed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Warren moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.
Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Schubert, Praneis, LaForge, Neece, Warren. Nay: None.
Carried.

Items included:

1. November 19, 2008 Regular meeting minutes and November 19, 2008 Policy Committee meeting minutes
2. December bills, January payroll, November treasurer's report

3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Appoint Alternate for Board Secretary

Policy Committee

- At the November 19, 2008 Policy Committee meeting, the following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for BOE action at the January meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes. Policy changes were provided.
 - 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
 - 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
 - 4:70 – Resource Conservation
 - 4:160 – Hazardous and Infectious Materials
 - 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
 - 5:100 – Staff Development Program
 - 5:150 – Residence
 - 5:240 – Suspension
 - 5:250 – Leaves of Absence
 - 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspensions
 - 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
 - 6:10 – Educational Philosophy and Objectives
 - 6:120 – Education of Children and Disabilities

Personnel

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

- a. Employment – 2008-2009 school year

Non-Certified

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| ○ Lynn Denham | RGS Food Service Aide – part-time |
| ○ Jenna Manning | WPES Satellite Special Teacher Assistant |

- b. Resignation

Non-Certified

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| ○ Polly Korsky | SMMS Custodian/Maintenance |
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Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Neece, Praneis, Meason, LaForge, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the November 19, 2008 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

BOE Vacancy

Discussed procedures for filling vacancy created by member resignation. Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, January 7th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Other

The March 18, 2009 regular Board of Education meeting is changed to March 17, 2009 due to first grade music concert.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

November Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys

Survey results from November parent conferences were provided.

Musical Gift

Our Rockton students shared their musical talents these past two weeks providing the perfect holiday gift. It was a very enjoyable two weeks of holiday concerts. Many thanks to the students and their music teachers – Ms. Araoz, Mrs. Broaddus, Mrs. Finlen and Mr. Mayer for the gift.

Generous Students

Hats off to the generous contributions from our RGS and SMMS students who raised funds for the local Wimpy's Fund to provide holiday gifts to Rockton families. RGS students collected \$800 and SMMS students contributed over \$3,000.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning reported:

- The second grade holiday concert is December 18th.
- OSF St. Anthony College of Nursing hosted a health fair for second grade students.
- Teachers were trained on 'Interwrite Board', a learning tool that is similar to a Smart board.
- Generous food drive donations were received. The drive supports Old Stone pantry and Northern Illinois food bank.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- The PTO has \$12,000 earmarked for the playground at SMMS.
- The Pep assembly last week was very exciting.
- SMMS raised \$3,145 for the Wimpy's fund.
- Eighth grade students are preparing for high school orientation.

Mr. Taphorn reported.

- SMMS students are collecting pop tops for the Ronald McDonald house.
- Economy day is December 18th.
- The winter concert was exciting.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

Recognition of BOE Service

A presentation to recognize and express appreciation to resigning BOE member, Anne Percy, for seven years of BOE service was made.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mrs. Warren requested permission to attend the National School Board conference in April.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, January 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Warren moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved date: January 28, 2008

President: _____

Secretary: _____