

**Minutes of Regular meeting
Held December 20, 2016**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Katie Littlefield

Jim Meason arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Stacey Heiar arrived at 6:14 p.m.

Absent: Chanice Michowski

Others present: Superintendent Terry, RTA President Dan Baumgartner, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Assistant Principal Matt Roer, Business Manager Sue Miller, SMMS Teacher Rich Mayer and Kindergarten Teachers Barb Kubat, Robin Hardyman, Kelly Cleaveland, Lindsay Campbell, Rachel Maddix, Mary Vosberg, and Paige Jaeger

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **2016 Tax Levy Hearing**

Katie Littlefield moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for public input, seconded by Shawn Connors.

Roll call: Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Katie Littlefield – 4 ayes, Motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board. Katie Littlefield moved to adopt the Levy as presented, seconded by Shawn Connors.

Roll call: Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield – 4 ayes, Motion carried.

5. **Kindergarten Presentation - Envision Math Solve and Share**

Barb Kubat, along with the kindergarten team, presented the problem-based learning portion of the enVision 2.0 math curriculum. The Solve and Share problems encourage thinking, reflection on multiple strategies and peer communication.

6. **Comments from the Community**

No comments at this time.

7. Josh Houghton motioned to go into **Executive Session** 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 Gail Johnson.

Roll call: Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

8. Correspondence

- A Christmas card from Judy Davis along with a monetary donation to the RGS Library Fund.
- 7 letters of in-school suspension
- 4 letters of out-of-school suspension

9. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

None.

10. Closed Session Minutes

Katie Littlefield moved to approve the November 16, 2016 regular closed session minutes and recommend they are to be opened, seconded by Josh Houghton. – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

11. Policy Update

The policy committee reviewed the following policies during the December 15, 2016 Policy Committee meeting and are now presented to the Board for the first reading. Approval of the following updates will be scheduled for the January 18, 2017 BOE Meeting.

- 2:120 Board Member Development
- 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses
- 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
- 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedures
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:110 Transportation
- 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:60 Expenses
- 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
- F:190 Teacher Qualifications
- F:250 Leaves of Absence

12. Approval of New RTA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Katie Littlefield motioned to approve the three year RTA Collective Bargaining Agreement beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll call: Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Katie Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

13. Asphalt Plant Update

Superintendent Terry updated the BOE on the status of the potential of an asphalt plant being built in Winnebago County and recommended the BOE pass a resolution objecting to the proposed asphalt plant. Stacey Heiar, Board Secretary read the Resolution.

Jim Meason motioned to approve the resolution of the Rockton School District #140 Board of Education objecting to a proposed Winnebago County Zoning Map Amendment to allow for an asphalt plant, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll call: Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Katie Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

14. Approval of New Job Descriptions

Shawn Connors motioned to approve new job descriptions for the following positions: Library Aide, Director of Facilities and Grounds, Custodian, and Maintenance Technician, seconded by Stacey Heiar.

Roll call: Jim Meason, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

15. Consent Items

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of last month's open session minutes, December bills, January payroll, November treasurer's report and all items listed below:

- a. Cooperative: Action taken at the meeting of the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative.
- b. 12-8-16 Special Purpose Meeting Minutes
- c. 12-15-16 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Stacey Heiar.

Roll call: Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason, Katie Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

16. Personnel

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the following employments for the 2016-2017 school year, seconded by Gail Johnson.

- **CERTIFIED STAFF**
 - Sue Vermett (Retirement) – Letter of retirement effective end of FY2020 school year.
- **NON-CERTIFIED STAFF**
 - Don Van Stone (Resign) – Maintenance Effective 12/31/16
 - Vivian Balandis (Resign) - Maintenance/custodial Effective 11/28/2016
 - Alison Booth (Resign) –RGS Para Effective 12/9/2016
 - Michelle Kleeberger (Resign) – RGS Para Effective 12/21/2016
 - Emily Danielson (Hire) – RGS Para replacing Booth
 - Torrie Klengenmeyer (Hire) -SMMS Lunchroom Aide
 - Judy Davis (Retirement) – RGS Library Aide effective 2/3/2017
 - Wayne Williamson (Hire) – Maintenance effective 1/2/2017
 - Tyson Young (Hire) – RGS 1st shift Maintenance, effective 12/28/16
 - Derek DeSchepper (Transfer) – RGS 1st shift Maintenance to WPES 2nd Shift

Roll call: Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason, Katie Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

17. Donations to Rockton School District – Informational Item

- Judy Davis donated \$200.00 towards the purchase of shelves for the Rockton Grade School Library.
- The Oberst family has donated approximately \$3100.00 to the Stephen Mack Band Program.

18. Early Childhood Program/Speech Pathologist

The district has had the census for many years to support their own Early Childhood program as well as multiple speech pathologists. Currently, the District contracts both of those services through the Coop. The finance committee will be reviewing the feasibility of the district beginning its own EC program and employing their own speech pathologists. This will be revisited at the January Board meeting

19. Superintendent's Report

- a. A FOIA request was received from the Retired Teachers Association requesting names of employees retiring this school year.
- b. Mr. Terry updated the BOE that RSD #140 will not renew our subscription to the on-line IASB School Board Policy Service. In the future, RSD #140 on-line policies will be managed in-house.
- c. Mr. Terry updated the BOE on the schedule of the election for the 5 positions open on our school Board.
- d. Mr. Terry thanked the BOE Negotiation Team of Josh Houghton, Gail Johnson, and Katie Littlefield as well as Business Manager Sue Miller and the RTA for their work negotiating the 3 year RTA Collective Bargaining Agreement. "It was a very positive and collaborative experience."

20. New Business

None.

21. Administrative Reports

RGS Kindyl Etnyre

1. RGS is a recipient of an Exxon Mobil grant. Thank you to the Roscoe Mobil for their continued support of our school!
2. With the adoption of the new enVision Math 2.0, RGS teachers have desired professional development. A representative from Pearson presented to all staff at the beginning of the year. An opportunity to be involved in a book talk on Mathematical Mindset: Unleashing Students' Potential through Creative Math, Inspiring Messages and Innovative Teaching just wrapped up on Monday. On January 6th, staff development focusing on developing math reasoning and understanding will be presented to WPES and RGS teachers.
3. I would like to thank Mrs. Ballard on an entertaining 2nd grade concert.
4. I would like to wish the Board of Education a peaceful holiday break with your family and friends!
5. Thank you kindergarten team for giving us a glimpse of your mathematical instruction tonight!

WPES Megan Forsythe

1. Wimpy's Fund: Through candy cane sales and the Spirit of Giving Week, Whitman Post students raised a total of \$2,821 for Wimpy's Fund, allowing us to purchase gifts for 32 children in the Rockton community to brighten their holidays. This service activity was a great connection to our focus character trait of empathy. Thank you, Mrs. Kristin Carroll and all of our staff who volunteered their time to shop, for putting this together and teaching our students the power of community and helping others.
2. 3rd and 5th grade concerts: Thank you to Mr. Newman, the 3rd and 5th grade students, and the WPES choir for two fantastic performances. 5th grade's concert, "*Rock! Celebrate the History of Rock and Roll!*", entertained many generations as they took us through the development of rock and roll and performances from Elvis Presley, to the Beatles, to disco dancers. And the 3rd grade concert was just as entertaining with *A Prehistoric Christmas* that included 132 of the cutest little dinosaurs and a spectacular surprise ending with an enormous t-rex costumed Mr. Newman!
3. PTO Update:
Students had an opportunity to do their own shopping while parents enjoyed coffee and donuts the first Saturday in December at the PTO Holiday Shoppe. All went very smoothly and was a positive event for our community. Thank you to Mrs. Kramper, Mrs. Etnyre, and all the parent and student volunteers for putting in their time.
Applications for mini-grants went out to teachers last week- PTO is now offering \$2,000 to each of our three schools to go towards awarding these grants.

SMMS Autumn Czizek/Matt Roer

1. Congratulations to our 7th grade boys' basketball team for tying for second place in the conference. Congratulations to our 8th grade boys' basketball team for tying for first place in the conference.
2. Thank you to Mr. Mayer and the bands for a wonderful winter concert last week!
3. SMMS would like to recognize Mrs. Sarah Kazluski, Mrs. Melissa Blecker, student council and NJHS students for organizing our Wimpy's fundraiser. SMMS had a great year and was able to support over 20 children.
4. Economy Day will be tomorrow from 8:45-9:30.
5. Thank you to Laura Zimmerman for organizing the holiday gathering for the district. We had a great turn out by staff and lots of fun was had!
6. Homerooms had great fun competing in the door decorating contest! We had six homerooms win bungee chairs for their classrooms! Thank you to Mrs. Kaz and student council for arranging such a fun event! Also, thank you to Stacey Heiar and Glenn Terry for judging.

22. Comments from the Community

- RTA President, Dan Baumgartner commented that he was grateful to have the opportunity to be involved with both the Joint Financial Committee and the Insurance Committee, which were set up by the previous contract negotiation teams. "Involvement in these committees helped the RTA enter negotiations with a real picture on what is best for its members." Mr. Baumgartner also commented he is very proud of our District, the BOE, and the RTA negotiation team and the collaborative atmosphere during this negotiation process.
- Rich Mayer thanked the Oberst family for the \$3,100 donation towards the Stephen Mack Band Program. "It is very much appreciated."

23. Members' Comments

- Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield and Josh Houghton all thanked the RTA and BOE negotiation teams for all their hard work and stated it was a very positive experience.

24. Adjournment

Katie Littlefield moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Josh Houghton. The next regular board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Katie Littlefield, Board President

Stacey Heiar, Board Secretary