

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2010 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 15, 2010 at the Rockton Grade School Music Room in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	ABS	P	P	P	P	P	P

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Shaun Newmes and Glenn Terry, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, and various guests.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:11 p.m. to discuss the following: 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), Pending litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

**2010 Tax Levy Hearing**

The tax levy hearing was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Mrs. Warren moved to open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mr. Midgett. No one wished to address the Board. Mr. Schubert moved to adopt the levy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

**National Board Teacher Certification**

Congratulations to Melissa Blecker, SMMS teacher, for achieving this prestigious recognition by fulfilling the requirements to receive national certification. Ms. Blecker is the first Rockton School District teacher to earn this certification.

**Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Barb Browning for flowers sent after her surgery.
- Thank you card from JoAnn Eischeid for the Smartboard for the RGS library.
- Six letters of in-school suspension, five letters of out of school suspension, and three letters of bus suspension.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. 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.

Items included:

1. November 17, 2010 Regular meeting minutes, December 2, 2010, December 3, 2010, December 7, 2010, December 8, 2010 Special Purpose meeting minutes, December 9, 2010 Student Programs and Achievement Action Team meeting minutes
2. December bills, January payroll, November treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action

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

### **Personnel**

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

- a. Employment – 2010-11 school year

Certified

- o Melissa Blecker National Jr. Honor Society advisor

- b. Resignation

Certified

- o Lucinda Balandis National Jr. Honor Society advisor

Non-Certified

- o Tracy Wam WPES custodian – 2<sup>nd</sup> shift

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

### **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the November 17, 2010 regular closed session minutes, December 2, 2010, December 3, 2010, December 7, 2010, December 8, 2010 special purpose closed session minutes, and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Michowski, carried unanimously.

### **Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

Mrs. Michowski moved to expel student number 1 A for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year, holding the expulsion in abeyance for the 2010-11 school year contingent upon placement and attendance at the Ombudsman Educational Service Program, and provide transportation to Ombudsman, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

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

### **Policy Committee:**

- Mrs. Neece moved to approve the following policy changes, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.
  - o 2:160 – Board Attorney
  - o 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees
  - o 5:280 – ESP – Duties and Qualifications
  - o 5:330 – ESP – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
  - o 6:130 – Program for the Gifted
  - o 7:90 – Release During School Hours
  - o 7:150 – Agency and Police Interviews
  - o 7:325 – Student Fund-Raising Activities
  - o 8:80 – Gifts to the District

- 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board
- 2:80 – Board Member Oath and Conduct
- 2:100 – Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 3:40 – Superintendent
- 4:50 – Payment Procedures
- 4:160 – Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds
- 5:100 – Staff Development Program
- 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
- 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel
- 5:290 – Educational Support Personnel Employment Termination & Suspensions
- 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 – Student Discipline
- 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- 7:285 – Food Allergy Management Program
- 7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics
- 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

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

- A policy committee meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

### **BOE Reflections**

Shared highlights from 78<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Conference for IASB, IASA and IASBO.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **November Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys**

Survey results from November parent conferences were provided.

### **Holiday Cheer**

The holiday spirit is alive and very inspiring in our school district due to the musical talents of our students. This week's holiday concerts were very enjoyable. Many thanks to the students and their music teachers – Ms. Araoz, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Finlen and Mr. Mayer for the perfect holiday gift.

### **Generous Students**

Our students have captured the spirit of giving this holiday season. District students have made generous contributions to the local food pantry and Wimpy's Fund to spread holiday cheer to many families in the Rockton community.

### **Other**

- Shared School Board Member Day article that was published in the Rockton Herald.
- Reminded board members of the Winter Celebration on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Dr. Browning reported:**

- Thanked Mr. Terry and Mr. Rollinson for their help during her absence.

Mr. Terry reported:

- PTO Family Night is January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- PTO allocated \$7,000 to each building for technology.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- Holiday concerts were wonderful and thanked the music teachers.
- Thanked Officer Cure for a great D.A.R.E. program.
- Satellite students visited CherryVale Mall.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Booster Club Rec Night was successful.
- SMMS is hosting the boys basketball tournament in January.
- Sixth grade is going to see Chronicles of Narnia.
- Economy Day is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Newmes

- Band concert is December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.
- Students raised \$2,730 for Wimpy's fund.
- Students donated hats, gloves, and scarves to children at the Goldie Floberg center.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. On behalf of the RTA, Gail Johnson thanked the Board of Education for all of their support. Regular session resumed.

**NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Board members relocated to the district office conference room.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss superintendent search, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mr. Midgett moved to return to open session at 9:19 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved date: January 26, 2011

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

