

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**

**Board of Education**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, John Gibbons, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kim Garst, Tim Ehlers, Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Matt Roer

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Comments from the Community**

None

**5. Correspondence**

6. John Gibbons Executive Session at 6:02 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.

Roll Call out of closed: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, John Gibbons, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton

**7. Action on Items Arising out of Closed Session**

Shawn Connors motioned to Approve the following Personnel, and was seconded by Gail Johnson.

7.1 Approval of Personnel

**NON CERTIFIED POSITIONS**

Abigail Matson/ Paraprofessional/WPES

Adam Ayoubi/Custodian/Maintenance/WPES

Bethany Scott/Food Service/SMMS

Nicole Kelly Transfer to WPES Secretary

William West/Custodian-Resignation

Kelly Gilliam/School Secretary/WPES- Resignation

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

7.2 Approval of November 14, 2018 BOE Closed Session Minutes

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the November 14, 2018 BOE Regular Closed Minutes and recommended they are to remain closed, seconded by Shawn Connors. All in favor 7 ayes, Motion passed.

### 7.3 Approval of December 19, 2018 BOE Closed Session Minutes

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the December 19, 2018 BOE Regular Closed Minutes and recommended they are to remain closed, seconded by Shawn Connors. All in favor 7 ayes, Motion passed.

## 8. Consent Items

### Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of RSD #140 January bills:\$279,372.57, November and December Expenditures
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2018 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative December 2018 Financial Reports
- Approval of December 19, 2018 BOE Minutes
- Approval of January 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

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

## 9. Growth Presentation

Glenn Terry gave a presentation on current and potential growth for the District. There are currently three different residential developments under construction with the potential to yield a total of 500+ homes. He showed the Board historical data regarding enrollment emphasizing the RGS and kindergarten recent trends including the current kindergarten which stands at 177 students. Mr. Terry also shared how much room for growth each school has the potential for on a scale of low to high impact on the educational environment.

## 10. Policy Update

The following policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee on January 7, 2019, and are presented to the Board for a first reading:

- 2:80-Board Member Oath and Conduct
- 2:120-Board Member Development
- 4:45-Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery
- 4:170-Safety
- 5:30-Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:60-Expenses
- 5:220-Substitute Teachers
- 6:60-Curriculum Content
- 7:70-Attendance and Truancy
- 7:100-Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:190-Student Behavior
- 7:260-Exemption from Physical Education
- 7:270-Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:290-Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:305-Program for Managing Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

### **11. Approval of Intercom Repair**

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve the Omni Technologies quote in the amount of \$34,909.29 for intercom repair and upgrade, seconded by John Gibbons.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, John Gibbons, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors  
7-eyes Motion passed

### **12. South Beloit Tax Abatement**

Shawn Connors motioned to disapprove entering into a tax abatement with the City of South Beloit, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors-aye, Gail Johnson-aye, Brett Lundsten-aye, Katie Littlefield-aye, John Gibbons-abstain, Chad Papke-aye, Josh Houghton-aye  
6-eyes, 1-abstain Motion Passed

### **13. Bus Contract Extension**

John Gibbons motioned to approve the rate increase of 2.5% and the one year contract extension with First Students, seconded by Shawn Connors.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, John Gibbons, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton  
7-eyes Motion Passed

### **14. New Business**

None

### **15. Superintendent's Report**

- a. FOIA request - Illinois Retired Teachers' Association
- b. Tax Appeal update
- c. 2019-2020 Calendar Update

### **16. Administrative Reports**

#### **RGS Administrative Report**

**January 23, 2019**

#### **1. PTO**

- a. Come out and support the PTO at the annual IceHogs event is set for Saturday, January 26, 2019. The WPES choir will sing the National Anthem.
- b. Yearbook cover contests are happening at both RGS and WPES. We cannot wait to see the entries!
- c. Thank you to the PTO for awarding \$6000 in mini-grants to the RGS, WPES and SMMS teachers. We are grateful for supporting our classrooms and schools!

#### **2. Why is RGS our Happy Place?**

- a. RGS just completed visits with our reading buddies at HCHS. Thank you to Mrs. Susan Bohn and the freshman English class teachers for hosting and allowing our students to share their reading skills.
- b. Shout out to the Crossroads Blues Society, Steve Jones and Wheatbread Johnson for entertaining and educating each of our classes on the importance and history of blues music.

## WPES Administrative Report

1. Our 2nd Quarter Reward Activity - a trip to the movie theater to see *A Dog's Way Home* - was a success! The Beloit movie theater was very accommodating and everything ran very smoothly. Thank you to all of our teachers and staff for their extra efforts in sending 384 students to the movies!
2. Third grade teachers, Mrs. Carter and Ms. Brooks, attended the STEAM conference at NIU last week and brought back so many great ideas to incorporate more student innovation, design, creativity, technology, and collaboration into our curriculum. We will be STEAMing it up at WPES!
3. Thank you to Whitman Post secretary, Kelly Gilliam, for her 15½ years of dedication to the Rockton School District, Kelly has added a welcoming smile and plenty of sparkle to our school office. She will certainly be missed and we wish her all the best in her next adventure.

## SMMS Administrative Report

1. The Valentine's Dance will be held on February 1 from 6-8. We would like to thank the student council and Mrs. Waugh for organizing this event for the students!
2. This week is No Name Calling Week at SMMS. We are focusing on being positive, kind and looking that impact that our words have on others. Thank you to Mrs. DeVries and Ms. Goffinet for organizing the week for us.
3. SMMS will holding our spelling bee on January 28. Students have been participating in class spelling bees in order to qualify for the school spelling bee.
4. NJHS is participating We Walk for Water Fundraiser to raise money to provide clean water for people in worldwide communities gain access to clean water. Students will be participating in the Walk for Water in their PE and health classes on Friday, January 25.
5. The Incubator class will be having their second trimester product reveal on Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30. The students have lots of great ideas this trimester and are working hard to create their products!
6. RWBC-Spring Wish Lists will be going out soon and the Booster Club is looking forward to granting some requests!

### **17. Members' Comments**

Mrs. Johnson stated that she was contacted by Talcott Library and asked if other BOE members had been contacted also.

### **18. Adjournment**

Shawn Connors moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm, seconded by John Gibbons. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on February 27, 2019.

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Katie Littlefield

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Gail Johnson