

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2008 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 19, 2008, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Brenda Warren called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Roll Call            LaForge    Meason    Pearcy    Neece    Praneis    Schubert    Warren  
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Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Jay Larson, Assistant Principal Jim Taphorn, Curriculum Coordinator Kindyl Etnyre, RTA Representative/Teacher Glenn Terry, Teacher Gail Johnson, Business Manager Julia Saunders, and various guests.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:17 p.m. to discuss 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). 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. Percy.

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

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

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

**Science Olympiad**

Congratulations to Coach Linh Phommachanh and SMMS students from the Olympiad team for their excellent performance at the Rock Valley College regional competition. Our students received the 'Spirit Award' for their noteworthy cooperation and team spirit. Science Olympians Michael Rosploch and Lexi DuFoe presented information about their science events.

**Smart Board Presentation**

A representative from SmartEd Services, Tamara Kellenberger, presented a short demonstration of the 'smart board technology' discussed at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Annual Report of Gifted Programs**

Kindyl Etnyre presented a summary review of the programs and services offered by the district for high achieving students.

**Correspondence**

- Thank you card received from Mary Fincham for the gift received in memory of her husband.

- Thank you card received from the family of Ruth Pennycook for the flower arrangement sent in memory of Ruth.
- Five letters of out of school suspension and two letters of bus suspension.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Neece moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.  
 Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: None.  
 Carried.

Items included:

1. February 27, 2008 Regular meeting minutes and March 5, 2008 Finance Committee meeting minutes
2. March bills, April payroll, February treasurer's report

### **Cooperative**

Mrs. Neece moved to approve March 19, 2008 Executive Board meeting action for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative, seconded by Mr. Schubert.  
 Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Meason, Schubert, LaForge, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: None.  
 Carried.

### **School Calendars**

Mr. LaForge moved to adopt the 2008-09 school calendar as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece.  
 Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, LaForge, Praneis, Percy, Neece, Warren. Nay: Meason.  
 Carried.

### **Personnel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Percy, seconded by Mr. Schubert, to approve the following personnel report.

- a. Employment – 2008-09 school year

#### Certified

- Kindyl Etnyre SMMS Principal

- b. Transfer – 2008-09 school year

#### Certified

- Cari Benkovich WPES Third Grade Teacher
- Anita Stiffler WPES Third Grade Teacher

- c. Employment – 2007-08 school year

#### Non-Certified

- Tara Sheetz SMMS Assistant Track Coach (shared position)
- Dave Sheetz SMMS Assistant Track Coach (shared position)

- d. Resignation – end of 2007-08 school year

#### Certified

- Marta Polakowski SMMS Quiz Bowl Coach

#### Non-Certified

- Deanna Dunlap RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time
- Kathy Rothering RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time

- e. Tenure – effective 2008-09 school year
  - Robin Hardyman – RGS Kindergarten Teacher
  - Kelly Cleaveland – RGS Kindergarten Teacher
  - Stori Dimke – WPES Third Grade Teacher
  - Mark Schroeder – WPES Fifth Grade Teacher
  - Tammy Tongue – WPES Special Education Teacher
  - Gina Tuula – WPES Fifth Grade Teacher
  
- f. Reduction in Force – effective 2008-09 school year
  - Jennafer Parrish – WPES Teacher Assistant – part-time
  - Gina Radke – SMMS Teacher Assistant – part-time
  - Barb Maxey – ESL Teacher Assistant – part-time
  - Susan Muraski – SMMS Teacher Assistant – part-time
  - Heather Schlueter – SMMS Teacher Assistant – part-time
  - Carol Lynn Hart – RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time
  - Mary Gillis – RGS Teacher Assistant – part-time

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

Mrs. Warren moved to accept with regrets an irrevocable letter of retirement at the end of the 2010-2011 school year from Gayle Heinemann, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

Mrs. Warren moved to approve administrator compensation for FY09 as discussed in closed session, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

### **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Percy moved to approve the February 27, 2008 regular closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

### **Resolutions for Lease/Purchase/Rental Fund**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve two resolutions regarding the ‘unrestriction’ of funds in the district Lease/Purchase/Rental fund, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

### **Waste Removal Bids**

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the bid from Rock Disposal, located in Janesville, Wisconsin, for the district’s waste services and recyclable services for two years beginning May 1, 2008, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

### **Life/Safety Work Approval**

Mrs. Percy moved to approve request to secure bids for the repair of the RGS cafeteria and gym ceilings, seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

### **Milk and Lunch Price Increases**

A motion was made by Mr. Schubert, seconded by Mrs. Neece, to approve the following milk and lunch prices effective the 2008-09 school.

- Milk - \$ .30
- Elementary Lunch - \$2.25
- Adult Lunch - \$2.50
- Adult Salad - \$2.75

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

### **Educational Broadband Channels**

Mrs. Warren moved to retain the services of Attorney James Stenger to represent the district in contract negotiations for the lease of our broadband channels, seconded by Mrs. Percy.

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

### **Other**

Mr. Schubert moved to employ demographer, Dr. Hazel Reinhart, at an estimated cost of \$6,000 plus expenses, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **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.

### **Parent-Teacher Conference Surveys**

Survey results from the February parent conferences were provided.

### **Other**

- Mrs. Saunders reported FEMA will reimburse the district some costs that occurred from snow plowing this winter.
- Mrs. Saunders reported the district may receive a refund from phone company providers. Invoices since 1997 were reviewed from an outside source and it was discovered the phone companies were not charging the correct rates.
- Superintendent Harezlak briefly discussed a new law regarding a county government sales tax option that could result in an increase of up to one percent. The funds would be passed on to schools.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mr. Larson reported:

- The first track meet was March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- It is field trip time. Sixth grade will be going to Medieval Times, seventh grade will be attending Romeo and Juliet play, and eighth grade will be going to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield.
- Thank you to Glenn Terry for his assistance with ISAT testing.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- More students are volunteering to be peer tutors in the Satellite program.
- Several Ecolab grants have been submitted.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- Thanked Kindyl Etnyre, Kris Holland, Lynn Bergstrom, and Jill Wiegel for their help during ISAT testing.
- Fifth grade is attending Timberlee this week.
- PTO Fun Fair was wonderful. Attendance was overwhelming and approximately \$7,500 was raised.

Mrs. Browning reported:

- Pre-School screening was completed today. Michelle Fillweber did an amazing job.
- Project Fair will be April 2nd. Over 50 projects will be displayed.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- She is very impressed with the new teachers this school year and enjoys mentoring them.
- ISAT testing went well.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Percy. Mr. Terry shared that the Washington D.C. trip was fantastic. Seventy seven students and five parents attended the trip. Mr. Terry also stated that teachers are excited about Smart Boards. Regular session resumed.

### **MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Schubert reported:

- Shared some thoughts he had to cut back on expenses.

### **NEXT BOE MEETING**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mrs. Percy moved to return to open session at 9:44 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. LaForge moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved date: April 23, 2008

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_