

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2007 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rockton School District No. 140, Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on March 21, 2007, at the Stephen Mack Middle School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

	<u>LaForge</u>	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Pearcy</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mrs. Pearcy arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Jay Larson, Georgiann McKenna, Barbara Browning, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, Teacher Glenn Terry, and various guests.

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Lawfully closed meeting minutes - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to return to open session at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Pearcy.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Pearcy, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

Young Authors Program

WPES students shared their original literary works that they created through the Young Authors Program.

Science Olympiad

Coach Linh Phommachanh and SMMS students from the Olympiad team shared their awards they received at the Rock Valley College regional competition.

State School Report Card

The administration reviewed the results of the 2006 state report card.

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Karen Binger for the flowers sent after surgery.
- Thank you letter from the Miller family for the scholarship donation in memory of their daughter Kaitlyn.
- Two letters of school suspension and four letters of in-school detention.

Mrs. Pearcy moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Neece moved to approve items on the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Schubert, LaForge, Pearcy, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

Items included:

1. February 28, 2007 Regular meeting minutes and March 12, 2007 Negotiations Committee meeting minutes
2. March bills, April payroll, February treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative executive action
4. Adoption of the 2007-2008 school calendar and tentative approval of the 2008-09 school calendar.

Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Warren, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve the following.

1. Employments

Non-Certified - remainder of the 2006-2007 school year

- Ellen McKelvey – WPES Special Education Aide – part-time
- Sallie Burie – RGS Reading Aide – part-time
- Laura Forbes – SMMS Lunch/Food Service Aide – part-time

Certified - 2007-2008 school year

- Sally Southworth – SMMS Special Education Teacher

Non-Certified – 2007-2008 school year

- Jamie Lynde – SMMS 6/7 Volley Coach

2. Resignations

Non-Certified

- Kathy Zumwalt – RGS Reading Aide
- Suzanne Kolberg – RGS Special Education Aide
- Liz Gauger – RGS Special Education Aide
- Susan Graessle – WPES Special Education Aide

Certified – effective the end of the 2006-07 school year

- Justin Jaeger – Satellite Special Education Teacher
- Joel Moyer – SMMS Teacher

Roll call vote: Aye: Percy, Meason, Praneis, Schubert, Neece, Warren, LaForge. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to recognize the following certified staff members for completing the requirements for tenure: Elizabeth Atkins – WPES teacher, Tracy Bybee – WPES special education teacher, and Sharon Crowley – SMMS teacher, effective with the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mrs. Percy, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the resolution to dismiss and letter of reduction in force to the following part-time certified teachers for the 2007-2008 school year: Kelly Baumgartner – WPES art teacher, Sue Finlen – WPES music teacher, and Annie Getschel – WPES P.E. teacher, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the resolution to dismiss and letter of reduction in force to the following part-time non-certified employees for the 2007-2008 school year: Sarah Doyle – RGS over class size aide, Michelle Ewing – RGS special education aide, Tammy Jackson – RGS over class size aide, Erin Johnson – RGS ELL aide, Tamara Larson – RGS over class size aide, Charlene Peters – RGS special education aide, Linda Richards – RGS special education aide, Judi Willson – RGS over class size aide, Linda Witek – RGS over class size aide, and Loretta Farris – WPES special education aide, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Meason, LaForge, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, Neece. Nay: None. Carried.

Mrs. Percy moved to approve administrator compensation for FY08 as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: LaForge, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, Neece. Nay: Meason. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the February 28, 2007 regular closed session minutes, March 12, 2007 Negotiations Committee closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Building Maintenance and Construction Update

Information was shared regarding building repair issues and the progress on the district construction project. Items discussed included threshold work at WPES, air quality assessment options, and the details of change order #5 for the WPES/RGS addition for SMMS.

Mrs. Percy moved to approve change order for WPES building construction, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Percy, Praneis, Schubert, Warren, LaForge, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Harezlak

Mrs. Harezlak presented and discussed the following:

ISAT Testing

Rockton School District students will complete state testing this week. The results from this year's tests are expected by the end of May.

Grant Applications

Two private funded grant applications were recently submitted on behalf of the Rockton School District. Principal Jay Larson applied for a \$500 grant to purchase science and math supplies through the local Mobil station and Exxon Educational Alliance. Track coach Scott Rollinson requested \$9,800 from Saucony Run for Good Program to fund a summer running program for third through fifth grade students.

Special Purpose BOE Meeting

The special purpose BOE meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 5 p.m. in the district office conference room.

Other

Superintendent express appreciation for the framed aerial photo taken of the new RGS and WPES campus by second grader Nicholas Johnson's family.

Impact fees - The district received its first revenue from Winnebago County.

The local Macktown Historical Society is seeking assistance in their project to raise money to save the original SMMS school house in Rockton and move it to the Macktown settlement.

Bulletins and newsletters were provided.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning

- Mrs. Browning reported that 60 people attended the Pre-K Family Night on Monday.
- Reported that the first grade musical concert is April 10th.

- Shared progress of introducing trained dog for medically challenged student to all students is going well.

Dr. McKenna

- Reported that 'Jump Rope for Heart' has collected \$9,800.00.

Mr. Larson

- Reported that the track has been well used this week.
- Pointed out the student reports on display in the library for Anne Frank project.
- NJHS induction ceremony is scheduled for March 22.
- The band concert is April 3rd.

Mr. Taphorn

- Reported that he, Mrs. Harezlak and Mrs. Saunders completed a successful meeting with administrator at State Board of Education in Springfield last week.
- Shared the Parent/Teacher Discipline meeting recommendations will be shared at April BOE meeting.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Schubert commended the schools for a great performance as noted on the state report card.

Mrs. Percy moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert. No one wished to address the Board. Regular session resumed.

Mrs. Percy moved to enter closed session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Lawfully closed meeting minutes - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). Setting of a price for sale or lease of school property - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Percy, Meason, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 9:32 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Percy, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis, Meason. Nay: None. Carried.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LaForge moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved Date: April 25, 2007

President: _____

Secretary: _____