

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
Board of Education Meeting
August 24, 2026

1. Call to Order

President Lueshen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Kelsey Lueshen, David Lombardo, Trisha Burgan, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, Anita Bond

Absent: Charlie Hart

Others Present: Daniel Phelps, Heather Baker, Molly Parker-RTA, Doug Clayburg

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

Doug Clayburg addressed the BOE regarding an increase in paraprofessional pay.

6. Correspondence

- Thank you card from WPES for the breakfast bar provided at Teacher Institute Days prior to school starting;
- Thank you card from Carol Rowland for the arrangement sent in memory of her father's passing.
- Thank you card from Kim Garst for the flowers sent in memory of her mother's passing.
- A FOIA request was issued to the BOE and was uploaded to the packet for review.

7. Executive Session

- appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
- 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))
- Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

Trisha Burgan motioned to enter into Executive Session at 6:03pm, seconded by Derek Erwin.

8. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 August 2026 bills \$550,899.12 , ~~Approval of July's~~
~~Approval of Reports as follows: Cash Report, Revenue Report, Expenditure Report,~~
~~Cash & Investment Report, Operating Funds Summary, Fund Balance Report,~~
~~Treasurer's Report, Check Register, Activity Check Register, Payroll Gross Earnings,~~
~~Payroll Liabilities Paid~~
- Approval of July 13, 2026 BOE Minutes
- Approval of August 3, 2026 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative July 2026 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative July 2026 Financial Reports

Trisha Burgan motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by David Lombardo.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Trisha Burgan, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, David Lombardo, Anita Bond
Motion Passed.

9. Approval of Superintendent's Contract

Brendan Caver motioned to approve the Superintendent's Contract as discussed in closed session, seconded by Trisha Burgan.

Roll Call: Anita Bond, Brendan Caver, Derek Erwin, Trisha Burgan, David Lombardo, Kelsey Lueshen
Motion Passed.

10. WCSEC Budget Hearing

Kelsey Lueshen opened the public hearing for the WCSEC Budget Hearing at 6:39 pm.
Information detailing the 2027 budget was published in August. There was no public comment.
Kelsey Lueshen closed the public hearing at 6:39 pm.

11. WCSEC Budget Approval

Approval is recommended for the FY27 WCSEC Budget.
Derek Erwin moved to adopt the 2026/2027 Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative budget presented, seconded by Brendan Caver.

Roll Call: Brendan Caver, Derek Erwin, Trisha Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen, David Lombardo, Anita Bond
Motion Passed.

12. Approval of August Personnel

Non-Certified New Hire

Carly Hagglund, RGS, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/26
Angela Bradt, WPES, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/26
Sophia Plourde, WPES, AM Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/26
Sophie Hampton, WPES, PM Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/26
Hope Cyrus, SMMS, 1:1 Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/2026
Kate Bowgren, RGS, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/2026
Veronica Carrillo Gallegos, RGS, ELL Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/2026
Victoria Diaz, WPES, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/2026
Ava Bitner, RGS, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/2026
Hannah Parris, WPES, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/17/2026
Stacey West, Head Para, SMMS, Effective 8/17/2026
Tonia Mason, Head Para, WPES, Effective 8/17/2026
Alexandria Burns, Paraprofessional, SMMS, Effective 8/21/2026
Olivia Bryniarski, Paraprofessional, SMMS, Effective 8/24/2026
Tino Rivera, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/20/2026
Iliana Fragozo, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/24/2026

Non-Certified Resignation

Atticus Bell, SMMS, Paraprofessional, Effective 7/15/2026
Kevin Rice Jr, SMMS, Paraprofessional, Effective 7/23/2026
Nicholas Bell, SMMS, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/3/2026
Amanda Slocum, WPES, Paraprofessional, Effective 8/7/2026
Keira Wilson, SMMS, 1:1 Paraprofessional, Effective 8/7/2026

Brooke Draheim (Bullard), SMMS, 1:1 Paraprofessional, Effective 8/19/2026
Rosalinda Casique, ELL Para, RGS/WPES, Effective 8/31/2026

Trisha Burgan motioned to approve 16 Non-Certified New Hires and 7 Non-Certified Resignations, seconded by Anita Bond.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, David Lombardo, Trisha Burgan, Derek Erwin, Anita Bond, Brendan Caver

Motion Passed.

13. Discussion and Approval of Milk & Bread Rollover

Approval is requested on the rollover bid from our bread and milk vendors. This is a joint district agreement involving Hononegah, Kinnikinnick, Prairie Hill, Shirland and South Beloit school districts.

Trisha Burgan motioned to approve the bread and milk rollover contracts for Alpha Baking Company and Muller-Pinehurst Dairy, seconded by Derek Erwin.

Roll Over: Anita Bond, Brendan Caver, Derek Erwin, Trisha Burgan, David Lombardo, Kelsey Lueshen

Motion Passed.

14. Discussion and Approval of RGS & SMMS Fencing

Trisha Burgan motioned to approve the quote from Cornerstone Fencing in the amount of \$24,472.00 for removal of existing fencing and adding additional fencing at RGS & SMMS, seconded by Anita Bond.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Trisha Burgan, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, David Lombardo, Anita Bond

Motion Passed.

15. Old Business

- FOIA-Smart Procure

Mr. Phelps updated the BOE on a recent FOIA request.

- Multiuse Path Update

Mr. Phelps updated the BOE on the meeting he and Mrs. Burgan attended at the Village of Rockton regarding the construction of the multiuse path on Rockton Road. 9/14 is the official start date with construction to be completed within 40 working days (8 weeks). He did notify the BOE that he was told that due to the construction of the multi use path that WPES would be losing 9 parking places in their parking lot.

16. New Business

- Comprehensive Facility Assessment
- Comprehensive Population Study

Mr. Phelps advised the BOE that both the Comprehensive Facility Assessment and the comprehensive population study have been discussed in the past. The Comprehensive Facility Assessment looks at all major preventative assessments. This list could be helpful in trying to get the facility sales tax passed because the districts could provide an itemized list of where the money would be going. The comprehensive population study was last done in 2008. All districts would be interested in having these studies completed. Mr. Phelps stated that he would reach out to Wold to see if this is something they can arrange.

17. Superintendent's Report

- **Building & Grounds Update**

Mr. Phelps updated the BOE on the HVAC system at WPES. He stated that WPES has 4 separate chiller units. 1-main office, 1-PIP room, 1-library and 1 for everything else. The one that cools everything else(all the classrooms, gym and cafeteria) is down and the replacement parts are obsolete. The BOE and Mr. Phelps had a lengthy discussion on how to best approach replacement of this unit. Mr. Phelps did disclose that the district has purchased a large quantity of window air conditioners to help cool down the areas affected.

- **Strategic Planning Update**

Mr. Phelps advised the BOE that he and the Administrators along with Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Suedbeck met on August 10th & 11th to work on the action steps for strategic planning.

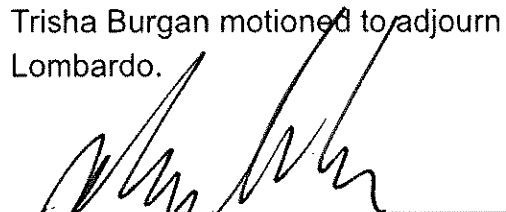
Dr. Heather Baker advised the BOE that she has met with the different departments regarding updating different areas of curriculum. WPES will be looking at a new literacy curriculum and will also be reviewing the existing Shurley and Social Studies curriculum, while SMMS is looking at a new math curriculum. Both would like a new curriculum that offers text books also, which has been a struggle to find. Mrs. Baker advised that she may come to the BOE in the spring to approve a new curriculum in one of these subjects.

18. Members' Comments

Anita Bond thanked the District for working with Rockton Police Department to ensure traffic would not be an issue the first few days of school.

19. Adjournment

Trisha Burgan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, seconded by David Lombardo.



Kelsey Lueshen, President

Trisha Burgan, Secretary