

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**

**Board of Education**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**2. Roll Call**

Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, John Gibbons, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kim Garst, Tim Ehlers, Kindyl Etnyre, Keegan Ray, Mary Langrut

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Comments from the Community**

Mary Langrut addressed the BOE regarding her granddaughter not making the girls basketball team at SMMS.

**5. Correspondence**

**6. 2018 Tax Levy Hearing**

Katie Littlefield opened the tax levy public hearing at 6:15pm. There was no public comment.

Katie Littlefield closed the public hearing at 6:15pm. Shawn Connors moved to adopt the levy as presented, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, John Gibbons, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton

**7. Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices-Presented by Keegan Ray**

Keegan Ray, Speech Pathologist for RGS, gave a very informative presentation on the usage of AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication Devices) at Rockton Grade School. There currently are 14 students who are utilizing these devices. The AAC device is a tool used that allows students to communicate with teachers and parents, but also their peers.

- 8.** Josh Houghton motioned 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) 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 Gail Johnson at 6:45pm.

**9. Approval of Personnel**

**NON CERTIFIED POSITIONS**

Jennifer Derr/Early Childhood Paraprofessional/RGS

Lani Rostamo/Early Childhood Paraprofessional/RGS

Brenda Herron/Food Service- Resignation

Connie Wilkes/Food Service- Resignation

### **STIPENDS**

Leah Carter/ Running Club Coordinator/WPES

Amy Bigwood/ Running Club Coordinator/WPES

Mallory Lewis/ Spirit Squad/ Resignation for school year 2019-2020

Ali Bowers/Spirit Squad 2019/2020

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the above referenced Personnel, and was seconded by Brett Lundsten.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, John Gibbons, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors

### **10. Consent Items**

**Items recommended for the consent agenda are:**

- Approval of RSD #140 December bills:\$176,348.27, September and October Expenditures
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative December 2018 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative October and November Financial Reports
- Approval of November 14, 2018 BOE Minutes
- Approval of Board Members expenses for Triple I Conference

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by John Gibbons.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, John Gibbons, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton

### **11. Audit Suggestions**

Kim Garst addressed the BOE regarding 5 recommendations that the auditors had given the District and the steps that have been implemented to follow these recommendations.

### **12. Tax Abatement**

Shawn Connors informed the BOE of the meeting that he and Glenn Terry had with the Mayor of South Beloit, Ted Rehl, regarding the tax abatement being requested by a potential new tenant of a property in South Beloit. Although the building is located in South Beloit, it is part of the Rockton School District. Mr. Connors informed the BOE that our district is currently receiving property taxes from the current owner and that it would not be in the District's benefit to grant the tax abatement requested.

### **13. New Business**

Katie Littlefield informed the BOE that the architect search committee will include Chad Papke, Tim Ehlers, Glenn Terry and herself. The committee will begin by reviewing firms and finalizing the RFQ.

**14. Superintendent's Report**

- District Christmas Party is tomorrow at the Grand Ave. Pub from 3:30-7:00PM.
- FOIA Request - Data Research Partners

**15. Administrative Reports**

**RGS Administrative Report**

**December 19, 2018**

**1. PTO**

- a. The annual IceHogs event is set for Saturday, January 26, 2019. The WPES choir will sing the National Anthem. Ticket sales start on Thursday.
- b. Parent mixer coming soon! PTO will be hosting an event at Scorchy's to gain interest in becoming a member of the RSD #140 PTO.

**2. Why is RGS our Happy Place?**

- a. Between RGS and WPES, we raised \$4,236.26 for Wimpy's Fund! This purchased gifts for 31 children and gift cards for 10 families in our community.
- b. The RSD administrative team wishes all staff members and the BOE a peaceful and joyous holiday!

**16. Members' Comments**

- Triple I Sharing

**17. Adjournment**

Josh Houghton moved to adjourn at 7:21pm, seconded by Chad Papke. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on January 23, 2019.

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Katie Littlefield

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Gail Johnson