

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140  
Board of Education Meeting  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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1. **Call to Order**

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. **Roll Call**

Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Mary Newman, Chad Papke  
Absent: Josh Houghton

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kim Garst, Tim Ehlers, Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Matt Roer, Lindy Daniels, Dan Krittta from Wold Architectural Firm

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Comments from the Community**

None

5. **Correspondence**

6. **Preschool/Kindergarten Screening Presentation - Mrs. Etnyre**

Mrs. Etnyre gave a wonderful presentation to the BOE on the pre-school and kindergarten screening that took place in February for the 2019-2020 school year. She walked through the process that is used for the screening itself and explained the scoring scale that is used to determine who will be admitted into the preschool program, which is an "at risk" program. Mrs. Etnyre also shared with the BOE that they screened approximately 150 kindergartners for upcoming school year.

7. ~~**Executive Session** to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(11), Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(9), Selection of a person to fill a public office (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(3), Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(10), Lease of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(5), Setting of sale price of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(6), Sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(7) Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(e)(24) 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(e)(16);~~

8. **Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of RSD #140 March 2019 bills:\$100,616.46, February 2019 Expenditures, Revenue Report, February 2019 Operating Funds Summary, February 2019 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative March 2019 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative February 2019 Financial Reports
- Approval of February 27, 2019 BOE Minutes
- Approval of March 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors

**9. Approval of Personnel**

**CERTIFIED POSITIONS**

Jana Ford-Retirement-7th Grade at SMMS effective the end of the 21-22 school year  
Christine Steinmetz-Resignation-2nd Grade at RGS effective the end of this school year  
Jane Guerrero-Transfer from 5th to 4th Grade effective 19-20 school year  
Michelle Anderson - transfer from Title I teacher to 2nd grade  
Emily Dummer - transfer from 2nd grade to 1st grade  
Hayley Miller-Resignation-1st Grade at RGS effective the end of this school year  
Cynthia Heckman-8th Grade Special Education Teacher-SMMS-Hire  
Katie Trusner-Resignation-4th Grade at WPES effective the end of this school year  
Judy West-Resignation-Special Education Teacher SMMS-effective the end of this school year

**NON CERTIFIED POSITIONS**

Dana Gulik - Paraprofessional/WPES-Resignation  
Donna Hayenga-WPES Assistant Secretary-Retiring  
Tony Munoz-Resignation-RGS Custodian effective immediately  
Alison Booth-WPES- Transfer to Assistant Secretary beginning 19-20 school year  
Jennifer Amundson-Paraprofessional/WPES-Hire  
Jessica Peight-District Office-HR Specialist-Hire  
Katherine Geary-WPES-Food Service Worker  
Allison Olson-RGS Custodian-Hire

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve the above referenced Personnel, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton

**~~10. Resolution Approving the Dismissal of Probationary Teachers Not in their Final Probationary Year~~**

~~\_\_\_\_\_ motioned to approve the dismissal of a probationary teacher not in their final probationary year, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.~~

~~Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors~~

**11. Approval of Wold Architectural Firm**

Mr. Terry is asking the BOE to approve the hiring of Wold Architectural Firm.

Chad Papke motioned to approve retaining Wold Architectural Firm to be the architect of record for Rockton School District, seconded by Shawn Connors.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Chad Papke

## **12. Approval of Additional Staffing for 2019-2020 School Year**

Due to enrollment projections, administration is requesting the addition of 1 full-time teacher at RGS, 2 full-time teachers at WPES, and part-time specialists for RGS/WPES.

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the addition of 1 full time teacher at RGS, 2 full time teachers at WPES and part time specialists for RGS/WPES for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors

## **13. Approval of Courtyard Wall Quote**

Approval of WTI's quote is recommended for the courtyard wall in the amount of \$19,415.00, as discussed at the March 13th Committee of the Whole meeting.

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve WTI's quote of \$19,415.00 to repair the RGS courtyard wall, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Chad Papke

## **14. New Business**

- Mr. Terry and BOE were in agreement on moving the May 22, 2019 BOE meeting to May 29, 2019.
- Mr. Terry and BOE will discuss if a June COW meeting will be necessary at the May 29, 2019 BOE meeting.

## **15. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Terry informed the BOE about the start of our new HR hire, Jessica Peight. Mr. Terry also congratulated Matt Roer on his new position as the principal at Clark Elementary in South Beloit next year!!

## **16. Administrative Reports**

RGS Administrative Report

March 20, 2019

### **1. PTO**

- a. PTO is looking for a few parent volunteers from each school for staff appreciation week (May 6-10).
- b. A superhero themed family dance is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd at SMMS from 5:30-7:30 PM.
- c. The PTO is in the process of bringing back school supply kits as a service to families. All kits would be delivered directly to homes.

### **2. Why is RGS our Happy Place?**

- a. Tammy Ward, a local author, is coming to visit all kindergarten and first grade classes this Thursday. She will share her experience of writing her first story and read to our kids. (Molly and Papa's Adventure)
- b. RGS & WPES will be holding our annual project fair on Thursday, April 4th. Thank you to Mrs. Sally Burie and Mrs. Ruth King for organizing!
- c. Spread the word - RGS family movie night on Friday, April 12th at SMMS from 6-8 PM. *Incredibles II* is the movie choice!

WPES Administrative Report

1. Whitman Post students got to experience their first ever "Battle of the Books." Students met in groups who read the same three books every other week for a couple of months and then divided into "battle teams" to compete against one another last Tuesday. Thanks to Mrs. Laura Benkovich and Mrs. Baumgartner for organizing this fantastic event, as well as all of the mentors for their time to give our kids this opportunity. We're looking forward to this becoming an annual event!
2. All are welcome to join our "One Book, One Community" shared reading of *A Boy Called Bat* that will begin after spring break. Questions from the book are shared during morning announcements, as well as in a closed FaceBook group.
3. Fourth graders enjoyed a field trip to Discovery Center and Burpee Museum last week, and our fifth graders head to Timber-lee tomorrow for their outdoor adventures. Thank you to our teachers for all of the planning that goes into these experiences for our kids.
4. Congratulations to Whitman Post students who were selected to have their artwork on display at the student show at the Rockford Art Museum: 3rd graders - Tim Caver, Alyssa Connors, and Kennedy Kovarik, 4th grader - Yemaya Arce-Lynch, and 5th grader - Cooper Zovitowski

#### **SMMS Administrative Report-March 20, 2019**

1. SMMS Girls' Basketball Tournament results.
2. Thank you to Mrs. Way for arranging the Pi Day celebration for the 8th grade students and also congratulations to Emma Matrick for memorizing 120 digits of Pi.
3. Thank you to Student Council for organizing some St. Patrick's Day fun with a wear green day and a contest for the most creative St. Patrick's Day outfit.
4. Sixth grade students enjoyed a day at Medieval Times on Wednesday, February 13. Thank you to our sixth grade staff for organizing such a great experience for the students.
5. SMMS Rec Night will be held on Friday, April 12 from 2:45-4:45.
6. The Rockton Warriors Booster Club was able to award \$2500 in wish list items this spring!

#### **17. Members' Comments**

Gail Johnson shared that she was happy to see the PTO bringing back the school supply kits for next year!

#### **18. Adjournment**

Brett Lundsten motioned to adjourn at 6:53 pm, seconded by Chad Papke.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm. The next scheduled Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019.

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Katie Littlefield

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Gail Johnson