

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2009 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 February 25, 2009, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Mr. LaForge arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry and Jim Taphorn, Business Manager Julia Saunders, Curriculum Coordinator Lindy Daniels, RTA Representatives/Teachers Gail Johnson and Rich Mayer, and Teacher Sue Walsh.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss 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). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, Meason, Schubert, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:16 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, Midgett, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Quiz Bowl Presentation

SMMS Quiz Bowl students along with their coaches Diana Stephens and Rich Mayer provided a demonstration of their excellent quiz bowl skills.

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Marge Guerrero for the flowers received after her surgery.
- One letter of bus suspension, three letters of school suspension, four letters of in-school detention, and two letters of in-school suspension.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. No one wished to address the Board, regular session resumed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. LaForge moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert. Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, Midgett, Schubert, Praneis, LaForge, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Items included:

1. January 28, 2009 Regular meeting minutes
2. February bills, March payroll, January treasurer's report

3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donations
 - WPES library received a donation from Shawn White, fourth grade parent.
 - SMMS physical education program received a weight set from Ronald and Michelle Harris, seventh grade parents.
5. Policy Committee
 - 6:60 – Curriculum Content
 - 6:160 – English Language Learners
 - 6:230 – Library Resource Center
 - 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
 - 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - 7:210 – Expulsion Procedures
 - 7:230 – Misconduct by Students with Disabilities

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2008-2009 school year

Non-Certified

- Elizabeth Persson SMMS Lunchroom Aide – part-time

b. FMLA Leave – 2008-2009 school year

Certified

- Amy Bigwood WPES Teacher
- Gina Tuula WPES Teacher
- Linh Phommachanh SMMS Teacher (FMLA extends to 2009-10 school year)

c. Resignation

Certified

- Marc LaMay 6th/7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach (with regrets)

Non-Certified

- Cathy Froeliger WPES Food Service Aide – part-time

d. Transfer

Non-Certified

- Lynn Denham WPES Food Service Aide – part-time

e. Retirement with regrets – effective end of 2008-09 school year

Certified

- Marta Polakowski SMMS Heath Teacher

f. Retirement with regrets – effective end of 2011-12 school

Certified

- Gail Johnson RGS Kindergarten Teacher
- Jayne Maxwell RGS First Grade Teacher

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

Closed Session Minutes:

- Mrs. Warren moved to approve the January 28, 2009 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Warren moved to open the following previously reviewed closed session minutes: June 25, 2008 and January 7, 2009, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren directing Superintendent Harezlak to move forward with presenting an offer to purchase Leota Huss property located on North Main Street, Rockton, Illinois, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Annual Report of Gifted Programs

Lindy Daniels presented a summary review of the programs and services offered by the district for high ability students.

School Calendars

Mr. Schubert moved to adopt the proposed 2009-2010 calendar as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Annual Financial Report

The district received a financial profile score from ISBE. Our financial designation for 2009 is a score of four or 'Recognition' status. Superintendent Harezlak shared details of the scoring profile.

School Uniform Survey

A telephone survey of district parents was conducted on February 9th to determine parent response to requiring uniforms for students. Mr. Taphorn reported 349 said yes to exploring uniforms and 360 said no. The board members agreed that no further action is needed.

Other

- Superintendent Harezlak discussed issue between teachers regarding on-line Accelerated Reading program books that are not in the school library and granting AR credit. Superintendent Harezlak is working with building principals to draft a resolution.
- The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 5 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pre-school Screening

RGS staff will conduct screening for pre-schoolers and next year's kindergarten students on March 16, 18 and 19 from noon to 6 pm at the grade school.

Bulletins and Newsletters:

Teacher Institute evaluations and IASB Constitution and Position Statements were provided.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning reported:

- The Project Fair was a huge success. Thank you to Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Fitzsimmons for their hard work.
- RGS will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America day next week.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- The PTO Fun Fair is March 7th at SMMS.
- WPES students had a great time during the Brainstormers assembly.

Mr. Terry reported:

- The after-school math project, taught by Mrs. Tuula, has started at WPES.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Eighth grade students are participating in the National Assessment of Education Progress testing on Thursday.
- Students leave on Friday for Washington D.C.
- NJHS selection is currently taking place.
- Sixth grade student led conferences was successful.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- Valentine's dance was February 13th.
- Four hundred honor roll letters were mailed.
- REEF awarded two grants to SMMS.

Mrs. Daniels reported:

- ISAT testing is next week.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Schubert reported REEF awarded grants totaling over \$6,700.
- Mrs. Neece encouraged members to attend the musical at HHS.
- Mrs. Warren reminded the board members of the Special Purpose Board meeting on March 4th at 6 pm.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on ***Tuesday, March 17***, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss 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). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 9:43 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece.
Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, Midgett, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay:
None. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LaForge moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried
unanimously.

Approved date: March 17, 2009

President: _____

Secretary: _____