

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

1. Call to Order

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kim Garst, Tim Ehlers, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Justin Bonne, Autumn Czizek, Jacqui Thompson, Mindy Clark, Kelly Baumgartner, Dan Baumgartner, Lindy Daniels, Gina Tuula, Marianne Mueller, Rockton Herald

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

7. 2019 Tax Levy Hearing

Katie Littlefield opened the tax levy public hearing at 6:04pm. There was no public comment.

Katie Littlefield closed the public hearing at 6:04pm. Shawn Connors moved to adopt the levy as presented, seconded by Josh Houghton.

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

8. Presentation by Mindy Clark and Kelly Baumgartner for the WPES STEM/Library

Mindy Clark gave a presentation on the STEM program at WPES to the BOE. She explained that she has 1 grade level for 1 trimester/12 weeks. The students learn engineering and design processes using robots. 5th grade is working with coding, while 3rd grade learned about Balloons on Broadway.

Kelly Baumgartner gave a presentation on creating a true connection between the STEM and library programs. Mrs. Baumgartner has been studying best practices regarding library instruction. This has led to many curricular changes focusing on students becoming critical thinkers, enthusiastic readers, skillful researchers and ethical users/creators of information. Examples at RGS include a construction unit and an Arctic inquiry/STEM unit. An example at WPES includes Passion Projects completed in 4th and 5th grades. Students used library and technological resources and were allowed to choose a subject and 'dig deep.' Student engagement was high in both settings!

9. Chad Papke motioned into Executive Session at 6:18 pm 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 Brett Lundsten.

10. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

- Approval of November 20, 2019 BOE Closed Session Minutes

Chad Papke motioned to approve the November 20, 2019 BOE closed session Minutes and recommended they are to remain closed, seconded by Josh Houghton. All in favor 7 ayes. Motion passed.

11. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of Personnel
Stipend New Hire Position
Angela Newman, Assistant Play Director, Effective with the 19-20 SY
- Approval of RSD #140 December 2019 bills:\$347,618.75, December 2019 Payroll Liabilities \$397,314.24, December Activity Expenditures \$12,843.90
- October 2019 Expenditures, October 2019 Revenue Report, October 2019 Operating Funds Summary, October 2019 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of November 20, 2019 BOE Meeting Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative partial November & December 2019 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative November 2019 Financial Reports

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the above referenced consent agenda, seconded by Gail Johnson.

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

12. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Request to Intervene in Tax Appeals

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing Our Request to Intervene in the Tax Appeal, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

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

13. Approve Applying for the School Maintenance Project Grant

Mary Newman motioned to apply for the School Maintenance Project Grant for the HVAC Project at SMMS, seconded by Gail Johnson.

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

14. Approve going out to bid for WPES lockers and SMMS entrance security upgrades

Chad Papke motioned to approve going out to bid for lockers at WPES and secured entrance at SMMS, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

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

15. Approval of Contract with The Benning Group for Audit.

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the Contract for auditing with The Benning Group, seconded by Josh Houghton.

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

16. Policy Update

The following policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee on December 6, 2019, and are presented to the Board for a first reading:

- 2:20-Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
- 2:70-Vacancies on the Board-Filing Vacancies
- 2:100-Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 2:105-Ethics and Gift Ban
- 2:110-Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Officers
- 2:200-Types of School Board Meetings
- 2:220-School Board Meeting Procedure
- 2:260-Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4:15-Identity Protection
- 4:30-Revenue and Investments
- 4:60-Purchases and Contracts
- 4:80-Accounting and Audits
- 5:10-Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:20-Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:30-Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:50-Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition
- 5:90-Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:120-Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- 5:250-Leaves of Absence
- 5:290-Employment Termination and Suspensions
- 5:330-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves
- 6:60-Curriculum Content
- 6:150 Home and Hospice Instruction
- 7:20-Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:180-Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:270-Administering Medicines to Students
- 8:30-Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

17. New Business

None

18. Superintendent's Report

a. Transportation Bid

Mr. Terry advised that the bid was finished and would be published Friday.. January 11th is the pre-bid meeting and January 29th would be the bid opening..

b. District Holiday Party

Mr. Terry reminded the BOE about the District Holiday Party on December 20th.

19. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

December 18, 2019

1. Kindyl Etnyre
 - a. PTO:
 - i. PTO approved \$6000 in mini-grants for the 2019-2020 school year. Congratulations to the 17 staff members on receiving these funds for your classroom projects!
 - ii. Get ready for some hockey! PTO is selling IceHog tickets for the game on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The WPES choir will be performing. All order forms will be sent home on January 6, 2020.
 - b. RGS:
 - i. Thank you to our RGS families for donating over \$1200 to the Wimpy's fund! Thank you to Rebecca Scheppmann and Abby Czaja for organizing the event.
 - ii. We wish our staff, BOE, families and Rockton community a very happy holiday!
2. Erin Hauser
 - a. RGS EVENTS:
 - i. The RGS 2nd grade holiday concert was on Wednesday, December 4th. Thank you to Mrs. Ballard, 2nd grade teachers, students, parents and families, as well as maintenance staff for making this concert a huge success!
 - ii. Kindergarten classrooms headed to the Williams Tree Farm on December 12th and 13th for a class field trip. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great trip!

WPES Administrative Report

1. **Megan Forsythe**
 - a. Thank you to Mr. Newman for all of the amazing musical concerts to begin the month of December: WPES Choir and 5th Grade Concert on Tuesday, the choir then performed at the Cherryvale Mall on Wednesday, the 3rd Grade Concert on Thursday, and we concluded the week with caroling in the park before Rockton's lighted parade over the weekend.
 - b. Congratulations to....
2. **Justin Bonne**
 - a. Yearbook Club has been doing great things at Whitman Post. Mrs. Fish is heading up 8 kids who have really taken ownership and came up with some creative ideas. The students have created schedules for class pictures, began collecting Bitmoji's of staff members, and using Clip-art on class pages to match the theme of the room.
 - b. A shout out to Mrs. Carroll for organizing our candy cane sales and spirit of giving week to raise money for Wimpy's fund, our generous Rockton families, and all of our elves who shopped and wrapped gifts for families in our community to provide a brighter holiday for our children.

SMMS Administrative Report

Autumn Czizek

- a. Thank you to Mr. Mayer for all of the work put into showcasing our fantastic band this month! The 7th and 8th grade band performed at Cherryvale Mall last week and our Winter Band Concert is tomorrow night at 7pm.
- b. Sixth grade will be having their Winter Economy Day on Friday, December 20. They have done a great job completing their jobs and creating their products. They are currently putting the finishing touches on their stores and getting ready to sell on Friday!

Jacqui Thompson

- c. On December 4th, we had Katie Kelly from the Winnebago County Health Department come give a presentation on Vaping. We had about ten parents show up, but the information was helpful and parents seemed appreciative of the event. We were also able to share the information with our staff and inform them of the hot new products that making vaping even more inconspicuous.
- d. This past week our school worked to raise money for the Wimpy's fund. Students brought in money to participate in tech days, dress up days, and to purchase tons and tons of candy canes. We were able to buy Christmas gifts for 20 children this year due to the money raised!

20. Members' Comments

Gail Johnson stated that she was very impressed with the presentation given by Mindy Clark and Kelly Baumgartner regarding Stem and library and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Katie Littlefield thanked the Administrators for how they handled inquires from parents and the community regarding the PTO issue and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

21. Adjournment

Shawn Connors moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm, seconded by Chad Papke. Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm. The next regular Board Meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on January 22, 2020.

Katie Littlefield

Mary Newman