

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held May 18, 2016**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield at 6:32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Chanice Michowski, Gail Johnson, Kevin Finnegan, Stacey Heiar, Jim Meason,
Katie Littlefield

Absent: Josh Houghton

Others present: Superintendent Terry, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe,
Autumn Czizek, RTA President Mark Donaldson, Sue Miller, Tim Ehlers, Barb Kubat,
Kelly Cleaveland, Robin Hardyman, Jessi Bolin, Emily Dummer, Annie Rohrer,
Betsy Atkins, Kim Ward

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 select a student's artwork to be presented to the Board. Students have granted permission for their artwork to be displayed in the District Office until they graduate when it will be returned to them.

The students chosen this year were: RGS 1st grader Addison Chambers, WPES 3rd grader Elizabeth Carmona, and SMMS 8th grader Elise Smedley.

5. **Superkids Reading Series Presentation**

RGS teachers Kelly Cleaveland, Robin Hardyman, Jessi Bolin, Kim Ward and Betsy Atkins updated the BOE on the Superkids Reading Program. All grade levels were very impressed with the progress students have made and with the enthusiasm parents have also shown.

6. **Comments from the Community**

Mark Donaldson updated the BOE of the following election results within the RTA:

- Dan Baumgartner, President
- Gina Tuula, Vice President
- Lindy Daniels, Secretary
- Amy Limke, Treasurer.

Mr. Donaldson also thanked the BOE and Superintendent for their service and stated he enjoyed his years as RTA President.

7. Mr. Meason moved to go into Executive Session at 6:55 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 Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

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

Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

8. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Rebecca & Ben Scheppmann for the bouquet of flowers sent in celebration of the birth of their son, Lucas.
- Thank you card from numerous teachers for the truffle-licious treats from Sugar Britches in honor of Staff Appreciation Week.
- Five letters of in-school suspension and three letters of out-of-school suspension.

9. **Committee Meeting Update**

- Joint Financial Committee Meeting Update

Mrs. Johnson updated the BOE on the Joint Financial Committee meeting which was held on May 16, 2016. Details are in the May 16, 2016 JFC Meeting minutes.

10. **Amended FY16 Budget**

Sue Miller presented the FY16 Amended Budget. The budget amendment presented for display, reflects changes to any fund in excess of 10% as required by school code. This amendment is not intended to reflect our current actual revenues and expenditures.

11. **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. Principal Autumn Czizek chaired this year's meeting on May 12, 2016. Ms. Czizek reviewed the committee recommended changes to the student/parent handbook.

12. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Littlefield moved to approve 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** seconded by Mr. Meason.

- Cooperative: Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative bills and personnel for your review and action.
- 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 2016-17 school year: Board approval is recommended for the fundraising events that have been planned by the Booster Club.
- PTO fundraisers for the 2016-17 school year: Board approval is recommended for the fundraising events that have been planned by the PTO.
- Final Approval of 2015-2016 School Calendar
- 5-3-16 Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes
- 5-16-16 Joint Financial Committee Meeting Minutes

Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

13. **Personnel**

Mr. Meason made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Heiar to approve the following employments for the 2016-2017 school year.

A. Employment

Certified

- Matt Roer – hire – SMMS Assistant Principal
- Jennafer Parrish – hire – WPES Special Education Teacher
- Cari Benkovich/Shelia Ball – hire – After School Reading (shared)
- Jennafer Parrish – hire – After School Reading
- Lance Tuula/Amy Meier - hire – After School Reading (shared)
- Brendan Kelly – hire – After School Math
- Anita Stiffler – hire – After School Math
- Allison Rhyner – hire – After School Math

- Richard Wicks – Resignation – 6th grade teacher
- Jessi Bolin – Resignation – 1st grade teacher

Roll call: Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Heiar, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Meason moved to approve the April 27, 2016 regular closed session minutes and recommended they are to be opened, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

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

If needed, as a result of items discussed in closed session.

16. **New Business**

Approval of Carpet Proposal from Benchmark Flooring

Tim Ehlers recommended replacement of carpet cited during the 10 year life safety inspection for RGS/WPES which includes carpet for RGS Rooms 102, 106, 113, 121, 143 and the North RGS Entrance as well as the main entrance at WPES. The total cost for all areas is \$27,193.00.

Superintendent Terry recommended BOE approval of the Benchmark Flooring proposal at \$27,193.00.

Mrs. Johnson made a motion to approve the \$27,193.00 for Benchmark Flooring, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Michowski, Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.

17. **Superintendents Report**

- Mr. Terry invited the Board to attend the EOY Breakfast which will be May 27, 2016 at SMMS Cafeteria at 7:30 a.m.
- In June, 2016 all Rockton 140 Groupwise accounts will be de-activated and moved to the District's Google platform. E-mails addressed to Rockton140.org will continue to be directed to the Google platform.
- Thank you to Kevin Finnegan for his year of service as a Board Member. He will be missed greatly. The May 18th meeting will be Mr. Finnegan's last BOE meeting.

18. **Administrative Reports**

RGS – Kindyl Etnyre

- I would like to thank and recognize Mr. Brian Martin for organizing field day for the students! It was a successful event for all.
- RGS would like to thank Rockton Wal-Mart, Mrs. Elizabeth Finnegan and Horace Mann for donating two bikes for our attendance incentive program. Cameron Nelson (2nd grade) and Kaelynn Bohnert (1st grade) were the lucky recipients!
- RGS and WPES partnered with Farm & Fleet on Tuesday, May 10 for an elementary fundraising event. The event brought \$350 donation to both RGS and WPES.

WPES – Megan Forsythe

- Thank you to Mr. Enderle for putting together a very impressive art show, showcasing hundreds of our students' medieval-themed art projects. And thank you to Mr. Donaldson for organizing such a fun and exciting Pacer Race and field day, as well as Coach Jason Beck for all of his time and commitment to our Running Club. Also, a great big thank you to the students of WPES who raised \$17,238.56 for Jump Rope for Heart.
- Congratulations to 3 WPES Students, Hope Cyrus, Logan Smedley, and Andrew Tipton who read 4 Million Words in our Accelerated Reader Program. Great Job!
- WPES 4th graders held their Wax Museum on May 19th. 165 students dressed up as historical characters and provided information about their character's life.
- PTO Update:

- a) I'd like to recognize Beth-Ann Ward for her years of service as our PTO President and welcome Rebecca Kramper, our new president. We are so grateful for all you and our PTO do for the Rockton School District.
- b) TEN days until the Rockton Warrior Dash and 5k at Hononegah Forest Preserve! A link to more information and sign ups can be found on the district website. We need runners, as well as volunteers!

SMMS – Autumn Czizek

- Sixth grade's spring economy day was a success! We had 103 parent visitors and the third grade teachers and students from Whitman Post visit. Everyone enjoyed themselves!
- The state track meet is this weekend in Peoria. We had 13 students qualify for state this year! Good luck to them as they compete.
- We have two events that are rounding out our school year –the Fine Arts Festival will be held on Thursday, May 19 at 7pm in the SMMS gym and Eighth Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 25 at 7pm at the Hononegah PAC.

19. Comments from Community

None.

20. Board Member Comments

- The Board thanked Ric Wicks and Jessi Bolin for their years of service; stating they will be greatly missed.
- The Board stated they will miss Mr. Finnegan and all that he brought to the Board during his one year of service.

21. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

If needed, as a result of items discussed in closed session.

22. Adjournment

Mrs. Littlefield moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Meason. 6 ayes, Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56.

Approval date: May 18, 2016

President: _____

Secretary: _____