

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Held September 26, 2017**

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

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**01. Call to Order** by President at 6:00 p.m.

**02. Roll Call**

Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Katie Littlefield Stacey Heiar arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Others Present: Superintendent Terry, Principals Kindyl Etnyre, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Assistant Principal Matt Roer, RTA Vice President Gina Tuula, Business Manager Sue Miller, Director of Maintenance Tim Ehlers, Curriculum Coordinator Lindy Daniels, New RSD Teachers April Graves, Molly Lengjak, Keegan Ray, Ashley Jenkins, Adrienne King, Jacob Doyle, Katie Ostdick, Christine Steinmetz, Laura Lueshen, Kaila Strubhart and various community members

**03. Pledge of Allegiance**

**04. RSD #140 Budget Hearing**

Katie Littlefield opened the RSD #140 budget hearing at 6:01 p.m. and asked the audience for public input. No public input was given.

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the FY-18 RSD #140 Budget as presented by Business Manager Sue Miller on 8-23-17, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

Roll Call: Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Katie Littlefield - 6 ayes, Motion carried.

**05. Comments from the Community**

None.

**06. Introduction of New RSD #140 Teachers**

Assistant Principal Matt Roer and Curriculum Coordinator Lindy Daniels led the BOE and the new teachers in a game called One Truth and a Lie which introduced the new teachers in a fun way.

**07.** Katie Littlefield moved to go into **Executive Session** at 6:24 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.

Roll call: Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

Josh Houghton moved to return to open session at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Chad Papke.  
Roll call: Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield

#### **08. Action on Items Arising out of Closed Session**

##### **8.1 Approval of 8-23-17 Regular Closed Minutes**

Brett Lundsten made a motion to approve the August 23, 2017 regular closed session minutes and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Shawn Connors.

All in favor - 7 ayes, Motion passed.

##### **8.2 Approval of Personnel**

Gail Johnson made a motion to approve the following employment for the 2017/2018 school year, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

- **Non-Certified Staff**  
Brenda Wulf (Hire) - Para RGS - 3 hours/day 172 days

Roll call: Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Brett Lundsten, Katie Littlefield - 7 ayes, Motion carried.

#### **09. Correspondence**

- Thank you note from Gail Johnson and family for the plant sent in memory of Gail's mother, Dawn Scott.
- Six letters of in-school suspension and two letters of out-of-school suspension.

#### **10. Lead in Water Test Results**

Mr. Terry updated the BOE on the test results from water samples taken from RGS and WPES on August 19, 2017. As a result, several new faucets will be installed and a second testing will be completed in 6 months. Mr. Terry and Mr. Ehlers will be sending out a letter informing parents of the test results at or above 5 parts per billion and resulting action plan.

#### **11. Approval of RSD #140 Board Member Agreement**

Katie Littlefield recommended approval of the IASB Workshop Board Agreement that the Board created during their 7-26-17 Self-evaluation led by IASB Instructor Linda Martinez.

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve the IASB Workshop Board agreement, seconded by Stacey Heiar.

All in favor: 4 ayes, 3 nays. It was determined that the BOE will rescind the 'All in Favor' vote and will table the discussion until the Committee of the Whole Meeting October 11, 2017.

Katie Littlefield motioned to rescind the 'All in Favor' vote, seconded by Josh Houghton. All in favor: 7 ayes, Motion carried.

#### **12. Potential Purchase of a Truck for Plowing/Salting/General Maintenance**

Mr. Terry updated the BOE that the potential truck from Autoland which the District was interested in had been sold. Mr. Terry and Mr. Ehlers will continue to keep in touch with Autoland, Roscoe as well as getting more details on our membership in a State Joint Purchasing Agreement, which former Superintendent Dave Martin had initiated, which could offer better pricing to the District.

### 13. Consent Agenda Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approve August Open Session Minutes
- Approve WCSEC Cooperative Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approve RSD #140 September Bills and October Payroll
- Approve School Wide Title I Plan
- Approve C.O.W. Meeting Minutes from 9-13-17 (Addendum)

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Stacey Heiar, Brett Lundsten, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield - Motion carried.

### 14. New Business

None.

### 15. Superintendent Report

- IRTA FOIA Request

Mr. Terry informed the BOE of a IRTA FOIA request regarding contact information for teachers.

- Chromebook Pilot Update

Mr. Terry informed the BOE about how the teaching staff is enthusiastic about their use of the Chromebooks. Pilot teachers have been sharing information with each other and looking into the ability to use Smart Suite which allows devices to interact with Smartboards. The new fiber optic cables are installed and working well at RGS and WPES. They will be installed shortly at SMMS.

- RGS/WPES Parking Lot Update

Designs for the entrance have been delivered to the Village engineer. He will meet with the District's architect. The project is on the previous agreed-to schedule.

- Strategic Planning

Discussion will resume at the Committee of the Whole meeting October 11, 2017.

- PTO Buffalo Wild Wings

Thank you to all for a great turn-out at the PTO Night at BWW. "There was a wing eating contest between myself and Matt Roer that was very fun."

### 16. Administrative Reports

#### **RGS Administrative Report**

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1. **PTO** - The Fun Run is this Friday, September 29th. Donations collected will continue to support the school district's technology plans.
2. **Extra-Curricular Opportunities at RGS** - Students are being offered after-school experiences through STEM for Kids, Young Rembrandts and art enrichment. The first STEM class reached its class-size limit quickly. During the second session, a kindergarten class will be offered.
3. **And for the W.I.N.** - Thank you to Tom Shook and Mya for returning to RGS in year two of the PAWS program! We are expanding the number of classrooms for Mya's visits.

## **WPES Administrator Report, 9/26/17**

1. **WPES Painted Rock Garden:** Using the book, *Only One You*, students at Whitman Post took part in a character development activity where they each painted their own unique rock to create a beautiful painted rock garden at the front entrance of WPES. A special thanks to Dan Enderle for leading the students in creating these pieces of rock art, to Gina Tuula for creating the sign that's displayed in the rock garden, and Rebecca Schepmann and Kristin Carroll for sharing activities and ideas with teachers and students on the importances of appreciating differences and building a community.
2. **Dyslexia Presentation:** Teachers and administrators were so impressed with the information two Ledgewood teachers, Sarah Swanson and Jodi Tomilonus, shared at our teacher's institute at the beginning of the year, that we invited them back to provide this information to our paraprofessionals yesterday. Thank you to Kindyl Etnyre for helping organize this presentation, and thank you to all of these educators for taking the time to create more awareness of this disorder to better serve our students.

## **SMMS Administrator Report**

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1. SMMS completed our ALICE drill on September 19. Students learned to barricade and ran through two different scenarios about intruders in the building. We appreciate the time that the Rockton Police Department put into making this drill beneficial for our students and staff.
2. Thank you to all the families that came out to support our district at Buffalo Wild Wings. Mr. Roer and Mr. Terry had a great wing eating contest.
3. Thank you to the PTO for organizing a great Fun Run assembly. They are excited about some great incentives this year!
4. Peer Support students went on their retreat last Friday and had a great time team building and learning way to help support their fellow students. Thank you to Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Hammes and Mrs. DeVries for organizing this event for our students.
5. SMMS Back to School Dance on Friday, September 29 from 6-8pm.
6. Booster Club--Fall Wish List is out and we are looking forward to awarding some of the lists!

## **District Special Education Report**

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1. Special recognition to our speech pathologists. They have very high caseloads and are working hard to develop schedules to fit everyone in at times that teachers are comfortable with them being released. . They also manage screenings, paperwork, and serve students through RtI.
2. Another recognition to our paraprofessionals. They do everything from providing supervision for non-instructional times to helping with data collection and interventions, to helping make modifications on assignments. They wear many hats and contribute so much to our buildings and programs running smoothly.

## **17. Comments from Community**

None.

**18. Members' Comments**

Gail Johnson thanked Glenn Terry for the tremendous job he does keeping the BOE updated on all issues. "I appreciate the phone calls as well as the weekly BOE email updates."

Brett Lundsten commented he was very proud of the RSD administrators, all they do and their great communication with parents and staff.

Katie Littlefield updated the BOE on Shawn Connors' accident while on a fire department call. "We are very thankful Shawn is safe and sound and wish him a quick recovery."

**19. Adjournment**

Brett Lundsten moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Shawn Connors. 7 ayes, Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held at Rockton Grade School Music Room on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

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Katie Littlefield, President

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Stacey Heiar, Board Secretary