

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2008 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rockton School District No. 140, Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on October 21, 2008, at the Rockton Grade School Library in Rockton, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Mrs. Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

	<u>LaForge</u>	<u>Meason</u>	<u>Pearcy</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Mrs. Pearcy arrived at 6:26 p.m.

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Kindyl Etnyre, Scott Rollinson, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry and Jim Taphorn, Curriculum Coordinator Lindy Daniels, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, and Teacher Mary Newman.

Closed Session

Mrs. Neece moved to enter closed session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Sale, lease or purchase of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), seconded by Mr. LaForge. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, Warren, Neece, Praneis, LaForge. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 6:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece. Roll call vote: Aye: Schubert, Meason, LaForge, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried.

Sister School in China

Sue Walsh, SMMS teacher, presented information on the 'sister school' relationship that has been established with a school in China.

FY2008 Audit Report

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the district's audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2008 that ended June 30, 2008 as presented by Auditor Gary Meier, Siepert & Co. LLP, seconded Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- Thank you card received from Ann Hart for the plant sent in memory of her mother.
- One letter of school suspension, three letters of in-school suspension, and two letters of in-school detention.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Pearcy. Gail Johnson reported \$500 was collected for the Cindy Moberg memorial. The funds will be donated to Rockton Elementary Education Foundation in honor of Cindy Moberg, regular session resumed.

2008 ISAT Results

A review of the ISAT results from the assessment completed in March 2008 was presented by Lindy Daniels, Curriculum Coordinator.

SMMS Rec Area and Storage Facility

Update on the costs and funding sources for the projects at SMMS was presented. Superintendent Harezlak recommended the recreation area be constructed first. Both projects will be revisited next spring.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

10th Annual Class Act Assembly

SMMS staff has created a fun assembly with a powerful message for young and old. The presentation is on Friday, October 24th from 1:40 to 2:35 p.m. at SMMS gym.

Congratulations to PTO

Congratulations and many thanks to all the hard working parent volunteers for organizing the successful annual "Fun Run".

District Staff Holiday Party

Board members are invited to join the district staff's annual holiday party. The WPES staff is planning this year's party that will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at the Clock Tower in Rockford.

Other

- Two Policy Committee meetings were set – November 19, 2008 at 5 p.m. and December 17, 2008 at 5 p.m.
- Discussed BOE member vacancy and date to interview candidates to fill the vacant seat until the term expires in April 2011.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Browning reported:

- RGS state test scores are identical to WPES third grade scores.
- Halloween parties are October 31st at 1 p.m.
- Smart boards are being used in two classrooms. BOE members are invited to the classrooms to see how beneficial they are to students.
- Over 20 students are participating in the RGS breakfast program.
- Rtl is being implemented at RGS.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- Students have raised \$36,000 from the PTO Fun Run.
- The family bike ride was successful.
- Harvest parties are October 31st at WPES.
- Veteran's Day assembly is November 11th.
- Over 50 students are participating in the WPES breakfast program.
- Thirteen families are participating in the back pack program for needy families.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- The Peer Support retreat was at Atwood last week.
- NJHS have collected over 2000 cans for the food pantry.

- Sam Harris, Holocaust survivor will speak at an assembly at SMMS.
- SMMS is participating in a STI home access pilot program for 8th grade parents.

Mr. Taphorn reported:

- The Lady Warriors eighth grade volleyball team was undefeated this season and the sixth and seventh grade volleyball team came in third place.
- A fire drill was performed at SMMS.
- The 10th annual Class Act assembly is Friday.
- Satellite staff, teacher assistants, and administrators participated in a crisis intervention training.

Mr. Terry reported:

- WPES has 140 children participating in before school choir.
- A code red drill was performed last week at RGS and WPES.

Mrs. Daniels reported:

- Has received positive feedback from the new math series.
- Teachers are emailing her on how to obtain reports and learning more skills about MAP as a direct result of the district MAP class.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Pearcy. No one wished to address the Board, regular session resumed.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schubert moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Neece, carried unanimously.

Approved date: November 19, 2008

President: _____

Secretary: _____