

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held June 24, 2015**

**The Board of Education
Rockton School District No. 140**

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield at 6:34 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Brenda Warren, Jim Meason, Chanice Michowski, Stacey Heiar, Kevin Finnegan, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield

Others present: Dr. Willis, Principal Glenn Terry, RTA President Mark Donaldson, and several community members: Alan Mohring, Shelley Brien, and Brian Simpson

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Comments from the Community**

- Brian Simpson discussed a situation regarding the bus schedule and his child.
- Shelley Brien asked the BOE what the next step is in the upcoming Superintendent search
- Alan Mohring discussed open communication between the Board and the community.

5. **Amended Budget Hearing**

The district amended budget hearing was called to order at 6:50 p.m. Julia Saunders had presented the amended budget at a special purpose meeting May 13, 2015. Mrs. Johnson moved to open the meeting to the audience for public input, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield, 7 ayes, Motion carried.

No one wished to address the Board regarding the proposed amended budget. Mrs. Littlefield adjourned the budget hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Meason moved to approve the Amended 2014-2015 budget at 6:51 p.m. as presented, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield, 7 ayes, Motion carried.

6. Mr. Meason moved to go into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. 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), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Littlefield, 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Finnegan moved to return to open session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Heiar.
Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield, 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Correspondence

- Thank you notes from Joanne Fitzgerald, JoAnn Eischeid, Amy Limke, and James Hall for the Target gift cards given to them in recognition of their years of service within the Rockton School District.
- Thank you note from Melissa Blecker for the plant sent to her after her recent surgery.
- Thank you note from Barb Maxey for the wind chimes given to her in memory of her mother.
- Thank you note from James Hall for his salary increase effective next school year.
- Four letters of out-of-school suspension and three letters of bus suspension.

7. **Consent Items**

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the consent agenda with last month's open session minutes, committee meeting open session minutes, June bills, July payroll, May treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**, seconded by Mr. Meason.

* **Cooperative**: Action taken at the June 11, 2014 Executive Board meeting for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is attached for your review and action. Your approval is recommended.

* **General State Aid**: The GSA entitlement application is due this month. Documentation of your approval for electronic submission to ISBE is required. Your approval of the state aid entitlement application for the 2015-16 school year is recommended.

* **Prevailing Wage**: Annual BOE adoption of a resolution affirming the current prevailing wages for the region is required. The resolution will be presented at the meeting for your approval.

* **Entitlement Grants**: The NCLB Title I and II entitlement allocations were received and the grant applications were prepared. Your approval of the grant application for federal funds is recommended.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield, 7 ayes, Motion carried.

8. **Personnel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the following personnel report:

CERTIFIED STAFF

Katie Trusner – (Hire) 4th Grade Teacher FY2016

Paige Young – (Hire) 4th Grade Teacher FY2016

Tom Lynde – (Hire) 7th Grade Girls Volleyball coach FY2016

Autumn Czizek – (Hire) SMMS Assistant Principal FY2016

Laura Brooks – (Hire) 5th Grade Teacher FY2016

Nancy Delehanty-Shouler – (Retire) SMMS Art Teacher

Janessa Zimmer (Hire) SMMS Art Teacher

Blake Miglin- (Resign) Head Track Coach

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

Dean Snowdon – (Resign) Maintenance Director

Tracy Wam – (Promote) Maintenance Director

Cheryl Daubert – (Hire) Assistant Secretary RGS

Stephanie Unger – (Hire) Lead Health Professional at WPES

Julia Saunders – (Resign) Business Manager

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Mr. Meason - Nay. Motion carried.

9. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Littlefield moved to approved the May 20, 2015 regular closed session minutes and recommend they are to be opened, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

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

If needed as a result of items discussed in closed session.

11. **Milk and Bread Bid Rollover for FY16**

Approval is requested to rollover the bid from our bread and milk vendors. Recall that this bid is a joint district agreement involving Hononegah, Kinnikinnick, Prairie Hill, Shirland and South Beloit school districts. Bread pricing does not increase for next school year. Milk pricing fluctuates throughout the year but the presented pricing information represents an increase of 1% over our actual April 2015 cost/carton.

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the rollover bid, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield, 7 ayes, Motion approved.

12. **Property Liability and Worker's Compensation Renewal**

It is recommended that we accept the new proposal from Liberty Mutual through Wine Sergi for approximately \$139,361. The coverage increased seven percent from last year due to the increase in property limits per appraisal and worker's compensation claims history.

Mr. Meason made a motion to accept the new proposal from Liberty Mutual through Wine Sergi for approximately \$139,361, seconded by Mrs. Heiar.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **Anonymous Donation to RGS due to Outstanding Educational Service**

Thank you to an anonymous donation of \$2,000 to Rockton Grade School in recognition of the outstanding education service provided by RGS teachers and Principal.

Mr. Meason made a motion to accept the anonymous donation to Rockton Grade School in recognition of the outstanding education service provided by the RGS staff, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Superintendent Report**

There was no report at this month's meeting but Dr. Willis did comment on the great community involvement in the district citing recent examples of the donation to RGS, the United Methodist Church helping with flowers in front of RGS and WPES, a developing relationship with St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and the PTO's significant donation to help with the purchase of the Super Kids RGS Reading Series.

15. **Members' Comments**

- Board member Gail Johnson thanked RTA Co-Presidents Mark Donaldson, Rich Mayer, and RGS Principal Glenn Terry for all their time working on the language and layout of the Contract to make it easier to read.

16. Mr. Finnegan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. 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), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mrs. Heiar moved to return to open session at 9:24 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

17. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 6:30 p.m.