

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton (arrived at 6:07pm)

Absent: Shawn Connors

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kim Garst, Tim Ehlers, Dan Baumgartner, Sarah Moore (Winnebago Special Education Cooperative)

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

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**5. Comments from the Community**

None

**6. Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Megan Forsythe for the new lockers installed at WPES.

**7. WCSEC Budget Hearing and Approval**

Katie Littlefield opened the public hearing for the WCSEC Budget Hearing at 6:08 pm. Information detailing the 2021 budget was published in the Herald in June. There was no public comment.

Katie Littlefield closed the public hearing at 6:09 pm. Gail Johnson moved to adopt the 2021 Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative budget presented, seconded by Mary Newman.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten

- 8. Chad Papke motioned into Executive Session at 6:09 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.**

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

9.1-Approval of June 24, 2020 BOE Closed Session Minutes

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the June 24, 2020 BOE Closed Session Minutes, and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Chad Papke.

**10. Consent Items**

**Items recommended for the consent agenda are:**

- Approval of Personnel
  - **Non-Certified New Hire**
    - Kayla Kampmeier, Reading Center Assistant @WPES, Effective with the start of the in-seat 2020-2021 SY
    - **Certified Resignation**
      - Jarrett Gordon, School Psychologist, Effective 7/9/2020.
  - Approval of RSD #140 July 2020 bills:\$456,107.43, July 2020 Payroll Liabilities \$336,427.69, July Activity Expenditures \$169.15
  - June 2020 Expenditures, June 2020 Revenue Report, June 2020 Operating Funds Summary, June 2020 Treasurer's Report
  - Approval of June 24, 2020 BOE Meeting Minutes
  - Approval of WCSEC Cooperative partial June 2020 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
  - Approval of WCSEC Cooperative June 2020 Financial Reports
  - Approval of the 2020-2021 Employee Handbook
  - Approval of the 2020-2021 Student/Parent Handbook
  - Approval of Dental Rates for 2020-2021

Brett Lundsten to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten

**11. Approval of Bread and Milk Contracts**

Approval was requested on the bid from our bread and milk vendors. This is a joint district agreement involving Hononegah, Kinnikinnick, Prairie Hill, Shirland and South Beloit school districts.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the bread and milk contracts for Alpha Baking Company and Muller-Pinehurst Dairy, seconded by Mary Newman.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten

**12. Approval of Pizza Bids**

Approval was requested on the bid from Sam's Ristorante.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the pizza bid from Sam's Ristorante, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

Roll Call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield

**13. Approval of CD**

Kim Garst is requesting approval of investing \$4.5 million in a 6 month CD with First National Bank at .45% APY.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve investing \$4.5 million in a 6 month CD with First National Bank at .45% APY, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten

**14. Approval of New Start of School Date**

Glenn Terry is requesting approval for the change of first day for teachers to return to school on August 31, 2020 and the first day of student attendance on September 3, 2020.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve changing the date the teachers return to August 31, 2020 and the first day of student attendance to September 3, 2020, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

All in favor 6 ayes. Motion passed.

**15. Approval of School Reopening Plan**

Glenn Terry is requesting approval of RSD#140 School Reopening Plan.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve RSD#140 School Reopening Plan, seconded by Mary Newman.

All in favor 6 ayes. Motion passed.

**16. Approval to Change the Sub Rate of Pay**

Glenn Terry is recommending approval to change the current rate of substitute teacher pay from \$85 to \$100 a day + TRS.

Mary Newman motioned to approve the change of substitute teacher pay from \$85 to \$100 a day plus TRS, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield

**17. Approval of Superintendent Contract Extension**

Approval was requested for a one year extension to be added to Mr. Terry's contract as discussed in closed session.

Brett Lundsten motioned to add a one year extension to Mr. Terry's contract as discussed in closed session, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten

**18. Policy**

The following policies were presented for a second reading and approval:

- 2:125-Board Member Compensation; Expenses
- 5:60-Expenses
- 6:280-Grading and Promotion
- 7:70-Attendance and Truancy

- 8:10-Connection with the Community
- 8:30-Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- 8:110-Public Suggestions and Concerns
- 2:220-School Board Meeting Procedure
- 4:180-Pandemic Preparedness
- 5:330-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves
- 7:190-Student Behavior
- 7:340-Student Records
- 7:345-Use of Educational Technologies: Student Data Privacy and Security

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the above referenced policy updates, seconded by Gail Johnson.

All in favor 6 ayes. Motion passed

**19. ~~Budget Review~~**

**20. New Business**

No

**21. Superintendent's Report**

- Psych position update
  - Mr. Terry reported to the BOE that no applicants have applied for the open position. He has begun to have the position covered through retirees and Presence Learning.
- 5th Grade Social Studies
  - Mr. Terry also reported to the BOE that he will be adjusting the Whitman Post budget to allow for a better digital social studies program.
- Staff Q&A
  - Mr. Terry reported to the Board that he will be holding a Q&A session with staff on Friday.

**22. Members' Comments**

Gail Johnson shared that she was very pleased with how Mr. Terry has kept everyone in the loop regarding Covid precautions affecting back to school. Everyone was kept well informed. Mrs. Johnson also stated how happy she is to be a part of this BOE and this District.

Katie Littlefield shared a special thank you to the Administrators for all the work they have done this summer to prepare for the upcoming school year.

**23. Adjournment**

Chad Papke moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm, seconded by Brett Lundsten. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Cafeteria on **Wednesday, August 26, 2020.**

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Katie Littlefield

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Mary Newman