

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held November 15, 2017**

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

01. Call to Order by President Littlefield at 6:04 p.m.

02. Roll Call

Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield

Others present: Superintendent Terry, Principal Autumn Czizek, RTA President Dan Baumgartner, RSD #140 Attorney Maureen Lemon, RTA Legal Representative Jim Dykehouse

03. Pledge of Allegiance

04. Comments from Community

None.

05. Shawn Connors moved to go into **Executive Session** at 6:10 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) 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 Josh Houghton.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Josh Houghton motioned to return to open session at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Gail Johnson, - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

06. Action on Items Arising out of Closed Session

6.1 Approval of 10-25-17 Regular Closed Minutes

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve the 10-25-17 regular closed minutes and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Josh Houghton.

All in favor - 7 ayes.

6.2 Approval of 11-8-17 C.O.W. Closed Minutes

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve 11-8-17 C.O.W. Closed minutes and recommend they are to be opened, seconded by Gail Johnson.

All in favor - 7 ayes.

6.3 Approval of Personnel

NON-CERTIFIED

Dean Middleton (Hire) - RGS 1st shift Maintenance/custodial, Effective 11-27-17

Anthony Johnston (Hire) - Cross Country Coach, Effective FY19

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the listed employments for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year, seconded by Shawn Connors.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

6.4 Issuance of Suspension without Pay to Tenured Teacher

Brett Lundsten motioned to issue the suspension without pay to tenured teacher for the following 3 ½ days without pay: Thursday, November 16, 2017, including the half-day allocated for parent teacher conferences on the evening of November 16, 2017, Monday, November 20, 2017 and Tuesday, November 21, 2017 seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

6.5 Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Notice to Remedy to Tenured Teacher

Stacey Heiar read the Resolution of the Board of Education of RSD #140 Re: a Notice to Remedy for a tenured teacher.

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of a Notice to Remedy to a tenured teacher, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

RSD #140 Attorney Maureen Lemon excused herself from the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

07. Correspondence

- Thank you note from the WPES Fifth grade team to the BOE for their time, thoughtfulness and dedication to the students of this school district.
- Seven letters of in-school suspension.

08. Resolution to Intervene on Tax Appeals

Board Secretary, Stacey Heiar read the Resolution to Intervene on Tax Appeals.

Katie Littlefield commented that The Board of Education has received notices of property tax assessment complaints seeking a reduction in valuation in excess of \$100,000 of assessed value. A resolution is requested to authorize the law firm of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, LLP to intervene on behalf of Rockton School District No. 140 and represent the Board's interests.

Katie Littlefield motioned to approve the resolution authorizing the law firm of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn, LLP to intervene in the identified 2017 Winnebago County Board

of Review complaints on behalf of the Board of Education and represent the Board's interests in that proceeding, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

09. Renewal of Superintendent's Contract

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the renewal of the Superintendent's Contract for five years as discussed in the October 25, 2017 closed session, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

10. Consent Agenda Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approve October Open Session Minutes
- Approve WCSEC Cooperative Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approve RSD #140 November Bills and October Payroll
- Approve C.O.W. Regular Meeting Minutes from November 8, 2017

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Stacey Heiar.

Roll call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

11. New Business

None.

12. Superintendent Report

- Asphalt Crushing

Mr. Terry updated the BOE regarding a petition from Asphalt Crushing to have a zoning change to allow them to crush asphalt at the Rockton Quarry location. Jim Webster will keep the district updated.

- Parking lot update

The Village granted approval of a second entrance to the RGS/WPES parking lot. We need to schedule a Special Purpose Meeting during the first week of December to review plans, estimated costs, and to authorize our architect to begin preparing bid documents.

- Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning survey went out last week during Parent conferences and we have already received 300 responses back. Mr. Terry will send out another email to parents to remind parents who had not yet filled out the survey to go ahead and complete this task.

- Mr. Terry wished the Board Members a Happy National Board Member's Week and commented that it was a true blessing to work alongside this Board. "Thank you for all you do for our District."

- December 20th is the Classroom Door Decorating Contest at SMMS. Josh Houghton volunteered to be a judge.

- Mr. Terry thanked Teresa Tomblinson for her 14 years of service and wished her well on her new adventure of retirement.

13. Comments from Community

Dan Baumgartner wished Teresa Tomblinson well on her retirement.

14. Members' Comments

BOE members wished Teresa Tomblinson well on her retirement.

15. Adjournment

Katie Littlefield moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m, seconded by Stacey Heiar. All in favor - 7 ayes, Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Katie Littlefield, President

Stacey Heiar, Board Secretary