

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held May 21, 2014**

**The Board of Education
Rockton School District No. 140**

1. **Call to Order** by Vice President Chuck Kleeberger at 6:31 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Larry Schubert, Bill Midgett, Gail Johnson, Brenda Warren, Chuck Kleeberger,
Absent: Chanice Michowski, Jim Meason

Other present: Dr. Greenlee, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre,
Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, Rich Mayer, Mark Donaldson, Diane Roth,
JoAnn Eischeid, Betsy Atkins, Dan Enderle, Nancy Shouler, Theresa Ciasto, Beth
Ann Ward, Julia Saunders, Mrs. Gault, Camden Gault, and various other guests.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. Mrs. Warren moved to go into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. 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), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) seconded by Mrs. Schubert.

Roll Call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger, –
5 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Kleeberger moved to return to open session at 7:15p.m, seconded by Mrs.
Warren.

Roll Call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger, –
6 ayes, Motion carried.

5. **Student Artwork Presentations**

Artwork created by Sofia Abbinante, RGS Second Grade, Brandon McAllister,
WPES 5th Grade and Madalyn Scharlau, SMMS 8th Grade was presented. The
students had artwork chosen and have given permission for their artwork to be
displayed in the district office until they graduate from high school.

6. **Correspondence**

- Thank you cards from Lisa Rehfeldt, Kelly Gilliam, Jenny Middleton, Tina Bottensek, Tammy Welcher, Donna Hayenga, Julia Saunders, Tammi

Gaziano, and Teresa Tomblinson for the plants given to them for Administrative Assistant's Day.

- Thank you card from Beth Todd, Teresa Ruchti, and Diane LaForge for the flowers and gift card given to them on Nurse's Day.
- Thank you card from Kris Holland for the donation to the Hononegah Track team and Illinois Jets team in memory of her husband, Randy Holland.
- Thank you notes from Emily Dummer, Judy Davis, Stori Dimke, Marge Guerrero, Scott Carlson, Theresa O'Hea, Joanne Fitzgerald, Christine Wolfe, Kim Ward, JoAnn Eischeid, Sally Southworth, Patti Luevano and Sue Dieckhaus for the hummingbird feeders given to them on Staff Appreciation Day!
- Thank you card from Dean Snowdon for the flowers sent to his father's memorial service.

7. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Kleeberger moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Beth Ann Ward/PTO stated PTO has raised \$50,000 through various fundraisers towards their 3 year goal of \$100,000 to donate to Rockton School District curriculum.

8. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded Mrs. Warren.

- Items included in consent agenda are April 23, 2014 regular meeting minutes, May bills, June Payroll, April Treasurer's Report.
- Cooperative: Action taken at the May 14, 2014 Executive Board meeting for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative.
- Depositories: In accordance with Board policy, you are provided with a list of authorized depositories, investment managers and brokers for district investments.
- Booster Club fundraisers for the 2014-15 school year. The Board approved all Booster Club fundraisers.
- PTO fundraisers for the 2014-15 school year: The Board approved the fundraising events that have been planned by the PTO.
- Final Approval of the 2013-14 School Calendar: The Board approved the final calendar 2013-14 school year before it is submitted to the regional superintendent.

Roll Call: Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr Kleeberger, – 5 ayes – Motion Carried.

9. **Personnel**

- **Certified Employment**

Joann Swinson – Resignation Eighth Grade Lunch Supervision
Lindy Daniels – SMMS Spirit Squad Advisor (Shared)
Amy Stevens – Maternity Leave (First 3 weeks of school year)
Dr. Michael Greenlee – Resignation (Last Day May 26, 2014)
Dr. Robert Willis – Approve 8 days contractually

Stori Dimke – RGS Summer School Director
Erin Salberg – Summer School Teacher
Jessi Yates – Summer School Teacher
Rachel Maddix – Summer School Teacher

Cari Benkovich – WPES ASR 3rd Grade
Lynn Bergstrom – WPES ASR 4th Grade
Gina Tuula – WPES ASR 5th Grade
Anita Stiffler – WPES ASM 3rd Grade
JoAnn Eischeid – WPES ASM 4th Grade
Mark Schroeder/Lisa Larson – WPES ASM 5th Grade (Shared)

Samantha Byers – First Grade Teacher
Erin Ryczek – One Year Special Education Position
Kristopher Grahnke – WPES Special Ed.
Shelia Ball – 3rd Grade Teacher
Grant Oleson – SMMS PE Teacher

- **Non Certified**

Cindy Mizner – Summer School Aide
Kerri Carroll – Summer School Aide
Jenn Graves – Summer School Aide
Stacey Byxbe – Spirit Squad (Shared)
Taylor Daniels, Mackenzie Byxbe and Todd Byxbe – Volunteer Spirit Squad Advisors
Diane LaForge – Retirement Request

Mr. Kleeberger moved to approve the above listed personnel changes for the upcoming 2014/15 school year, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger – 5 ayes – Motion carried.

10. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the April 23, 2014 regular closed session minutes and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Schubert, - 5 ayes – Motion carried.

11. **Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

Mrs. Warren made a motion to accept Superintendent Mike Greenlee's resignation effective May 26, 2014, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger – 5 ayes – Motion carried.

Mrs. Warren made a motion to hire an interim Superintendent for the period of June 1 through June 30, 2014, seconded by Mr. Kleeberger.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger – 5 ayes – Motion carried.

Mrs. Warren made a motion to offer Dr. Robert Willis an 8-day contract to act as Superintendent during the month of June, 2014, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger – 5 ayes – Motion carried.

12. **Parent Teacher Advisory Committee**

Illinois School Code requires an annual meeting of parents and staff to review our code of conduct and the district's wellness policy. Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes chaired this year's meeting on May 13, 2014. Mr. Newmes reviewed the committee recommendations and stated it was a very successful meeting.

Mr. Schubert moved to accept the committee recommendations, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger – 5 ayes – Motion carried.

13. **Special Education Instructional Program**

We currently have several students in grades two through five that need to have special education programming that meets their needs. The programs that are currently offered do not fit their current educational needs. Dr. Greenlee recommended the district create an Instructional Program for our special education students caught in the middle. It would require the addition of a special education teacher and two teacher assistants for the cost of \$76,000.

Mr. Kleeberger made a motion to approve the addition of special education teacher and two teacher assistants, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kleeberger, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, – 5 ayes – Motion carried.

14. **Policy**

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

- 2:30 - School District Elections
- 2:100 – Board Member Conflict of Interest
- 2:110 - Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 4:30 - Revenue and Investments
- 5:10 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:30 - Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:35 - Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act

- 5:125 - Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 5:180 - Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
- 5:190 - Teacher Qualifications
- 5:240 - Suspension
- 6:65 - Student Social and Emotional Development
- 6:160 - English Language Learners
- 7:70 - Attendance and Truancy
- 7:180 - Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 - Student Discipline
- 8:95 - Parental Involvement

15. **Superintendents Report**

- **Staff Recognition Breakfast:** Board members are invited to join the staff in celebration of a successful school year at our annual recognition breakfast. The breakfast will be held at SMMS cafeteria on June 9, 2014. Breakfast service will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program at 8:00 a.m. REEF grant recipients will be recognized as well as the presentations of staff awards.
- **Grounds Clean-up:** I would like to recognize and thank Cub Scout Pack 619 for their time and hard work. The members of the pack spent a Saturday this spring cleaning up the grounds at both campuses. They did a great job making our grounds look great.
- **April SIP:** Surveys from our SIP Day in April were included in your packets for your review.

16. **Administrative Reports**

A. **Mr. Glenn Terry**

- Congratulations to Ms. Ciasto and her students for putting on an amazing Art Show on the 14th. It was very well received by everyone who attended.
- RGS had two Ecolab grant winners. Mr. Carlson received \$1,200 for microscopes for 2nd grade and Ms. Rathe received \$2,300 for the updated version of Second Step which is a social skills program she uses in classrooms.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Guerrero and Mrs. Taphorn on their retirements. They have combined over 50 years of service to the Rockton School District and the children of Rockton. They were truly exceptional educators working at the highest level. They will be greatly missed.

B. **Mr. Scott Rollinson**

- Congratulations to 5 of my staff members who received Ecolab grants this year (Amy Bigwood - \$1,140 for a math lab kit, Cari Benkovich and Jane Schamell – \$3,000 for 6 sets of classroom library books, and Leah Carter and Betsy Atkins - \$1,197 for books for Daily 5).
- Zach Newman received a \$200 grant from IPEVO for computer projects.
- Mr. Donaldson encouraged his students in raising over \$11,000 for Jump rope for heart.

- We are looking forward to many end-of-the-year celebrations (5th grade visit to SMMS, field day, the Bash, field trips, etc.)
- The PTO 5k race is on Saturday, May 24th at Hononegah Forest Preserve.
- I would like to wish Mrs. Englund a happy retirement and thank her for all of her years of service.

C. Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre – Mr. Shaun Newmes

- Students at SMMS will be involved in the end of year pilot field test for PARCC next week. Two classes at each grade level were randomly selected. 6/7th grade will be taking the English/Language Arts test. 8th grade will be completing the math test.
- Everyone is invited to the SMMS Fine Arts Festival this Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.
- We had 15 athletes qualify for the IESA State Track Meet this weekend in East Peoria, IL. Thanks to Coach Carter, Way, Jones and Lewandowski for their commitment.
- Our 8th grade Peer Support students will be dropping off our donations and taking a tour of Carpenter's Place this Wednesday.
- End of year field trips include 7th grade to the Milwaukee Zoo and 6th grade to Medieval Times.
- Mark your calendars for 8th grade graduation on Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the HCHS Performing Arts Center. Hope to see everyone there!

17. Comments from the Community

Mark Donaldson commented that on Wednesday May 14, 110 third, fourth and fifth grade Whitman Post students participated in the annual Pace Setter's Race. The cross country race covers 1 1/2 miles and is held on the fields behind Whitman Post and Rockton Grade School. This year's boys' champion was 5th grader Brady Peterson and the girls' champion was 5th grader Lauren Johnston. For the first time in the history of the race, Principal Scott Rollinson was defeated by three students who received lunch at Pizza Ranch for their efforts, compliments of Mr. Rollinson. There were many parents and spectators in attendance, all cheering loudly for all of the competitors.

18. Members' Comments

The Rockton Board of Education thanked Dr. Greenlee for three years of dedicated service to the Rockton School District and wished him much happiness in the future.

19. Mr. Kleeberger moved to go in to Executive Session 7:55 p.m. 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), and Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) seconded by Mr. Midgett.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kleeberger – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Kleeberger moved to return to open session at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kleeberger – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

20. **Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session**

None.

21. **Adjournment**

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. seconded by Mr. Kleeberger. 5 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Approval Date: June 25, 2014

Vice President: _____

Secretary: _____