

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held March 21, 2018

The Board of Education
Rockton School District No. 140

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield 6:02pm
2. **Roll Call**- Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Stacey Heiar, Josh Houghton

Absent: Chad Papke, Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors

Also In Attendance: Superintendent Glenn Terry, Principals Autumn Czizek, Megan Forsythe, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Matt Roer, Susan Sherbon, Business Manager Sue Miller, Gina Tuula, Lance Tuula

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Comments from the Community**

None

5. **Recognition of Golden Apple Winner Lance Tuula**

The Board recognized Mr. Lance Tuula for winning the Golden Apple Award and presented him with a card.

6. Josh Houghton motioned into Executive Session 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 Gail Johnson.

Roll call: Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson

Josh Houghton moved to return to open session at 6:25pm, seconded by Stacey Heiar.

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7. **Action on Items Arising out of Closed Session**

Gail Johnson motioned to Approve the following Personnel Report, and was seconded by Stacey Heiar.

7.1 Approval of Personnel

CERTIFIED STAFF

Marc Lamay (Resign) – Girls Basketball Coach Effective 3/2/18
Craig Carter (Hire) – Assistant Track Coach Effective 3/1/2018
Emily Dummer (Transfer) – 2nd Grade FY2019
Katie Ostdick (Resign)-5th Grade Teacher WPES Effective FY2018

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

Kim Garst (Hire) – Business Manager
Billy West (Hire) – Custodian/maintenance Effective 3/12/18 260 days/year
Carrie Human (Hire) – 7th Grade Volleyball coach Effective FY19
Jamie Carollo (Resign)-SMMS food service Effective 3/30/18

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson

7.2 Approval of February 28, Regular Closed Minutes

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the February 28, Regular Closed Minutes and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Gail Johnson.

All in favor-5 ayes, Motion passed

7.3 Approval of March 14, 2018, C.O.W. Closed Minutes

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the March 14, 2018,, C.O.W. Closed Minutes and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Gail Johnson.

All in favor-4 ayes, Motion passed

8. Correspondence

- Seven letters of In-School Suspension, two letter of out of school suspension, one letter of bus suspension

9. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of RSD #140 March bills, March payroll, Marchs treasurer's report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative February Financial Report
- Approval of February 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Minutes and February 28, 2018 Open Session Minutes
- Approval of PTO Beef-A-Roo Fundraiser May 23rd and 24th

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Stacey Heiar, Josh Houghton

10. Request Approval of Access Control Upgrade

Mr. Ehlers and Mr. Terry are requesting approval to contract with Omni Technologies to upgrade our access control system at a cost of \$20,956.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the contract with Omni Technologies to upgrade our access control system, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson
4 ayes. Motion passed.

11. Request Approval of Flooring

Bids to replace carpeting at WPES which will complete this portion of Life Safety work and to replace failing tile at RGS are due Wednesday. Mr. Ehlers and Mr. Terry will be requesting approval of the winning bid.

Katie Littlefield motion to approve the bid for flooring replacement at WPES and RGS from Benchmark Flooring in the amount of \$73,652.00, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Stacey Heiar, Josh Houghton
4 ayes. Motion passed.

12. Request Approval of Summer Maintenance Help

Mr. Ehlers is requesting the hiring of four temporary employees to get summer cleaning and projects done. He usually hires three versus two because the temporary hires generally can't work the entire summer. He is asking for an additional person so he can reassign some of his full time maintenance staff to complete the LED conversion at RGS.

Gail Johnson motioned to approve hiring four temporary maintenance employees for summer, seconded by Stacey Heiar.

Roll Call: Gail Johnson, Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield
4 ayes. Motion passed.

13. Request Approval of E-Rate Grant

As discussed at our Committee of the Whole meeting, Mr. Hall and Mr. Terry are recommending approval to spend \$20,724.60 for replacing our oldest and most important switches.

This will be part of our E-Rate grant for next year and upon approval of the E-Rate grant, 50% will be reimbursed to the district.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the replacement of the oldest and most important switches for \$20,724.60, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson
4 ayes. Motion passed.

14. Request Approval of Staffing Requests

Due to enrollment projections, administration is requesting the addition of a full time teacher and a part time specialist teacher at SMMS, a part time special education teacher at RGS, and an additional district social worker.

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the addition of a full time teacher and part time specialist teacher at SMMS, a part time special education teacher at RGS and an additional district social worker, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

Roll Call: Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Stacey Heiar, Josh Houghton
4 ayes. Motion passed.

15. Resolution Approving the Honorable Dismissal of Three (3) Professional Educators with the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative

Due to a reduction in programs at the Cooperative, three teachers(2 positions), are being RIF'ed. A RIF is a reduction in force due to the elimination of a program or decreased enrollment.

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the Resolution approving the honorable dismissal of three professional educators with the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield, Gail Johnson
4 ayes. Motion passed.

16. New Business

None

17. Parking Lot Project Update

Mr. Terry reported that they had their first meeting with N-trak. ATC reported that the Utility pole will be moved no later than May 27th.

18. Superintendent's Report

- Cooperative update-Kim Moore, Director, has resigned from the Winnebago County Co-op
- Chromebook implementation - Committee is meeting Friday and Mr. Terry will have more updates within the next couple of weeks.

19. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

March 21, 2018

1. **PTO:** Thank you to Michelle Anderson, Kristin Schmidt, Laura Benkovich and our parent volunteers for 'coaching' a fabulous family reading night!
2. You are invited to the kindergarten concert on Wednesday, April 11 at 6:30 PM in the Hononegah High School PAC.
3. **And for the W.I.N.**
 - a. Thank you to Mrs. April Graves for nominating five students for the Young Artist Show at Rockford Art Museum: Claire Campbell, Ella Selover, Evelyn Hartman, Harper Vanderheyden & Aden Swanson. There is a public open house on Sunday, April 8th from 1-3 PM.
 - b. Thank you Tigers from Den #3 of the Cub Scouts Pack #619 for organizing a food drive at RGS/WPES for the Old Stone Church Food Pantry.
 - c. Thank you, Mrs. Sally Burie, for encouraging our kids to participate in the Project Fair on Thursday, April 5th.
 - d. Wishing all the RGS staff a peaceful and rejuvenating spring break!

WPES Administrative Report

3/21/18

1. Fifth graders will be headed to Timber-lee tomorrow! Thank you to all of our 5th grade teachers for the time they spend organizing the trip. Cross your fingers for sunny skies!

2. Third graders will be finishing up the last ELA PARCC test tomorrow. Thank you to Mr. Hall and Mrs. Daniels for making our first PARCC testing experience on Chromebooks a success!
3. Come learn about EVERYTHING! The RGS & WPES Project Fair will be Thursday, April 5th. Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. and viewing will be that evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
4. Come see our 4th graders and WPES choir perform their final concert of the year, Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Hononegah's Performing Arts Center.

SMMS Administrative Report

March 21, 2018

1. NJHS is currently working on a project to support....
2. Thank you to the seventh grade staff for organizing a wonderful day in Chicago for our students to go to the play *A Midsummer's Night Dream* at the Shakespeare Theater at Navy Pier. They had a wonderful day!
3. Thank you to Mrs. Balandis and Mrs. Lee for guiding our yearbook club to putting together a wonderful edition of the yearbook! The finished yearbook will be back for the students in May!
4. Thank you to Mrs. Kazluski and student council for organizing and running our St. Patrick's Day Dance. It was a big hit!
5. The Post-It Decorating contest was held on Friday, March 16th at SMMS. Thanks again to Mrs. Kazluski and student council for organizing it and all the homerooms that participated in the event. Thanks to Mr. Terry as well for coming over to be a judge for the contest. We had some very creative designs!

Special Education Administrative Report

3/21/18

1. We celebrated School Social Worker Appreciation Month the first full week of March. In honor of that I would like to recognize Rebecca Scheppman, Kristin Carroll, and Beth DeVries for all they do for our students. They provide counseling for students with and without IEPs, as well as play a major role in our character development programs in each of the buildings. They are the go-to people when students are in a crisis and are a wealth of information when looking for community resources.
2. RGS staff is promoting awareness for Down's Syndrome Awareness Week by wearing t-shirts and mix matched socks. In April, we may have to look for ways to light it up blue for Autism Awareness.

20. Comments from the Community

None

21. Members' Comments

Gail Johnson shared that she had met with Carl Cole who expressed interest in speaking at SMMS on behalf of the Yes Club, which is a club that promotes positive behavioral and academic achievement impacting all grade levels for kids.

22. Adjournment

Josh Houghton moved to adjourn at 6:53 pm, seconded by Gail Johnson. 4 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on April 25, 2018.

Katie Littlefield, President

Stacey Heiar, Secretary