

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held December 17, 2014**

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

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1. **Call to Order** by President Meason at 6:34 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Bill Midgett, Gail Johnson, Larry Schubert, Brenda Warren, Chanice Michowski, Jim Meason

Absent: Chuck Kleeberger

Others present: Interim Superintendent Robert Willis, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, and Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, and Dan Baumgartner, Eric Eiss, Mr. & Mrs. Littlefield, Mrs. Brien

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **2014 Tax Levy Hearing**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll Call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board. Mr. Meason moved to adopt the Levy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

5. **Public Hearing for School Code Waiver**

In accordance with the law, a public hearing for the school code waiver was called to order to inform the public of the waiver of Illinois School code 5/24-2 to change Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Casimir Pulaski Day to commemorative holidays. Mr. Meason moved to open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board.

Mr. Meason made a motion to adopt the waiver, seconded by Mr. Midgett.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

6. Mr. Meason moved to go into **Executive Session** at 6:38 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. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Meason moved to open session at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

7. **Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Christine Wolfe for the flower arrangement sent to her after her surgery.
- Four letters of in-school suspension, no letters of out-of-school suspension, and no letters of bus suspension.

8. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting to audience input, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

9. **Change to PTO Fund-Raiser**

Shaun Newmes asked for approval on a PTO fundraising change. As RSD #140 will not be hosting a fun fair this school year, tickets for the Rockford Aviators game will be sold for \$10 a ticket. The PTO will receive \$5 for every ticket sold. Tickets can be used at any home game throughout the season. The PTO would like to send out order forms the 2nd week in May to make sure we have them all back by June 1st.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the fund raising change, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll Call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, motion carried.

10. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Warren made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Midgett. Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, December bills, January payroll, November treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**.

\* Cooperative

Action taken at the 12/10/14 executive meeting of the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is attached for your review and action.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

11. Personnel

Mr. Meason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schubert to approve the following employments for the 2014/2015 school year.

A. Certified

- Maternity leave for Leah Carter, WPES 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher effective March 29, 2015.

B. Non-Certified

- Kelly Shimp, WPES Classroom Aide effective 12/9/14 (replaces Jamie Connors who has resigned)
- Blake Miglin as SMMS Track Coach (replaces Monica Way who resigned at the last Board meeting)

C. Resignations

- Jamie Connors, WPES Classroom Aide, effective 12/8/14. Jamie was hired at the last Board meeting and has been unable to work the days required for the position.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

12. Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Meason moved to approve the November 19, 2014 regular closed session minutes, seconded by Mr. Schubert. They are to remain closed.

Mr. Meason moved to approve the December 12 and 15, 2014 special purpose closed meeting minutes and recommend they are to be opened, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

13. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the development of a Psychologist position in Rockton School District 140 according to the job description attached to the agenda and discussed in closed session, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

14. Superintendent's Report

♦ November Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys

Superintendent Willis presented the survey results and commented that it was obviously apparent that the community is very happy with the education their children are receiving at RGS, WPES and SMMS.

◆ Extra-Curricular Activities' Philosophy

Kindyl Etnyre, Shaun Newmes, and Eric Eiss gave a presentation on the extra-curricular activities' philosophy at SMMS

15. Administrative Reports

Mr. Glenn Terry

- Congratulations to our second grade students for a wonderful concert. Great job Mrs. Ballard preparing our second graders!
- Thanks to Mrs. Baumgartner and Mrs. Davis for organizing an amazing Book Fair. Sales totaled over \$8,200 and we made a cash profit for \$1,921 and \$1,291 worth of books.
- I hope everyone has a very blessed Christmas and enjoys spending the holidays with their families.

Mr. Scott Rollinson

- WPES raised \$2,784 for the Wimpy's fund this year! A huge thanks to Kristin Carroll and Rebecca Rathe for organizing all our events, and to Ruth King for helping with candy cane sales.
- Thank you to Zach Newman for two outstanding concerts this month as well as all of the extra events he has taken his choir to (nursing homes, mall, Rockton Christmas Walk, etc.)
- Happy Holidays to everyone!

Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre/Mr. Shaun Newmes

- Please attend our winter band/choir concert this Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- PTO Ice Hogs fund-raiser forms are going home Thursday. The event is Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Our boys basketball season ended Tuesday, December 16. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade team ended first in the Northern Conference and in the conference tournament. Our 6/7<sup>th</sup> grade team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the conference tournament.
- The Rockton Warriors Booster Club will host a SMMS rec night on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Four SMMS teachers attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> courtesy of a Regional Office of Education grant. All four will be present their discoveries this February.
- During the month of December, students raised over \$3,400 for the Wimpy's foundation. Teachers and students shopped and wrapped for 22 local children.
- We wish our BOE, staff and families a peaceful and joy holiday season!

16. Comments from the Community

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

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

- Katie Littlefield commented that SMMS does a great job in balancing student participation in extracurricular sporting events.

17. Members' Comments

- Dr. Willis wished everyone a happy, safe holiday.

- Mrs. Michowski thanked all the administrators for all their hard work during this hectic holiday season.

18. Mr. Meason moved to go into **Executive Session** at 7:55 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(c)(21), seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Meason moved to open session at 8.47 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

19. **Adjournment**

Mr. Meason moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Johnson. 6 ayes, Motion carried.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on January 28, 2015.

Approval Date: January 28, 2015

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President

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Secretary