

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held January 24, 2018**

The Board of Education
Rockton School District No. 140

1. Call to Order by President Littlefield 6:01 pm

2. Roll Call

Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Katie Littlefield

Late: Stacey Heiar, 6:05 pm

Absent: Brett Lundsten

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Sue Miller, Bob Lewis from PMA, Sandy Hibbing

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Comments from the Community

Sandy Hibbing shared information on a recycling company that has dumpster style recycling bins that they place on properties for the community to use, and that there is no cost for schools. She suggested that the Board think about placing one school grounds.

5. 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 Shawn Connors.

Josh Houghton moved to return to open session at 6:35 pm, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield

6. Action on Items Arising out of Closed Session

6.1 Approval of Personnel

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the personnel report as listed, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Certified

- Paige Van Sistine (Leave)- Teacher 4th Grade Teacher-WPES Maternity leave

NON-Certified Staff

- Katie Ramage-WPES Para effective 1/22/2018
- Michelle Wright-RGS 1:1 Para effective 2/5/2018

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors

6.2 Approval of December 20, 2017 Regular Closed Minutes

Josh Houghton made a motion to approve the December 20, 2017 regular closed session minutes and recommended they are to remain close, seconded by Gail Johnson.

All in favor-6 ayes, Motion passed.

7. Correspondence

8. Policy Update The following policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee on January 9, 2018, and are presented to the Board for a first reading :

- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4:15 Identity Protection
- 4:170 Safety
- 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 5:240 Suspension
- 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions
- 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:20 Harassment of Student Prohibited
- 7:260 Exemption From Physical Activity
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

9. Bus Contract Extension

Mr. Terry is requesting approval for a one year contract extension with First Students at a rate increase of 3.75%

Shawn Connors motioned for approval of the above listed contract extension with First Student with a 3.75% increase for one year, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Stacey Heiar, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton-6 ayes, Motion passed.

10. Nurse Sub rate and salary schedule

Josh Houghton motioned to increase the Nurse Sub Rate to \$20 per hour and adjust the nurse Salary Schedule accordingly seconded by Stacey Heiar.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield-6 ayes, Motion passed.

11. Debt Service Resolution

Resolution authorizing a supplemental property tax levy to pay the principal of and interest on outstanding limited bonds of the School District.

Shawn Connors motioned to the above of the Debt Service Resolution, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors-6 ayes, Motion passed.

12. Bond Refunding Resolution

Resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$1,200,000 General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds, Series 2018, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding limited bonds of the School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Gail Johnson motioned for approval of the Bond Refunding Resolution, seconded by Stacey Heiar.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors-6 ayes, Motion passed.

13. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approve RSD #140 January bills, January payroll, December's treasurer's report
- Approve WCSEC Cooperative Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approve WCSEC Cooperative December Financial Report
- Approve December 20, 2017 Open Session Minutes

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

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Stacey Heiar, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton. 6 ayes, Motion passed.

14. Parking Lot Project Update

A parking lot project update will remain on the board agenda until completion of the project.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the progress of the parking lot project and our comfort level with being ready to go out to bid by January 31st. Another meeting with Larson & Darby and Fehr-Graham will be scheduled for Friday to address.

15. New Business

None

16. Superintendent's Report

- TIF Update
- March IASA Dinner
- Growth/Staffing
- FOIA requests from SmartProcure and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

17. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

January 24, 2018

1. **PTO:** The PTO would like to thank Mr. Newman and the WPES choir for their performance at the IceHogs game on January 23rd.
2. **Preschool Screening and Kindergarten Registration:** Preschool screening and kindergarten registration for 2018/2019 is just around the corner for Rockton Grade School. Please pass

along the following information to any neighbor or family who lives within our district boundaries with children between three years old and kindergarten age.

- a. Contact Mrs. Carey Hubbell (RGS Nurse) at 815.624.8585 or by email at hubbell@rockton140.org to schedule an appointment.
 - b. **Dates & Times:**
 - i. Tuesday, February 6 (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
 - ii. Wednesday, February 7 (12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)
 - iii. Thursday, February 8 (7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
 - c. **Location:** Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative at 11971 Wagon Wheel Road, Rockton, IL 61072
3. **And for the W.I.N.**
- a. Thank you to the PTO for awarding \$6000 in mini-grants to RSD #140 teachers.
 - b. Congratulations to Mr. Martin on being named 13 WREX 'Teacher of the Week.'
<http://www.wrex.com/story/37252888/2018/01/Friday/teacher-of-the-week-brian-martin-rockton-grade-school>
 - c. Thank you, Donna Curtis and STEM for Kids, for providing all of our first graders a robotic experience!
 - d. Have you 'liked' us on Facebook? <https://www.facebook.com/RocktonGradeSchool/>

WPES Administrative Report

1/24/18

1. Thank you to Lindy Daniels and Glenn Terry for organizing the all-district escape room. Teachers really enjoyed getting the opportunity to have team-building activities with other teachers in the Rockton School District, and there was a lot of positive feedback regarding the experience.
2. Welcome to our newest Whitman Post team member, Katie Rumage! Mrs. Rumage has taken Dawn Krienke's position as a classroom paraprofessional with fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Trusner. Katie Rumage has three children in our district - Bryson (1st), Natalie (2nd), and Jocelyn (4th).
3. Thank you to Kristin Carroll and Rebecca Scheppman for putting together our character program and recognizing great kids. Last Thursday, 20 students were recognized for displaying our character trait of empathy. Recognition includes announcing their names on the intercom in the morning, wearing a golden T-shirt, having their picture on FaceBook, jumping to the front of the lunch line, choosing where he / she sits in the classroom, and receiving a small treat at the end of the day with a little celebration (compliments of the Mix). And we have kicked off our third quarter's focus character trait of integrity!

SMMS Administrative Report

January 24, 2018

1. SMMS Valentine's Dance coming up on Friday, February 2. Thank you to Mrs. Kaz and the student council for organizing a great event for our students!
2. Seventh grade students will be celebrating with their reward for second quarter as 140 students had 2 or fewer lates over the course of second quarter. We are proud of their hard work and hope they have a great celebration!
3. Thank you to Mrs. DeVries and Mrs. Carroll for organizing No Name Calling Week last week. We had a week that promoted kindness to all people and had Mix It Up Day at lunch as well.
4. SMMS is currently holding a donation drive for Carpenter's Place and started the week with an assembly with John Grossman who discussed not judging others and being yourself with

students. Students are currently participating in theme days this week and contributing items to be donated to Carpenter's Place.

5. SMMS students will be performing Dear Edwina, Jr. on February 3 at the Hononegah PAC. They will also have performances for students from WPES and SMMS on Friday, February 2.
6. RWBC-Spring wish lists are out and we look forward to granting some wishes of our staff members!

Special Education Administrative Report

1.24.18

1. Just a little info on how we are servicing our students with IEPs

Educational Environment	RSD	State
>80% general ed.	71%	53%
40-79% general ed.	19%	27%
<40% general ed.	9%	14%

2. 14% of our student population have IEPs which is dead on with the state average for qualifying students
3. RSD is slightly above the state average for students with IEPs meeting expectations on the PARCC

18. Comments from the Community

None

19. Members' Comments

Reef Trivia night is February 3rd at SMMS. It was discussed if there would be a Board team. Gail would like to use a tablet at the Board meetings so she is able to pull up documents that are shared in preparation for the meeting.

20. Adjournment

Shawn Connors moved to adjourn, seconded by Josh Houghton. 6 ayes, Motioned carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm, The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

Katie Littlefield, President

Stacey Heiar, Secretary