

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kim Garst, Tim Ehlers, Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Matt Roer, April Graves, Dan Enderle, Jenessa Fiduccia, Caprise McLarty and family, Lila Meyer and family, William Hardwick.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Student Artwork Presentations

Artwork created by Rockton School District students were presented to the Board of Education. Art teachers from each school selected 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 high school when it will be returned to them. This year's winners are:

- Caprise McLarty-1st Grade at Rockton Grade School
- Lila Meyer- 3rd Grade at Whitman Post Elementary School
- Casey Bohn-8th Grade at Stephen Mack Middle School

7. Correspondence

8. Science Curriculum Presentation

Lindy Daniels updated the BOE on the science curriculum. Mrs. Daniels informed the BOE that 7 different programs were reviewed and they were able to narrow down to 2 programs to look closer at, StemScopes and HMH Dimensions. All the teachers were in agreement to use StemScopes because of the ease to understand the program and the professional development training that would follow in the fall with an online coach available.

9. Parents Advisory Report

Matt Roer presented a parents advisory report to the Board. He reported that there were a couple policies the committee thought should be reviewed by administration. 1) the addition of a Chromebook case being recommended under the Chromebook Policy Section, and 2) at Rockton Grade School changing the morning temperature and windchill from 15 to 10 degrees at student arrival. He also presented a list of suggestions from the committee most of which did not need to be added to the handbook due to the Administrators addressing the issues in emails. There was a question if there was an updated Guideline for Development of District Policies for Students with Disabilities since the one listed was several years old. Also, the Accelerated Placement Act which was put into place last July was not included in the 18/19 Handbook bdue to approval happening prior to the legislation being passed.

10. Brett Lundsten motioned into **Executive Session** at 6:25 pm 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.

Brett Lundsten moved to return to open session at 6:35 pm, seconded by Mary Newman.

11. Approval of Personnel

Non-Certified 2019 RGS Summer School Positions

Wendy Enos, Kindergarten Paraprofessional

Cindy Mizner, First Grade Paraprofessional

Katie Rummage, Second Grade Paraprofessional

Michelle Wright, 1:1 Paraprofessional

Certified 2019 RGS Summer School Positions

Alison Bowers, Second Grade Teacher

Non-Certified Support Staff Re-Hire

William West, Custodian, Permanent FT to cover Kerry Fleming @SMMS

Emily Danielson, Paraprofessional, Re-Hire @WPES for 19-20 SY

Elizabeth Whitaker, Paraprofessional, Hire @SMMS for 19-20 SY, Replacing Melissa Beffa

Non-Certified Support Staff Transfer

Loretta (Lori) Farris, Transfer from Food Service to Paraprofessional @WPES for 19-20SY

Certified Staff: Family Medical Leave (FML) Requests

Rebecca Scheppmann, 12 weeks FML anticipated to commence eff. 9/27/19 thru 1/8/20

Laura Erwin, 43 Consecutive Work Days under FML, Commence eff. 8/19/19 thru 10/18/19

Certified New Hire

Nicole Cleaveland, First Grade Teacher, New Hire 19-20 SY

Kristin Schmidt, Title I Reading Specialist, New Hire 19-20 SY

Kaitlyn Amenda, Kindergarten Teacher, New Hire 19-20 SY

Resignations

Corina Burke, Paraprofessional @WPES, Term end of 18-19 SY

Erin Gray, Paraprofessional @RGS, Term end of 18-19 SY

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the above referenced Personnel, and was seconded by Gail Johnson.

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

12. Approval of Computer Purchases to Replace Teacher Computers

Mr. Hall requested approval to purchase 75 refurbished Dell computers for the teachers. CDI Technologies had submitted a quote for the computers, which also included a 5 year warranty, in the amount of \$25,645.00.

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the computer purchases in the amount of \$26,645.00 from CDI, seconded by Mary Newman.

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

13. Approval of Cabinet Purchase for 6th and 7th Grade Classrooms at SMMS

Mr. Ehlers requested approval to purchase cabinets for 6th and 7th grade classrooms at SMMS from Modernspace Studios in the amount of \$18,429.60.

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the purchase of cabinets from Modernspace Studios in the amount of \$18,429.60, seconded by Mary Newman.

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

14. Approval of Flooring Purchase and Installation for RGS

Mr. Ehlers requested approval to purchase flooring for 2 classrooms at RGS and an adjacent storage room from Benchmark Flooring in the amount of \$20,996.00.

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve the flooring purchase from Benchmark Flooring in the amount of \$20,996.00, seconded by Gail Johnson.

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

15. Resolution to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Illinois Being the First State to Ratify the 19th Amendment

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the Resolution to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Illinois being the First State to ratify the 19th Amendment on June 10, 2019, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

All in favor 5 ayes.

16. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of RSD #140 May 2019 bills:\$427,848.12, April 2019 Expenditures, April 2019 Revenue Report, April 2019 Operating Funds Summary, April 2019 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative May 2019 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative April 2019 Financial Reports
- Approval of WCSEC Contract for Sarah Moore as Director
- Approval of April 24, 2019 BOE Minutes
- Approval of Consolidated District Plan
- Booster Club fundraisers for 2019-2020 school year: Board approval is recommended for the fundraising events that have been planned by the Booster Club.
- PTO fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year. Board approval is recommended for the fundraising events that have been planned by the PTO.
- Approve Notice of Appointment of School Treasurer and Authorized Agent for IMRF, Kim Garst.
- Approval of Elementary School Assistant Principal Job Description

Mary Newman motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Gail Johnson.

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

17. Minimum Wage

Mr. Terry discussed with the BOE the new minimum wage law and how it will impact the District.

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the 19-20 starting wages, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

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

18. New Business

- a. Reschedule June COW

After a small discussion it was agreed that the June COW meeting will not be rescheduled. The next BOE meeting will be on June 26, 2019.

- b. Emergency Days

Mr. Terry discussed with the BOE emergency days for the upcoming school year.

19. Superintendent's Report

- a. District End-of-Year breakfast is tomorrow from 7:30-8:30 at SMMS. Please join us if you can.
- b. SMARTProcure FOIA Request
- c. Bus Video FOIA Request
- d. WPES canopy painting

Mr. Terry informed the BOE that the quote for canopy painting at WPES came back several thousand dollars higher than anticipated. The BOE had already approved \$10,000 but the quote came in at \$16,000.

20. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

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1. PTO

- a. PTO would like to express their gratitude to all of the volunteers that helped make events happen for the children and staff during the 2018-2019 school year. A sundae bar and raffle was held on May 15th to recognize all volunteers.
- b. Mark your calendars - the welcome back picnic is tentatively set for Tuesday, August 27th @ 5:00 PM.
- c. Thank you Mrs. Elizabeth Irwin for designing the yearbooks for RGS and WPES!

2. Why is RGS our Happy Place?

- a. Thanks to Mr. Brian Martin for planning and organizing two field days!
- b. Thank you to Mrs. April Graves for a bee-autiful art show!
- c. Thank you to all of the RGS families, students and staff for a super year! Time definitely flies when you are having fun!

WPES Administrative Report

1. A shout out to our specialists!

- a. Art: Thanks to Mr. Enderle for his time and passion dedicated to our annual art show - he always seems to "Think Big!" with this event and it was another impressive show.
 - b. PE: Thanks to Mr. Donaldson for all of his planning with some big events this month - the Pace Setter Race and the WPES Field Day were both a success with beautiful weather!
 - c. Reading/Library: The One Book, One Community Presentation did not stink! Thank you to Laura Benkovich and Kelly Baumgartner for organizing this event to have Honey, a live skunk, come visit Whitman Post to conclude our shared reading of the book, The Boy Called Bat.
2. Congratulations to all of our wax students of people from history and their fourth grade teachers for an informative and fun Wax Museum as we listened to their speeches and enjoyed all the costumes.
 3. The Bash was a BLAST! Thank you to our Quarter Rewards Committee and Tonia Mason for organizing this celebration to end our year. Thanks to the Dairy Haus, Buffalo Wild Wings, and The Mix for donating all kinds of treats for our students.

SMMS Administrative Report–May 29, 2019

1. State Track
2. SMMS Band Trills and Thrills
3. NJHS We Day
4. Awards Night
5. Thank you to Mrs. Cesario and our field day committee for organizing a wonderful field day for our students today.
6. Our 8th graders did their graduation walk through RGS and WPES on Friday. Thank you to all of the staff and students at those buildings for a wonderful send off for our graduates!

21. Members' Comments

Gail Johnson stated what a wonderful year we have had! She went on to state that nothing could be possible without the hard work of the Administrators! Each one of the BOE members wished Matt Roer the best in his new position as Principal at Clark Elementary School in South Beloit!

22. Adjournment

Shawn Connors moved to adjourn at 7:31pm, seconded by Mary Newman. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on June 26, 2019.

Katie Littlefield

Mary Newman