

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held November 18, 2015**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Littlefield at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**
Brenda Warren, Stacey Heiar, Kevin Finnegan, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield, Jim Meason
Absent: Chanice Michowski
Mr. Meason departed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Comments from the Community**
None.
5. Mrs. Warren moved to go into **Executive Session** at 6:35 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. Meason.

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

Mrs. Littlefield moved to return to open session at 7:03 p.m., seconded by Mr. Meason.
Roll call: Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Meason, Mrs. Heiar Mrs. Littlefield – 6 ayes, Motion carried.
6. **Correspondence**
 - Thank you card from Tammi Gaziano for the plant sent to her after her recent surgery.
 - Thank you note from the family of Carlyn Brandt for the plant sent in her memory.
 - Seven letters of in-school suspension, one letter of out-of-school suspension, and one letter of bus suspension.
7. **SMMS HVAC**
Board Approval is recommended to have KJWW prepare all necessary bidding specifications for the HVAC project at SMMS according to Priorities 1 and 2 of their report discussed at the October 27th Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve having KJWW prepare all bidding specifications necessary for a bid approval to be considered at the January, 2016 Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Finnegan.

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

8. **Consent Items**

Mr. Finnegan moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Heiar.

1. October 6, 2015 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes – A-2
2. October 27, 2015 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – A-3
3. October 28, 2015 Open Session Minutes
4. Co-op Bills, Employment & Personnel Report

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

9. **Personnel**

Mrs. Warren made a motion, seconded by Mr. Finnegan to approve the following employments for the 2015-2016 school year.

CERTIFIED STAFF

- Kristin Carroll (Leave) – Maternity leave approximately March 29, 2016 with intent to return after 6 weeks (approximately May 16, 2015)

NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

- Rhonda Rivers (Hire) – Interim Food Service Director

10. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Littlefield moved to approve the October 28, 2015 regular closed session minutes and they are to be opened, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

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

None.

12. **Superintendents Report**

Dr. Willis and Glenn Terry updated the Board on discussions with First Student regarding renewing their contract. More details will be given in December.

13. **Administrative Reports**

RGS Glenn Terry

- Congratulations to the following teachers for their Golden Apple Nomination: Betsy Atkins, Jessi Bolin, Sam Byers, Kelly Cleaveland, Stori Dimke, Emily Dummer, JoAnn Eischeid, Sherrill Erickson, Joanne Fitzgerald, Barb Kubat, Rachel Maddix, Theresa O'Hea, Annie Rohrer, Erin Ryczek, Mary Vosberg, Kim Ward, Chris Wolfe. Only two other schools had more nominees!
- Our Superkids coach has observed every teacher and met with them individually to provide feedback and answer questions. Teachers had very positive feedback about the coaching experience. This has been one of the most effective

- professional development opportunities for the RGS staff. The Superkids coach was very impressed with our implementation. In fact, typically she will recommend that teachers go observe teachers in other districts but in our case we have many teachers who are implementing at a high level and encouraged conducting those observations in house. She even mentioned videotaping some of our teachers and making it available online as exemplary examples of implementation.
- Tim Ehlers and I recently met with Steve Nelson from Larson and Darby to be brought up to speed on the 10 yr Life Safety reports for SMMS and RGS/WPES. SMMS should be officially completed in January and I will keep you updated on the start of projects at RGS/WPES. Urgent items at RGS/WPES need to be completed by the end of the summer.

WPES Megan Forsythe

- Thank you to Rebecca Scheppmann, Kristin Carroll, and Zach Newman for a remarkable Veteran's Day Assembly.
- Upcoming concert dates: 5th grade – 12/02; 3rd grade – 12/08 (at HHS, 6:30 p.m.)
- Congratulations to our Golden Apple Nominees from Whitman Post: Laura Benkovich, Amy Bigwood, Jay Bigwood, Julie Breese, Dan Enderle, Jane Guerrero, Lisa Larson, Andrea Leitner, Amy Meier, Zach Newman, Kathy Sipe, Gina Tuula, Lance Tuula
- PTO Update:
 - a. Canned Food Drive was a success – great to get the kids involved.
 - b. Holiday Shoppe at WPES from 9:00 a.m. – noon: students can shop for family members and parents can enjoy refreshments.

SMMS Autumn Czizek

- Six teachers at SMMS wrote and received grants from Meemic for \$100 each to spend at the book fair. Thank you to Mrs. Patterson for letting our teachers know about this opportunity.
- The Class Act Assembly was held on November 6. Our students and teachers performed a wonderful skit and 30 students were awarded with recognition at the assembly.
- NJHS hosted their handball tournament on November 18. Eight teams participated in the tournament and made a great donation to the food pantry as their entry to the tournament.

14. Members' Comments

- Gail Johnson told that she and Bill Midgett will begin working on the Rockton School District newsletter and will research ways to inexpensively do a newsletter mailing twice a year to the community.
- Brenda Warren announced she will be resigning from the Board effective December 18, 2015. Mrs. Warren has been a board member 20 years this month and ended her announcement with a challenge to everyone to strive to always do what is best for the students.
- Dan Baumgartner, RTA Vice-President, commented, "On the behalf of the RTA, I would like to thank Brenda Warren for her dedication and service to RSD #140 as a board member. Mrs. Warren has had an immeasurable impact on our district while providing strong and thoughtful leadership for the last twenty years."

- Dr. Willis commented over his many years working with Schools Boards, he has not seen passion equal to Mrs. Warren's for working on the Board. "Congratulations on your retirement."

15. **Executive Session**

A second executive session was determined not needed.

16. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Warren moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mrs. Heiar, Mr. Finnegan, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Littlefield – 5 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Katie Littlefield, Board President

Stacey Heiar, Secretary