

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS 61072

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2010 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 September 22, 2010 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>Meason</u>	<u>Michowski</u>	<u>Midgett</u>	<u>Neece</u>	<u>Praneis</u>	<u>Schubert</u>	<u>Warren</u>
Roll Call	ABS	P	P	P	P	P	P

Others present: Superintendent Jean Harezlak, Principals Barb Browning, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Assistant Principals Glenn Terry, Shaun Newmes, RTA Representative/Teacher Gail Johnson, Business Manager Julia Saunders, parent Ladel Cass, and various teacher guests.

Closed Session

Mr. Schubert moved to enter closed session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the following: 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), Pending litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, Praneis, Neece, Michowski, Schubert, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Mr. Schubert moved to return to open session at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Midgett, Neece, Schubert, Michowski, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Budget Hearing

The district budget hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Warren. Mrs. Warren moved to open the meeting for public input, seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously, no one wished to address the Board of the proposed budget. Regular session resumed.

Mr. Schubert moved to approve the 2010-2011 budget as presented, seconded by Mrs. Praneis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Midgett, Michowski, Schubert, Neece, Warren, Praneis. Nay: None. Carried

Correspondence

- Thank you card from Sherril Erickson for flowers sent in memory of her brother.
- One letter of out of school suspension and three letters of bus suspension.

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

Welcome New Teachers

Our school community is pleased to recognize and welcome our new teachers – Kim Potter, Katie Zierke, Jessica Yates, Shelia Ball, and returning teacher Dan Baumgartner. The new teachers had the opportunity to share their experiences as the new professional members to our staff.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Michowski moved to approve consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mrs. Neece.

Items included:

1. August 18, 2010 Regular meeting minutes, August 26, 2010 Memorial Committee meeting, September 15, 2010 Special Purpose meeting minutes, September 15, 2010 Student Programs and Achievement Action Committee meeting minutes
2. September bills, October payroll, August treasurer's report
3. Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative action
4. 2010-2011 Recognition of Schools
5. Donation – LBSS Endowment fund grant of the Illinois School Library Media Association

Roll call vote: Aye: Praneis, Midgett, Schubert, Michowski, Neece, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Personnel

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

a. Employment – 2010-11 school year

Certified

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| ○ Shelia Ball | Fourth Grade Teacher |
| ○ Angela Schmidt | Second Grade Teacher |
| ○ Ruth King | Fifth Grade After School Reading |
| ○ Paige Young | Fourth Grade After School Reading |
| ○ Lynn Bergstrom | Third Grade After School Reading (1 st semester) |
| ○ Chris Wolfe | Third Grade After School Reading (2 nd semester) |
| ○ Gina Tuula | Fifth Grade After School Math (1 st semester) |
| ○ Mark Schroeder | Fifth Grade After School Math (2 nd semester) |
| ○ Amy Bigwood | Fourth Grade After School Math |
| ○ Cari Benkovich | Third Grade After School Math |
| ○ Lucinda Balandis | National Jr. Honor Society Advisor |
| ○ Tom Shook | Yearbook Advisor |

Non-Certified

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| ○ Jenna Manning | Satellite Teacher Assistant |
| ○ Dawn Coogan | SMMS Teacher Assistant |

b. Resignation

Certified

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| ○ Jeanna McAfee | National Jr. Honor Society Advisor |
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Roll call vote: Aye: Neece, Schubert, Praneis, Michowski, Midgett, Warren. Nay: None. Carried.

Closed Session Minutes

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the August 18, 2010 regular closed session minutes and the September 15, 2010 special purpose closed session minutes and that they are to remain closed, seconded by Mrs. Praneis, carried unanimously.

Transportation Update

Information regarding the transition to the new transportation company was shared at the meeting. Superintendent Harezlak and Business Manager Julia Saunders met with Illinois Central last week to discuss ongoing concerns.

2010 Illinois Report Card

Based on preliminary reports, our district students have maintained a high level of excellence as demonstrated in the district's 2010 state report. At this time, the 2010 e-report card documents have not been released to school district. The district and building report cards will be posted on our website by October 29th and individual student reports will be sent home with first quarter report cards. Lindy Daniels, Curriculum Coordinator, will provide a summary assessment of our results at the October BOE meeting.

Board Reflections: Butler, Kevin, (February 2009), Speaking Their Language, *District Administration* was discussed.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Golden Apple Foundation

September 16, 2010 was "Golden Apple" day for teachers in Winnebago County. The Golden Apple Foundation presents apples to teachers in appreciation for the valuable work with children. This day was also the beginning of the annual award nomination process for teachers. This year teachers in sixth through eighth grade can be nominated for excellence in education. Nomination forms are available at www.goldenappleofrockford.com.

Annual Fundraisers

The Rockton School District PTO, Booster Club and Rockton Teachers Association have requested and received approval from the superintendent to conduct a variety of fundraisers for this school year.

SchoolSearch™ Bright Star Award

Once again our district receives national distinction as a school district of educational excellence despite low funding. Our district is one of only 81 Illinois school districts out of 869 districts honored with this award. The award is based on districts whose students' academic performance ranks in the upper one third of Illinois school districts, but whose expenditure per pupil ranks in the lower one fourth of Illinois school districts. SchoolSearch™ is an educational research and consulting firm that publishes rankings of school systems for families.

Other

- Administrative salary compensation report is posted on the RSD website.
- The Strategic Planning dinner meeting is scheduled for October 14th.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Browning reported:

- Young Rembrandts begins this week.
- First grade classes attended field trip to Rockton and second grade classes attended field trip Severson Dells.
- MAP testing will be completed this week.

Mr. Terry reported:

- PTO Fun Run is October 1st.
- Family bike ride is October 2nd.
- Thanked BOE members for approving the full-time library position at WPES last spring.
- WPES McTeacher Night was a success and \$791 was raised.

Mr. Rollinson reported:

- Social workers and teachers did an assembly based on the book *One* by Kathryn Otoshi.
- Over 30 families are participating in the back pack program.
- The after-school math and reading programs started this week.
- D.A.R.E. program started this week.

Mrs. Etnyre reported:

- Soccer, volleyball, and cross country are off to a great start.
- Thanked everyone who purchased mums from the Booster Club.
- RGS Family Movie night is at SMMS on September 23rd.

Mr. Newmes reported:

- Thanked everyone who made the 9/11 remembrance ceremony a special occasion.
- He enjoyed the article that Kris Holland wrote about him.
- The first student council dance was September 10th.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Mrs. Warren shared that she attended the foreign language after school program meeting for Strategic Planning committee.
- Mrs. Michowski thanked staff and parents for attending the BOE meeting.

Mr. Schubert moved to suspend the regular order of business and open the meeting for audience input, seconded by Mrs. Neece. Gail Johnson shared story about a student's mother in her classroom volunteering to teach some Spanish words. Gail also commented teacher Erin Salberg designed a Smartboard program on medical insurance for staff to view. Regular session resumed.

NEXT BOE MEETING

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School library on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Michowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. Schubert, carried unanimously.

Approved date: October 27, 2010

President: _____

Secretary: _____