

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2007 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 January 24, 2007, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Georgiann McKenna, Barb Browning, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, Curriculum Coordinator Kindyl Etnyre, Technology Coordinator Tom Shook, Teachers Glenn Terry, Jeanna McAfee and Scott Rollinson.

Mr. Meason moved to enter closed session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the 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). Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Spanish Textbooks

Mr. Schubert moved to approve new Spanish textbooks including the web based lab program, seconded by Mrs. Percy,

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

MAPS Assessment Program

Kindyl Etnyre and Tom Shook presented an interactive demonstration of the district's new assessment program.

Correspondence

- A thank you card was received from Jill Barnet for flowers sent after surgery.
- A thank you card was received from Nancy Delehanty Shouler for the plant sent in memory of her father.
- Two letters of school suspension.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schubert moved to approve items on the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Items included:

1. December 18, 2006 Regular meeting minutes, January 6, 2007 Board of Education Retreat meeting minutes, January 10, 2007 Policy Committee meeting minutes, January 18, 2007 Negotiations Committee meeting minutes

2. January bills, February payroll, December treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Donation
 - RGS Library donations
5. Demolition Permit
6. Appoint Alternate for Board Secretary

Camp Invention

Mr. Schubert moved to approve science enrichment summer program as presented, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

Policy Committee

Mrs. Percy moved to approve the following policy changes that were reviewed at the December 18, 2006 BOE meeting, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Meason, Praneis, LaForge, Warren. Nay: Schubert. Carried.

- o 2:10 – School District Governance
- o 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board
- o 2:50 – Board Member Term of Office
- o 2:80 – Board Member Oath and Conduct
- o 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- o 2:130 – Board-Superintendent Relationship
- o 2:140 – Communications To and From the Board
- o 2:150 – Committees
- o 2:200 – Type of School Board Meetings
- o 2:210 – Organizational School Board Meetings
- o 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
- o 2:240 – Board Policy Development
- o 3:10 – Goals and Objectives
- o 6:230 – Library Resource Center

At the January 10, 2007 Policy Committee meeting, the following policy changes were reviewed and recommended for BOE action at the February meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes. Copies of the policy changes were provided.

- o 3:40 – Superintendent
- o 3:60 – Administrative Responsibility of Building Principal
- o 4:10 – Fiscal and Business Management
- o 4:40 – Incurring Debt
- o 4:170 – Safety
- o 5:30 – General Personnel – Hiring Process and Criteria
- o 5:90 – General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- o 5:250 – Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
- o 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- o 6:250 – Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- o 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program
- o 8:60 – Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Percy, to approve the following.

1. Employments

Certified

- Linh Phommachanh – SMMS Seventh Grade Special Education teacher

Non-Certified

- Christian Ukworji – RGS/WPES Custodian
- Kathy Hull – RGS Special Education Aide – part-time
- Tammy Jackson – RGS Classroom Aide – part-time
- Erin Johnson – RGS/SMMS Classroom Aide – part-time

2. Resignation

- Rosemary Marks – RGS/WPES custodian

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

Mrs. Warren moved to approve appointment of Scott Rollinson as WPES Principal for the 2007-08 school year.

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

Mrs. Warren moved to approve change in assignment for Julia Saunders to Business Manager with increase to a 224 day contract, effective January 25, 2007.

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

Business Manager Position

The final draft of the job descriptions discussed at the January Board Retreat were provided.

Letter of Understanding

Mrs. Percy moved to approve the letter of understanding regarding second grade class sizes as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the December 18, 2006 regular closed session minutes, January 6, 2007 Board of Education Retreat closed session minutes, January 18, 2007 Negotiations Committee closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Quarterly Investment Review

Superintendent Harezlak discussed the second quarter investment report ending December 31, 2006. As per BOE policy, the BOE is requested to review the investment performance by appropriate and creditable standards for the investment type.

New Administrator Evaluation Instrument

The new performance assessment tool for administrator evaluation was presented. The new format is in compliance with new state legislation.

Update on Construction Projects

Information regarding the progress on the district construction projects was shared.

Annual WCSEC Dinner

Board members are encouraged to attend this year's special annual dinner and open house on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the new special education cooperative building located at 11971 Wagon Wheel Road. A public open house will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. preceding the annual dinner.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

BOE Committees

A list of the updated BOE committee assignments as per the discussion at the January 6th BOE retreat was provided. A correction was made and a revised copy will be sent to the BOE members.

Strategic Planning Update

Community and staff input regarding the next steps in our strategic planning process will be gathered this spring for the Strategic Planning Task Force meeting in late April.

United Way Appreciation

The Rockton School District received an appreciation letter from Doug Eddy, 2006 Stateline United Way Campaign Chair, for the generous support of our employees to the 2006 campaign.

Bulletins and newsletters were provided.

Two negotiation committee meetings were scheduled - March 7, 2007 at 5 p.m. and March 12, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning

- Reported that several RGS teachers are participating in the Quantum Learning class.
- Mrs. Etnyre and Mr. Shook have been a tremendous help with the MAP assessments.
- February 7th is the 100th day of school and several activities are planned.

Dr. McKenna

- Reported that the 'Post-It' newsletter contains two spectacular student writing samples.
- Shared a story about a velvet box that was found on the playground that contained a good behavior bracelet.

Mr. Larson

- Reported that SMMS has great classes this year with low suspensions.
- The Science Olympiad group is working hard.
- Reported that he and several SM teachers are participating in the Quantum Learning class.
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Mr. Taphorn

- The Booster Club and soccer team hosted a dance that was a great success.
- It is 'No Name Calling' week at SMMS.
- Mentioned that girl's basketball is well under way.
- February 11th is the PTO Valentines dinner.
- Reported that he and Mrs. Browning will be 'locked up' for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Thursday.

Mrs. Etnyre

- Reported that 35 staff attended the movie 'Freedom Writers' at the DSRC event.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Pearcy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved Date: February 28, 2007

President: _____

Secretary: _____