

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held September 24, 2014**

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

1. **Call to Order** by President Meason at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

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

Others present: Dr. Robert Willis, Principals Glenn Terry, Scott Rollinson, Kindyl Etnyre, Mark Donaldson, Rich Mayer, and a strong attendance of teachers from the Rockton Teacher's Association.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **New Staff Introductions**

New teachers Shelia Ball, Stephanie Byers, Kristoffer Grahnke, Allison Lake, Grant Oleson, and Erin Ryczek were introduced and welcomed to the Rockton School District.

5. Mr. Meason moved to go into **Executive Session** at 6:45 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. Michowski.

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 6:58 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

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

6. **Budget Hearing**

The district budget hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Meason. Julia Saunders presented the FY15 Budget. Mr. Midgett moved to open the meeting to the audience for public input, seconded by Chuck Kleeberger.

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

No one wished to address the Board regarding the proposed budget. Mr. Meason adjourned the budget hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the 2014-2015 budget at 7:10 p.m. as presented, seconded by Mr. Schubert.

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

7. **Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Elizabeth LaLande for the flowers sent to her after her surgery.
- Two letters of out-of-school suspension and one letter of a ½ day out-of-school suspension.

8. **Comments from the Community**

Mr. Meason opened the meeting to audience input. No one wished to address the Board.

9. **Consent Items**

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

Items included:

- A-2 Approve August Open Session Minutes
- A-3 Approve Cooperative September Bills
- A-4 Approve September Bills and October Payroll
- A-5 Approve August Treasurer's Report
- A-6 Approve RSD Revenue & Expense Summary
- A-7 Approve Application for Recognition of Schools

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

10. **Personnel**

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

A. Non- Certified

- Approve hiring of Anna Ewing – RGS Kg Classroom Aide (Class size) – Start Date August 26th

B. Certified

- Approve hiring of Jane Guerrero as a SMMS Part Time Teacher (Class size) - Start Date – September 2nd
- Approve hiring of Naomi Wilterdink at RGS Nurse - Start Date September 3rd
- Accept resignation of Kris Holland as Cross Country coach
- Approve hiring of Judy Taylor as Cross Country coach
- Accept resignation of Heather Vagle as Science Olympiad Advisor
- Accept resignation of Rebecca Shaw as Choir Director at SMMS
- Approve hiring of Mick Manne as Choir Director at SMMS

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

11. **Closed Session Minutes**

Mrs. Warren moved to approve the August 13, 2014 regular closed session minutes and that they are to be opened, seconded by Mr. Schubert. 7 ayes – Motion carried.

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

None.

13. **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Willis reported on various data points from FY14 that show how Rockton School District is performing. Student performance, as measured by ISAT, is high when compared to comparable area schools. Attendance for last year was at 96 percent with class size averaging 26 students per class. Instructional and operational costs are comparable when looking at neighboring school districts. All in all, taxpayers in Rockton are receiving a great return on the investment they make in the education of children.

14. **Administrative Reports**

A. **Mr. Glenn Terry**

- We have implemented a district wide incentive plan to encourage good attendance. At RGS, when a student is here for the entire day and the entire week they get a ticket. At the end of the month, five students from each grade level get a Happy Meal lunch with Mr. Terry. For the month of September, attendance at RGS is up 0.8% (97.8).
- We just completed our first round of 'practice' growth assessments for teacher evaluation and MAP/STAR testing. Teachers were very happy with the content, ease of administration, and reporting capability of STAR. All of data from testing will be reviewed on our October SIP day.

B. **Mr. Scott Rollinson**

- Congratulations to Dan Enderle for receiving Artsonia's Annual Leadership Award! Artsonia is a website where student artwork is displayed for everyone to look at and comment on. Only 10 schools per state per year receive this award. Great job, Dan!
- Thank you to Mr. Donaldson for putting together a great Family Fun Bike Ride this past Saturday. Students and parents rode their bikes from Roland Olsen Forest Preserve to Burger King and back.
- Star testing is going well and students as well as teachers have responded positively to the change.

C. **Mrs. Kindyl Etnyre/Mr. Shaun Newmes**

- Do not forget Fun Run this Friday, September 26th at all three schools. We would like to thank Shannon Thompson and the committee for their dedication to PTO and our schools. Please come out and join us!
- Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. The Booster Club meeting is Wednesday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m. Please consider attending a meeting this year.
- SMMS would like to thank Mrs. Kaz and the student council for a successful 'Welcome Back to the Mack' dance.
- SMMS will receive \$1275.00 from CEANCI. Mrs. Patterson had created a list of career books to be purchased for our library and students. Thanks, Mrs. P.!

15. **Comments from Community**

Mr. Meason opened the meeting to audience input.

- Mark Donaldson stated it was good to hear the positive comments and support from the Board to our new employees and towards the strong attendance of the teachers at the Board meeting during negotiations.

16. **Members' Comments**

- Gail Johnson thanked the teachers for coming and applauded them for their support of their profession and RTA.

17. Mr. Meason moved to go into **Executive Session** at 7:34 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. Michowski.

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 9:21 p.m. seconded by Mr. Kleeberger.

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

18. **Adjournment**

Mrs. Warren moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Midgett. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m. The next regular Board meeting will be held at the Rockton Grade School Library on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Approval date: October 22, 2014

President _____

Secretary _____