

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held October 22, 2014**

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

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1. **Call to Order** by President Meason at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Bill Midgett, Gail Johnson, Larry Schubert, Brenda Warren, Chuck Kleeberger, Chanice Michowski, Jim Meason.

Others present: Interim Superintendent Dr. Robert Willis; Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Shaun Newmes; RTA Co-Presidents Mark Donaldson and Rich Mayer; teachers and community members.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **FY 2014 Audit Report**

Auditor Gary Meier, Siepert & Co. LLP, presented a review of the district's audited financial statements for the fiscal year 2014 that ended June 30, 2014. Mrs. Warren moved to approve the district's audited financial statements for FY14 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

Roll call: Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes. Motion carried.

5. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason moved to suspend the regular order of business and opened the meeting to audience input, seconded by Mr. Kleeberger.

- Seven community members spoke regarding class size, options to involve the community, referendum, and the excellent quality of teachers in the district.
- Superintendent Willis thanked the community for attending and supporting the Rockton School District.
- Mr. Meason thanked everyone for their strong attendance at the Board meeting.

6. Mr. Meason moved to go into **Executive Session** at 7:30 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. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason, 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

7. **Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Sheryl Sager for the flowering plant sent to her after her surgery.
- Thank you note from Patti Luevano for the plant sent in memory of her father.
- Thank you note from Ann Hart for the plant sent in honor of her father-in-law.
- Three letters of in-school suspension, 8 letters of out-of-school suspension, and 3 letters of bus suspension.

8. **Consent Items**

Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

- A-1 Approve September Open Session Minutes
- A-2 Approve Cooperative October Bills, E&P Report
- A-3 Approve RSD October Bills and November Payroll
- A-4 Approve September Treasurer's Report
- A-5 Approve RSD Revenue & Expense Summary

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason, 7 ayes, Motion carried.

9. **Personnel**

A motion was made by Mr. Meason, seconded by Mrs. Warren, to approve the following personnel report:

**A. Non-Certified**

- Approve hiring of Nicole Kelly – WPES 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classroom Aide
- Approve resignation of Beth Christensen – Teacher Assistant at SMMS
- Approve a onetime reimbursement payment of \$60 for teacher aides to register their licenses with ISBE. This would be after 60 work days have been completed by the aide in the district.

**B. Certified**

- Approve hiring of Grant Oleson as Track Coach at SMMS.
- Accept resignation of Kim Potter, Special Education Teacher at WPES.

Roll call: Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

10. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mr. Meason moved to approve the September 24, 2014 regular closed

session minutes as amended and that they are to be opened, seconded by Mrs. Warren. 7 ayes – motion carried.

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

None.

12. **RGS/WPES Ten Year Life Safety**

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the Building Committee, Bill Midgett, Brenda Warren, Superintendent Dr. Willis, Maintenance Assistant Director Tracy Wam and Dean Snowdon met with Larson & Darby to review the Ten Year Survey. They will meet again next month.

13. **Snow Removal**

Approval is recommended for JD Construction for district snow removal for the 2014-15 school year. The snowplowing prices remain the same as last school year with the exception of salting, which likely will be more.

Mr. Meason made a motion to approve the JD Construction snow removal contract, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

Roll call: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

14. **Quarterly Investment Report**

As per BOE policy, the quarterly investment report of the district's investment portfolio was reviewed. Board members reviewed the investment performance by appropriate and creditable standards for the investment type.

15. **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Willis thanked the community for their attendance at the meeting and for their support of the Rockton School Teachers.

16. **Administrative Reports**

A. **Mr. Glenn Terry**

- Rockton Grade School met their goal for the Fun Run and will have an hour long recess this Friday. Our latest total is \$10,937.45.
- I had lunch with 15 students whose names were drawn for having perfect attendance for the month of September. We also gave out over 200 free kid meals to Buffalo Wild Wings to students who had perfect attendance.
- First grade had their community field trip to downtown Rockton and visited the Fire Department, Library, and a local business.

B. **Mr. Scott Rollinson**

- Thank you to the Booster Club for putting on a great rec night last Friday. A special thank you to all the teachers and staff members who volunteered their time to chaperone.
- We will have about 50 WPES students competing in the Wildcat Cross Country Race in Rockford this coming Saturday morning.

- Our first quarter reward party will take place after school next Wednesday. We are expecting over 300 students to participate based on good grades and not receiving any detentions.
- Don't forget our Veteran's Day Assembly, November 11<sup>th</sup> in the WPES gym.

C. Mr. Shaun Newmes

- PTO is hosting an RGS/WPES reading night on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m. in the WPES gym.
- Fun Run totals: RGS-\$10,937.45, WPES-\$11,320.78, SMMS-\$7,412.32.
- Student Council will be sponsoring a spirit week from October 27-31. (Monday-Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness, Tuesday-Gray for Brain Cancer Awareness, Wednesday-Red for Heart Disease Awareness, Thursday-Yellow for Soldiers Currently Serving, Friday-Orange/Black for Halloween). The week will end with a festive band concert – Thank you, Mr. Mayer!
- Congratulations to Andrew Winters for being selected to be on the ILMEA Honors Band.
- Per James Hall: The new wireless between the buildings has been installed and is working great. It has already been put to good use. Charter had an outage for 2 days during the week of 10/13. The Rockton grade campus was without Internet those days. I was able to use the Stephen Mack connection over the wireless to provide the RGS/WPES campus with Internet access. With the increased speed of the new wireless, it was barely noticeable.

D. Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre

- Student Council will be sponsoring their annual 'spook-tacular' Halloween Dance and costume contest on Friday, November 7 from 6-8 p.m.
- Congratulations to our girls' cross country team for earning their way to compete at the State Cross Country meet on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, in Normal, IL. A special recognition to: Coach DeKeyser, Coach Taylor, Taylor Frommer(8), Katie Johnston (8), Lauren Johnston (6), Becky Bybee (8), Kyra Cure (7), Grace Stavn (7), Lauren McNulty (7), Alison Lawrence (8), Aeris Butler and Tatum Higgs (8).
- Both Lady Warrior volleyball teams took first place trophies home in the conference tournament. The 6/7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team ended their season with a 17-0 record. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team earned a second place finish in their conference tournament.

17. **Comments from the Community**

No one wished to address the Board at this time.

18. **Members' Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

19. Mr. Meason moved to go into **Executive Session** at 8:31 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 Mrs. Warren.

Roll call: Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason – 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Mr. Meason moved to return to open session at 9:34, seconded by Mrs. Michowski.

Roll call: Mr. Kleeberger, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Schubert, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Michowski, Mr. Meason, 7 ayes, Motion carried.

20. **Adjournment**

Mr. Meason moved to adjourn at 9:34 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Michowski. Motion carried.

7 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School cafeteria on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Approval date: November 19, 2014

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_