

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Wade Kretsinger, Dan Baumgartner, Jenna Miller, Lindsay Castronovo, Annie Stephens, Tina Gates, Alicia Goddeyne

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

None

5. **Comments from the Community**

Jenna Miller, Lindsay Castronovo, Annie Stephens, Tina Gates, Alicia Goodeyne all spoke regarding masks being made optional for the upcoming school year.

6. **Correspondence**

None

7. **Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of RSD #140 July 2021 bills \$466,922.23, July 2021 Payroll Liabilities \$420,412.92, July Activity Expenditures \$665.84, June Revenue Report, June Operating Funds Summary, June 2021 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of June 23, 2021 BOE Minutes
- Approval of July 7, 2021 COW Minutes
- Approval of Student and Employee Handbooks for FY22

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Steve Harkess, Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen, Schott Robinson, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers

7 ayes. Motion passed.

8. **Approval of Personnel**

Mary Newman motioned to approve one certified resignation, two certified new hires, two non-certified resignations, eleven non-certified new hires, expanding one certified part-time position to full-time, seconded by Steve Harkess.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess

7 ayes. Motion passed.

9. **Approval of Benefits for Nursing Staff**

Scott Robinson motioned to approve benefits for the nursing staff to begin FY22, seconded by Steve Harkess.

Roll Call: Steve Harkess, Mike Plourde, Kelsey Lueshen, Schott Robinson, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers

7 ayes. Motion passed.

10. Approval of SMMS VAV Replacement

Mary Newman motioned to approve the quote received from Honeywell International in the amount of \$12,530.00 for the replacement of VAV at SMMS, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Mike Plourde, Steve Harkess

7 ayes. Motion passed.

11. Summer Project Update

Wade Kretsinger gave the BOE an update on the following summer projects:

- Secured entrances: The completion of both RGS and WPES entrances are on track to be completed by the end of the month. Countertops were installed this week and painters are coming next week.
- Carpet: RGS carpet installation was completed last week. Installation of carpet in the district office is slated to begin on July 28th.
- Roof: The RGS roof will be completed the first week of August due to a delay in materials.
- Loading dock: The repairs to the loading dock at SMMS will be completed next week.
- Parking lots: The parking lots will be striped this week.

Additionally, Mr. Kretsinger advised the BOE that Wold Architects will be taking a look at the cracks that have formed on the cafeteria walls at RGS.

12. COVID

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that the State of Illinois has not released guidelines for the upcoming school year, but has endorsed the CDC guidelines. Further ISBE has stated that they will be releasing FAQs sometime within the next couple of weeks. The BOE and Mr. Terry had a lengthy discussion regarding what the opening plan will look like for the upcoming school year. The topic of masks being mandatory or optional was also discussed in length.

The BOE and Mr. Terry agreed that a Special Purpose meeting will be held the week of August 2nd to approve the opening plan for the upcoming school year. Mr. Terry advised that he will be emailing parents tomorrow with the CDC guidelines.

13. New Business

None

14. Superintendent's Report

- Hiring Update
Mr. Terry advised the BOE that hiring for the teaching staff has been completed, along with paraprofessionals.
- FOIA request SmartProcure
Mr. Terry informed the BOE that a FOIA request was received from SmartProcure regarding purchase orders issued in the last 6 months.
- FOIA request Tuscany Strategy Consulting
Mr. Terry advised the BOE that a FOIA request was received from Tuscany Strategy Consulting requesting a copy of the contract the district has with I-Ready.

15. Members' Comments

Regarding the topic of masks being mandated for the upcoming school year, Mary Newman stated that this will be a difficult decision and no matter which way it goes, someone will be upset.

Scott Robinson and Carson Breed addressed the parents who attended the meeting encouraging them to continue to come and voice their opinions.

16. Executive Session

_____ motioned into Executive Session at _____ 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 _____.

17. **Adjournment**

Carson Breed motioned to adjourn at 8:00pm, seconded by Steve Harkess. Motion carried.


Cynthia Driggers, President


Mary Newman, Secretary