

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held May 20, 2015**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield at 6:35 a.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Brenda Warren, Jim Meason, Stacey Heiar, Chanice Michowski, Kevin Finnegan, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield

Others present: Superintendent Robert Willis, Principals Glenn Terry, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principal Shaun Newmes, RTA Co-President Mark Donaldson, James Hall, Dan Baumgartner, Megan Forsythe, Mr. & Mrs. Moroz, Mrs. Brien, Mrs. Anderson, and several other community members.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Student Artwork Presentations**
Artwork created by Rockton School District students was presented to the Board of Education. Art teachers from each school selected a student's artwork to be offered to the Board. Artwork from Melissa Sanderson, SMMS; Max Moroz, WPES; and Ellie Carmona, RGS will be displayed in the District Office until the students graduate from high school.
5. **PTO Presentation of Donation Check funding the RGS Reading Series**
Beth Ann Ward, PTO President, presented a check in the amount of \$33,333.34 to the Board as a donation to fund a portion of the 2015-16 RGS Reading Series.
6. **Comments from the Community (One Opportunity for Input)**
Mark Donaldson proudly announced that 248 WPES students collected donations for eight days totaling \$16,002.00. Since 1998, WPES students have collected more than \$146,000.00 to help fund a cure for Heart Disease & Stroke. Way to go Whitman Post !
7. Mrs. Littlefield moved to go into Executive Session at 6:45 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. Michowski.
Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mrs. Littlefield moved to go into Open Session at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

8. **Correspondence**

- Thank you notes from Lisa Rehfeldt, Kelly Gilliam, Jenny Middleton, Tina Bottensek, Donna Hayenga, Tammy Welcher, Julia Saunders, Tammi Gaziano and Teresa Tomblinson for the Panera's gift card given to them for Administrative Assistant's Day.
- Thank you notes from Erin Salberg, Emily Dummer, Laura Benkovich, and Annie Rohrer for the coffee mug and Local Dough coupon given to them for Staff Appreciation Day.
- Thank you note from Diane LaForge for the Panera gift card given to her for Nurse Appreciation Day.
- Seven letters of out-of-school suspension and three letters of in-school suspension.

9. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Meason.

Items recommended for the consent agenda are last month's open session minutes, committee meeting open session minutes, May bills, June payroll, April treasurer's report and all items identified with an **asterisk**.

- Cooperative: Action taken at the May 13, 2015 Executive Board meeting for Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative is attached for your review and action. Your approval is recommended.
- Depositories: In accordance with Board policy, you are provided with a list of authorized depositories, investment managers and brokers for district investments. The list is submitted for your annual approval.
- Booster Club fundraisers for the 2015-16 school year: Board approval is recommended for the fundraising events that have been planned by the Booster Club.
- PTO fundraisers for the 2015-16 school year: Board approval is recommended for the fundraising events that have been planned by the PTO.
- *Renewal: Board approval is recommended for the annual renewal of the district's membership of the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) for the 2015-16 school year. The membership enables our students to participate in IESA sanctioned sporting and academic events.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

10. **Personnel**

Mrs. Michowski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Meason to approve the following employments for the 2014/2015 school year.

CERTIFIED STAFF

- Shaun Newmes – (Resign) SMMS Assistant Principal
- Scott Rollinson – (Resign)WPES Principal
- Zack Newman- (Resign) Stipend Position Play Director
- Lance Tuula – (Resign) Stipend Position Assistant Play Director
- Mallery Massino – (Hire) 8th Grade Reading Teacher FY2016
- Megan Forsythe – (Hire) WPES Principal
- Mark Schroeder – (Transfer from 5th grade) 6th/7th Grade Science & English Teacher

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

- Laurie Yost – (Resign) RGS Special Ed. Teacher Assistant
- Anna Ewing-(Recall) Replace Laurie Yost FY2016 RGS Teacher Assistant
- Tyler Gilliam – (Hire) Summer maintenance June 8th
- Hannah Booth – (Rehire) Summer maintenance June 8th
- Josh Boggs – (Hire) Summer Maintenance June 8th

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Finnegan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Michowski to adopt the Resolution of Honorable Reduction in Force of the following Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative educational support personnel: Lisa Schultz.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the March 25, 2015 regular closed session minutes, seconded by Mrs. Michowski. They are to be opened.

Mrs. Littlefield moved to approve the April 15, 2015 and the May 13, 2015 Special Purpose Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mrs. Johnson. They are to be opened.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

11. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the salary adjustments for administrators following the teacher contract ratification, seconded by Mrs. Michowski. Salary adjustments are for school year 2014-2015 and school year 2015-2016.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

12. Approval for Purchase of New Computers

James Hall is requesting board approval to spend \$16,000 from the 2015-16 budget to purchase newer computers. This will consist of half the 7/8th grade lab at SMMS, and all computers in Lab 2 at WPES. The current computers are aging and starting to fail. Replacing them will offer a better experience for the students when using the computer labs, as well as staying ahead of the ever changing PARCC hardware requirements. Dr. Willis recommended approval of the \$16,000 request from the 2015-16 budget.

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve the \$16,000 purchase of newer computers, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

13. 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 12, 2015. Mr. Newmes presented the committee recommendations at the meeting.

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve all the PAC recommendations to be added to the 2015-16 Student/Parent Handbook, seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

14. Approval for Upham Woods 7th Grade Trip

Dan Baumgartner updated the BOE on the Upham Woods Field Trip explaining the benefits this field trip provides to the SMMS 7th grade students. Approval is requested for returning the Upham Woods Field Trip to the 7th grade field trip curriculum.

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the return of the Upham Woods field trip to the 7th grade curriculum, seconded by Mr. Meason.

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

15. Approval of Washington D.C. Field Trip

Kindyl Etnyre updated the BOE on the Washington D.C. Field trip, explained there will be 3 planning meetings and 2 fundraisers before the trip and dates of the actual field trip. Approval is requested for the Washington D.C. Field Trip.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the Washington D.C. Field, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

16. **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 3, 2015. 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 retirees and 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.
- **Office Max Donation:** Thank you to Office Max for their donation of computer items worth an approximate value of \$1,760.
- **April SIP Surveys -** Surveys outlined a very successful SIP Day.

17. **Administrative Reports**

Mr. Glenn Terry

- 1) We are gearing up for the end of the year at RGS. Field day is tomorrow, classroom picnics are scheduled, and second graders will get a tour of WPES next week.
- 2) Our new reading series has arrived and teachers have already cracked the teacher manuals. They will be spending time reviewing the materials on their team planning day.
- 3) It was very exciting to be involved in hiring our two new administrators. Hiring a strong candidate brings me a lot of personal satisfaction.

Mr. Scott Rollinson (Admin report presented by Bob Willis)

- 1) Warrior 5k race on Saturday was a great success and raised over \$3,000 for the PTO.
- 2) RGS and WPES evacuation to Chemtool on Tuesday.
- 3) Upcoming events:
 - 5th grade visit to SMMS and the 4th grade Wax Museum project on Friday
 - Field day on 5/27
 - The Bash on 5/29
 - 4th grade field trip to the Madison Zoon on 6/2
- 4) Thank you the BOE for allowing me the privilege and honor of leading WPES for the last 8 years. I will truly miss everyone.

Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre/Mr. Shaun Newmes

- 1) RSD #140 would like to thank the PTO and Jason Beck for organizing a successful Warrior Run this past weekend.
- 2) PTO will be selling school supply kits for next school year. Paper order forms and an electronic flyer will be sent home this week with additional details.
- 3) 5th grade students will be coming to SMMS this Friday for their annual visit. It is an exciting time for all participants – kids and adults.
- 4) Congrats to the SMMS band, under the direction of Mr. Rich Mayer, for earning an excellent rating at the Trills and Thrills festival this past Friday.

- 5) The SMMS Fine Arts Festival is Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for an entertaining evening!
- 6) We want to wish our 10 student athletes all the best at the IESA State Track Meet this weekend in East Peoria, IL!
- 7) SMMS would like to acknowledge the dedication of Mr. Tom Shook and Mrs. Joann Swinson to the Rockton School District. Both will be dearly missed.

18. **Board Member Comments**

Gail Johnson commented that she had a great time at PTO's 5k Warrior Race at the Hononegah Forest Preserve. She also updated the BOE that Rockton United Methodist Church will be planting flowers in 2 decorator pots in front of RGS and WPES.

Chanice Michowski thanked Scott Rollinson and Shaun Newmes for their wonderful service to the Rockton School District and stated they will be dearly missed. She also welcomed Megan Forsythe to Whitman Post Elementary.

19. Katie Littlefield adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

President, Rockton School District

Secretary, Rockton School District