

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2010 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 17, 2010 at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mr. Meason arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Barbara Browning, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry and Jim Taphorn, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, Rockford Register Star reporter Melissa Westphal, and various parent and teacher guests.

Closed Session

Mrs. Neece moved to enter closed session at 6:01 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), seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Michowski, Midgett, Schubert, Warren, Neece, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

Correspondence

- Thank you card from the sixth grade team for purchasing SmartBoards.
- Thank you card from Cindy Mizner for the flowers sent in memory of her mother.
- Five letters of in-school suspension and four letters of out-of-school suspension.

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

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schubert moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

Items included:

1. February 24, 2010 Regular meeting minutes, February 24, 2010 Policy Committee meeting minutes, and March 3, 2010 Finance Committee/Special Purpose meeting minutes
2. March bills, April payroll, February treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action

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

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2010-2011 school year

Certified

- o Shaun Newmes SMMS Assistant Principal
- o Kelly Baumgartner WPES Library teacher – part-time to full-time

b. Transfer

Non-Certified

- o Michael Tongue SMMS custodian to WPES custodian
- o Sheryll Sager WPES custodian to SMMS custodian

c. Retirement with regret – effective end of 2012-2013 school year

Certified

- o Cindy Snowdon Satellite teacher
- o Joyce Fitzsimmons RGS teacher
- o Jacquelyn Hade RGS teacher

d. Child Rearing Leave Request – 2010-2011 school year

Certified

- o Andria Brass SMMS teacher

e. Reassignment - 2010-2011 school year

Certified

- o Laura Zimmerman WPES teacher to SMMS teacher

f. Reduction of Time – 2010-2011 school year

Certified

- o Teresa Halom RGS full-time teacher to RGS part-time teacher

g. Resignation – end of 2009-2010 school year

Certified

- o Andria Brass SMMS Yearbook Advisor

h. Tenure – 2010-2011 school year

Certified

- o Laura Benkovich WPES teacher
- o Leah Carter WPES teacher
- o Sherril Erickson RGS teacher
- o Lance Tuula WPES teacher
- o Stephanie Araoz RGS teacher
- o Penny Lee SMMS teacher
- o Amy Bigwood WPES teacher
- o Diana Stephens SMMS teacher

i. Non-renewal certified part-time staff – effective end of 2009-2010 school year

Certified

- o Nicole Duhigg RGS Pre-school teacher
- o Nadine Kelley SMMS part-time teacher

j. Non-renewal certified non-tenured staff – effective end of 2009-2010 school year

Certified

- o Bradley Breakfield WPES teacher
- o Linh Phommachanh SMMS teacher
- o Angela Schmidt RGS teacher
- o Shawn Smith SMMS Satellite teacher

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

Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the February 24, 2010 regular closed session minutes, and March 3, 2010 Finance Committee/Special Purpose closed session minutes, and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

Mrs. Warren moved to approve discipline recommendation for student 1A as presented in closed session, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

SMMS Choir

Choir students Mia Durkee, Chloe Burns, Nathan Rieken and Toulia Goumas with their choir director, Sue Walsh, performed a mini-concert for BOE members.

Quiz Bowl

Diana Stephens and David Lynch, SMMS teachers, presented this year's Quiz Bowl students for their annual challenge of BOE members' skills.

Calendar Approval

Mr. Schubert moved to approve 2010-2011 school calendar B option, and tentative approval of 2011-2012 calendar B option, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

TIF Agreement

The intergovernmental TIF agreement with the Village of Rockton regarding the former Beloit Corporation site was tabled until further information is obtained from district attorney.

Policy Committee

The following policy changes were reviewed and will be recommended for Board action at the April BOE meeting. Recommendations for each of the policies listed below are noted in the Policy Committee minutes.

- o 2:200 – Types of School Board Meetings
- o 2:250 – Access to District Public Records
- o 4:110 – Transportation
- o 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- o 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave
- o 6:60 – Curriculum Content
- o 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
- o 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited
- o 7:180 – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Surplus Items

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve request to surplus items that are no longer useful and would be difficult to store, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

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

FY11 O & M Requests

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the following FY11 projects to be completed in the summer, seconded by Mr. Meason.

- Complete upgrade wiring of SMMS 6th grade wing - \$12,100
- Carpet and paint four classrooms at RGS/WPES and carpet one classroom at SMMS - \$18,250 estimate.
- Fertilize SMMS soccer field - \$1,800

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

Energy Saving Initiative

Mr. Schubert moved to approve request to launch energy saving initiative at each building for FY11 that will enable staff to earn additional supply money for FY12, seconded by Mrs. Michowski, carried unanimously.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Census Plans

Teachers and principals are promoting the participation in the national census to insure the Rockton School community counts.

ISAT Testing

Rockton School District students completed state testing last 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

- The Education is Our Business brochure will be posted on the district website.
- Board members approved a request from the RTA to post "Call your legislature, they owe our children \$400,000" on each school marquee over spring break. Suggested posting state legislators contact information on the website.
- Superintendent Harezlak shared by releasing 5 ½ certified staff, the district will save \$270,000 in salaries and benefits and after all reductions are made, the end savings will be approximately \$500,000.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Browning reported:

- First grade spring concert is March 31st at 6:30 p.m. at HHS.
- Second, third, fourth grade forensics is April 24th at HHS.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- One hundred sixty 5th grade students will be at Timberlee on March 31st.
- Booster Club is hosting Rec Night for WPES students on April 9th.

Mr. Terry reported:

- One hundred students provided projects for the Project Fair on March 16th.
- Third quarter Reward Day is April 13th after school.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- 'Paying to Play' week to raise funds for victims of the earthquake in Haiti is March 16-19.
- The SMMS track team has over 100 members.
- SMMS play, *Annie*, is April 17th.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- Sixth grade band concert was great.
- Teachers worked hard during ISAT testing week.
- Quiz Bowl students were commended for a great job.

Mrs. Warren moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson thanked the board members for their support to place legislature information on school marquees and also commented on recent negative newspaper articles regarding future pay increases and how it is affecting our certified staff. Regular session resumed.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Closed Session

Mrs. Praneis moved to enter closed session at 8:05 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), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

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

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Midgett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason, carried unanimously.

Approved date: April 28, 2010

President: _____

Secretary: _____