

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

1. Call to Order

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman
Others Present: Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Justin Bonne, Autumn Czizek, Glenn Terry, Laura Benkovich, Kristin Schmidt

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

7 in-school suspension at SMMS
3 out-of school suspension at SMMS
1 out of school suspension at WPES

7. Presentation by Laura Benkovich and Kristin Schmidt of Family Reading Night- iBOB

Laura Benkovich gave a presentation regarding WPES Battle of the Books. The battle will take place on March 10th. This year there are 160 kids participating from all grade levels at WPES. Mrs. Benkovich stated there will be 25 teams of 6 kids battling it out with 5 teams participating at a time. Each team will be reading 3 different books within their reading level.

Kristin Schmidt updated the BOE on the Family Reading Night that took place at RGS on October 24 from 6-7:30pm. This year's reading night consisted of 175 students with their families. The theme was dinosaur based, with #readingisdinomite! In addition to fun reading based games that were played there was a Burpee Museum and Dairyhaus gift certificate given out. Mrs. Schmidt reported that a fun time was had by all.

8. Josh Houghton Executive Session at 6:19 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 Chad Papke.

9. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

- Approval of October 23, 2019 BOE Closed Session Minutes

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the October 23, 2019 BOE Closed Session Minutes and recommended they are to remain closed, seconded by Brett Lundsten. All in favor 5 ayes. Motion passed.

- Approval of November 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes
Josh Houghton motioned to approve the November 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes and recommended they are to remain closed, seconded by Chad Papke. All in favor 5 ayes. Motion passed.

10. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of Personnel

Non-Certified New Hires

Casey Hunt, PT 1:1 Para at WPES, Effective 11/4/2019

Julie Fetters, PT Food Service, Effective 11/11/2019

Kassi Brooks, 1:1 SPED Paraprofessional, Effective 11/20/2019

Non-Certified Terminations

Kristi Luna, 1:1 Para at WPES, Effective 11/14/2019

Certified Retirement Request

Melissa Blecker, Retirement, Effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year

- Approval of RSD #140 November 2019 bills:\$319,750.13, November 2019 Payroll Liabilities \$542,577.57, November Activity Expenditures \$3,334.70
- August & September 2019 Expenditures, August & September 2019 Revenue Report, August & September 2019 Operating Funds Summary, August & September 2019 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of October 23, 2019 BOE Meeting
- Approval of November 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative October & partial November 2019 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative October 2019 Financial Reports

Katie Littlefield motion to approve the above referenced consent agenda, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield, Brett Lundsten

11. Approval to go out to Bid for Bus Services

Chad Papke motioned to approve going out to bid for bus service for the district, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

Roll Call: Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton

12. New Business

None

13. Superintendent's Report

- a. Triple I Conference

Mr. Terry spoke briefly regarding the upcoming Triple I conference in Chicago this weekend.

- b. Mr. Terry reported to the BOE that he has been in contact with a potential psychologist intern.

- c. Mr. Terry spoke about the property tax relief grant that is available. He reviewed the financial impacts of the property tax abatement. Board members had no concerns so Mr. Terry is going to apply for the grant.
- d. Mr. Terry invited the BOE to RSD's Christmas party on December 20, 2019 at Grand Avenue Pub in Beloit.

14. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

November 20, 2019

1. Kindyl Etnyre

a. PTO:

- i. All aboard for the Holiday Shoppe on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9:00-11:00 AM. Students will be purchasing small gifts for family members. Coffee, donuts and hot cocoa will be available for all guests. Santa will be making a visit at our Polar Express-themed event!
- ii. Please welcome the new PTO Board: Abby Czaja-President, Secretary-Steve Van Leeuwen, Tanya Davidson-Treasurer, Sara Henderson & Nancy Gerue-Public Relations, Laura Lueshen & Stori Dimke-RGS Teacher Rep, Amy Bigwood-WPES Teacher Rep and Carol Flohr-SMMS Teacher Rep.

b. RGS:

- i. Congratulations to our Golden Apple nominees: Emily Dummer, Joanne Fitzgerald, Robin Hardyman, Sam Hawkinson, Paige Jaeger, Adrienne King, Barb Kubat, Rachel Maddix, Annie Rohrer, Erin Rollinson, Peyton Rotolo, Amy Stevens, Mary Vosberg and Christine Wolfe.

2. Erin Hauser

a. RGS EVENTS:

- i. We had an outstanding turn out for both Family Reading Night (Reading is Dinomite) and the 'Merry' Halloween parade and class parties. Thank you to Kristin Schmidt, parents, staff, and students for supporting these wonderful events!
- ii. We just finished our first book talk at RGS for this school year! We read the book NOW Classrooms: Lessons for Enhancing Teaching and Learning through Technology (K-2) and had 17 staff members participate. Elizabeth Byam joined us for our last session. We enjoyed having her tech input!

- b. Character Program: This trimester at RGS, we are focusing on kindness! Kindyl and Erin will be presenting character lessons in classrooms beginning in December.

WPES Administrative Report

1. Megan Forsythe

- a. Despite the weather, our Veteran's Day Assembly was well-attended - 48 veterans joined us and many others were honored through photographs

in our slide show. Thank you to Mrs. Carroll for organizing this ceremony and a shout out to Mr. Newman and the WPES Choir for their wonderful performance.

- b. Thank you to our Quarter Rewards Committee and all of our staff volunteers for our first quarter rewards celebration. Students who met the requirements stayed after school to play games, ride their wheeled toys, eat some snacks, and celebrate their accomplishments!

2. Justin Bonne

- a. Whitman Post had 19 staff members participate in the district wide NOW classrooms book study. It sparked good conversations and provided some feedback that helped drive Byam's training. Also, several teachers have already implemented and shared rubrics, lessons, class discussions, and created student led conferences from ideas they learned in the book.
- b. Whitman Post has started the Post Kids Council where 5th grade students fill out a Google Form if they are interested in participating in helping out with various events throughout the school. So far we have had 14 kids sign-up., They have helped out during the Veterans Day assembly, assisted with the food drive, and they are also set to help with Wimpy's fundraising in December.

Congrats to Whitman Post's Golden Apple nominees: Sheila Ball, Cari Benkovich, Amy Bigwood, Nick Boelte, Alison Bowers, Laura Brooks, Lindsay Campbell, Leah Carter, Mark Donaldson, Jacob Doyle, Dan Enderle, Kristin Fish, Jane Guerrero, Ruth King, Tristi Kriegler, Andrea Leitner, Taylor Lewis, Amy Meier, Ally Rotolo, Kathy Sipe, Gina Tuula, Lance Tuula, & Paige Vansistine

SMMS Administrative Report

1. Autumn Czizek
 - a. We've had some great events happening at SMMS lately and want to send out a thank you to Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Perez for organizing a great Incubator Product Reveal Night. We were able to see some great presentations of products from our SMMS entrepreneurs. The other thank you needs to go to Mrs. Padhye and the student council for raising \$3700 during the Pink Penny Wars fundraiser week to donate to Pink Heals. The students had a great time participating in this and raised funds for a great cause!
 - b. Stephen Mack had 14 staff members be part of the Now! Classrooms booktalk. We appreciate the time spent in discussing the book and sharing their ideas. There are lots of great new ideas being discussed and many people shedding their shells!

15. Members' Comments

Brett Lundsten thanked Mrs. Kochheiser for arranging the gifts for Board Member Appreciation Day. He also thanked Mrs. Forysthe for the wonderful Veteran's Day event that WPES hosted. Mr. Lundsten also acknowledged the wonderful Class Act assembly that SMMS conducted.

Katie Littlefield shared that she attended the Golden Apple Reception and that a large number of teachers from RGS & WPES were nominated.

16. Adjournment

Chad Papke moved to adjourn at 6:50 pm, seconded by Mary Newman. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50. The next regular Board meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on December 18, 2019.

Katie Littlefield

Mary Newman