

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Katie Littlefield, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman

Absent: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tim Ehlers, Lindy Daniels, Kim Garst, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Justin Bonne, Autumn Czizek, Jacqui Thompson, Tracy Cady, Amber Smith, Frederick Fults, Kathleen Goal, Lori Lee, Jennifer Higareda

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

Striking #8, #9, #16

5. Comments from the Community

There were six employees of First Student Bus Company who came and spoke about their experiences working for First Student. They shared their concern regarding the District accepting a bid from a different company and how that would affect their current job, wages and benefits.

6. Correspondence

Mary Newman read off the following correspondence:

6-In School suspensions for WPES

3-Out of School suspensions for WPES

16-In School suspensions for SMMS

4-Out of School suspensions for SMMS

Thank you card from Kris Saey for the plan sent in memory of her mother-in-law

7. Strategic Planning Update

Glenn Terry updated the BOE on the current strategic planning for growth. He advised that since construction has stopped on the Denali subdivision enrollment has slowed. Kindergarten numbers are the same as they were last year and are not growing.

~~8. Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(11), Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(9), Selection of a person to fill a public office (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(3), Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(10), Lease of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(5), Setting of sale price of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(6), Sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(7) Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(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(e)(16);~~

~~9. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session~~

- ~~● February 12, 2020 C.O.W. Closed Session Minutes~~

10. **Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of Personnel
 - **Certified Retirement Notification**
 - Teresa Halom, Irrevocable Retirement Notice, Retire end of 2022-2023 SY
 - Jeanna Liikala McAfee, Irrevocable Retirement Notice, Retire end of 2022-2023 SY
 - Theresa O'Hea, Irrevocable Retirement Notice, Retire end of 2022-2023 SY
 - Ruth Kind, Irrevocable Retirement Notice, Retire end of 2022-2023 SY
 - **Stipend New Hire**
 - Jacob Doyle, Track Coach @SMMS, Effective with the 2019-2020 SY
 - **Stipend Resignations**
 - Anthony Johnston, Cross Country Coach, Effective Immediately
 - Torri Kligenmeyer, Cross Country and Track Coach, Effective Immediately

- Approval of RSD #140 February 2020 bills:\$364,278.69, February 2020 Payroll Liabilities \$396,920.51, February Activity Expenditures \$5,055.33
- January 2020 Expenditures, January 2020 Revenue Report, January 2020 Operating Funds Summary, January 2020 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of January 22, 2020 BOE Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 12, 2020 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative partial January-partial February 2020 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2020 Financial Reports

Josh Houghton motion to approve the above referenced consent agenda, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Shawn Connors

11. **Approval of Calendars**

Glenn Terry is requesting approval of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 District Calendars.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the proposed calendars for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, seconded by Chad Papke. All in favor 5. Motion passed.

12. **Approval of Lawn Bid**

Tim Ehlers is requesting approval of the bid from S & H Nursery Landscaping for mowing services at Rockton School District.

Mary Newman motioned to approve S & H Nursery Landscaping bid for mowing services, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield

13. **Approval of E-Rate**

James Hall is requesting approval of the E-Rate application in the amount of \$42,859.39.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the E-Rate application in the amount of \$42,859.39, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke

14. Approval of Dry Wells

Glenn Terry is requesting approval of the N-Trak Group proposal in the amount of \$15,700.00, to drain existing standing water and install 2 dry wells in the north drainage pond.

Katie Littlefield motioned to approve the proposal from N-Trak Group in the amount of \$15,700 to install 2 dry wells in the north drainage pond, seconded by Mary Newman.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield

15. Approval of Additional Running Club Position

Approval is requested to hire an additional Running Club person to assist with the number of kids that are participating.

Shawn Connors motioned to approve hiring an additional person to supervise Running Club, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke

16. Approval to Purchase Cafeteria Tables

17. New Business

None

18. Superintendent's Report

a. Bus Contract Update

Glenn Terry informed the BOE that there was not a new update to give regarding the bus contract.

b. School Construction Grant

Glenn Terry advised the BOE that the State of Illinois has not released the guidelines for the construction grant. Without having that information, we do not know if the projects we would want to do will fit within the guidelines.

c. Coronavirus

Mr. Terry updated the BOE on questions from parents on whether or not we have a plan in place if there were an outbreak of the coronavirus here.

19. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

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1. Kindyl Etnyre

a. PTO:

- i. **Mark your calendars for Buffalo Wild Wings day - Wednesday, March 4th (11:00 AM-11:00 PM) at the Beloit location. 10% of each bill comes back to the PTO!**
- ii. **PTO is partnering with Mark's Pizza to decorate and sell large pizzas to our RSD #140 families. Mark is returning \$4.00 to the PTO with every large pizza order that is picked up in a student-designed pizza box.**

b. RGS:

- i. **Thank you to REEF for supporting Nicole Cleaveland with STEM activities and Brian Martin with fitness steps!**
- ii. **RGS Visitors**

1. Wheatbread Johnson from Blues in the Schools visited all of our classrooms on February 17th and 24th. RGS kids love dancing to that jazz music!
2. Dr. Vaughn J. de Guzman from Roscoe Family Dental reminded us of the importance of brushing and flossing on February 19th.

c. Erin Hauser

RGS Events:

- i. With the start of the third trimester, we will be focusing on perseverance/ teamwork for our final character trait. Kindyl and I are looking forward to visiting classrooms in March for another character lesson!
- ii. RGS had special team planning days on February 12th and 13th. Items that teams focused on included report cards, Superkids reading and writing, parent/teacher conference planning, curriculum, technology and more.
- iii. Second grade is planning a new field trip this year to Legoland Chicago! The field trip is scheduled for April 6th and second grade teachers are looking forward to trying something new.

WPES Administrative Report

1. Megan Forsythe

- a. IBOB preparations are in full swing! Students and mentors are meeting this month with their groups who read the same three books and will then team up with others who read different books to compete on March 10th for our Battle of the Books! Thank you to Laura Benkovich and Kelly Baumgartner, as well as all of our mentors, for their time and efforts to make this event happen!
- b. We have had several presenters come into Whitman Post this past month - Wheatbread Johnson with Blues in the Schools kicked off Black History Month and had the kids singing and dancing, Hoo Haven showed off some exciting creatures to our 3rd graders, and Dr. Kim came in to teach our 4th graders the importance of good dental hygiene.

2. Justin Bonne

- a. On January 24th we celebrated our students achievements by surprising them with an in school movie theatre experience. It was amazing to see staff members come together to convert the gym into cinema and watch the kids enjoy their accomplishments from 2nd quarter. A big thanks to James Hall for setting up all of the tech, Mark Donaldson for relocating his classes for the day, and all the paras and teachers who helped with set-up and distribution of snacks.
- b. We've concluded our fundraising efforts for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and collected donations in class, online, and through Pennies for Patients with our penny wars. Our students had a

ton of fun with the challenge and district families went above and beyond bringing total of \$7,723.39. Mrs. Leitner's class walked away with a pizza party for winning the Penny Wars . A huge thank you to our nurse Jen Geary for all of her hard work in organising the fundraiser and collecting donations.

Hoo Haven, Scoopie night, Character lessons–integrity

SMMS Administrative Report

1. Autumn Czizek
 - a. Thank you to our English teachers for organizing the Stephen Mack Spelling Bee. This event was held this morning and 7th grade student Elliott Towne was our winner. Congratulations!
 - b. Thanks to Mrs. DeVries for organizing our February Kindness Kafe. We had a breakfast celebration for students who were nominated for showing kindness at SMMS. Thanks also to our local first responders for coming in to have breakfast with the students!
2. Jacqui Thompson
 - a. We had a wonderful turnout to our Cyber Guide Presentation last month, filling almost all of our cafeteria tables with parents and students. The feedback received was very positive and parents appreciated us hosting the event. Our next parent education will be presented by KP Counseling on March 9th, regarding suicide and mental health awareness.
 - b. In sports news, our girls 7th and 8th grade basketball teams just completed their season. The 7th grade team placed 3rd in the conference and 3rd in the end of season tournament. 8th graders finished in 2nd place in the conference and 3rd in the end of season tournament.

20. Members' Comments

Mary Newman thanked the bus drivers for coming and speaking to the BOE and for their service.

21. Adjournment

Josh Houghton moved to adjourn at 6:55 pm, seconded by Chad Papke.

Motion Carried.

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2020 in Rockton Grade School's Music Room.

Katie Littlefield

Mary Newman