

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
Board of Education Meeting
February 16, 2026

1. Call to Order

President Lueschen called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. Roll Call

Kelsey Lueshen, David Lombardo, Trish Burgan, Brendan Caver, Anita Bond, Charlie Hart

Absent: Derek Erwin

Others Present: Dan Phelps, Mary Vosberg-RTA, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Nicole Nelson, Justin Bonne, Jodie Freeman

Megan Genens, Carol Rowland, Taylor Jacobi, Jenessa Fiduccia, Aiesha Rice-Dainty, Sam Hawkinson, Faith Hamann and spouses

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

- Move executive session to end of meeting

Trish Burgan motioned to move Executive Session to end of meeting, seconded by Charlie Hart.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueschen, David Lombardo, Thrush Burgan, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, Anita Bond, Charlie Hart

Motion Passed.

5. Comments from the Community

The following Certified Staff spoke:

Megan jenn

- Value this district
- Adopt waiver- allow teachers to enroll own children
- Constant stress; emergencies children close; stay after school w/o having to rush
- Retention and stability
- Values educators as professionals and parents
- Deeply invested
- Not asking for a blanket policy
- 180 districts across IL have adopted
- 9 students to next years enrollment

Carol Rollins

- Adopt waiver of nonresident teachers to enroll children
- Having to wait for better housing market
- Donations, time as parents to this district benefits rockton
- Advantage in hiring and retention

Taylor Jacobi

- Adopt waiver to enroll children in district
- Meaningful relationships
- Strengthen school community

- Long term benefits: hiring incentive, teachers' quality of life, deeper involvement, reflect district beliefs, educators are whole people
- Does not take anything away from current students
- Strategic investment in work force

Jenessa Fiducia

- Adopt waiver to enroll children in district
- Teachers need emotional presence
- Present for children and student

Aeshya Rice

- Adopt waiver to enroll children in district
- Inclusion and cultural night important to her family
- Mother of black children; desire for children to be a part of this district

Sam Hawkinson

- Adopt waiver
- Teachers help create environment, children should also enjoy
- Consistent communication; unified approach
- Stability, staff retention
- Loyalty
- Educators are stakeholders

Faith Hanning

- Support adopt tuition waiver
- Highly competitive housing market
- Eventual goal to move
- Sense of community
- Everyone else's children

6. Correspondence

- Thank you card from RGS & WPES for the tailgating snacks and drinks provided from the PTO and BOE;
- Retirement letter from Patti Luevano
- Letters from Certified Staff re out of district students:
 - Leah Carter
 - Rachel Wilkinson
 - Faith Hamann
 - Ricki Hickok-Robles
 - Brooke Earlywine
 - Whitney Hardin
 - Grant Oleson
 - Taylor Hedrington
 - Rachel Garbutt

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueschen, David Lombardo, Thrish Burgan, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, Anita Bond, Charlie Hart

7. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 February 2026 bills, Approval of December Payroll Vendor Liabilities 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 January 20, 2026 BOE Minutes
- Approval of February 2, 2026 C.O.W. Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2026 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2026 Financial Reports

Charlie Hart motioned to approve above referenced consent items, seconded by Trish Burgan.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueschen, David Lombardo, Thrish Burgan, Brendan Caver, Anita Bond, Charlie Hart

Motion Passed.

8. **Consideration and action on a resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$600,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof**

David Lombardo motioned to approve resolution authorizing the sale of the above bond, seconded by Trish Burgan.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueschen, David Lombardo, Thrish Burgan, Brendan Caver, Anita Bond, Charlie Hart

Motion Passed.

9. **Approval of RSD#140 Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Trish Burgan motioned to approve the RSD#140 calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by Charlie Hart.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueschen, David Lombardo, Thrish Burgan, Brendan Caver, Anita Bond, Charlie Hart

Motion Passed.

10. **Approval of February Personnel**

David Lombardo motioned to approve the February Personnel, seconded by Trish Burgan.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueschen, David Lombardo, Thrish Burgan, Brendan Caver, Anita Bond, Charlie Hart

Motion Passed.

11. Old Business

12. New Business

- Regional Crisis Reunification Team
- Wagon Wheel TIF
- FOIA Requests: Smart Procure, M. Henry, Public Info Access

13. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

1. Etnyre

- a. On January 28 and 29, our classes went over to HCHS to visit their reading buddies. The RGS and English classes read stories and designed bookmarks together. Thank you to Ms. Sandy Blum, HCHS librarian, for organizing and hosting!
- b. During the month of February, we are celebrating National Children's Dental Health Month. Kindergarten classes are visiting Talcott Library for a special lesson on teeth and creating a smile craft. We have a local dentist visiting first grade classrooms on 2/23.
- c. You are all welcome to attend our Scribble Monster assembly this Wednesday, 2/18, at 9:30 AM or 12:30 PM!

2. PTO

- a. Thank you to all of the RSD #140 families who attended the PTO Snowball Dance! We had over 860 guests enjoy dancing, pictures and concessions!
- b. Thank you to our PTO and BOE for providing and personally delivering tailgating snacks to all staff in February! We appreciate the extra boost of energy!

3. Hauser

- a. February 3rd - Happy 100th day of school! It was a special day in Kindergarten! All students had their 100 day shirts on and celebrated with a parade in the kindergarten hallways!
- b. Taylor & Alike Evaluation Presentation
 - i. Thank you both for presenting to the RGS staff at our February faculty meeting, regarding special education law and best practices. We appreciate you both!
- c. Friendship Week
 - i. Thank you, Rebecca Scheppmann and Caitlin Brock, for planning a week of friendship fun (2/9-2/13). We celebrated with crazy socks, positive message, bright colors, Warrior spirit day and Valentines shirts following friendship themes (friends knock our socks off and brighten our day, words matter, many friends and friends make our hearts happy).

Forsythe & Nelson (will be at the 5th grade concert)

1. Thank you to our school social workers for organizing Friendship Week! Not only was it fun for everyone to get to dress up for spirit days, but it was also wonderful to celebrate kindness and positive friendships!
 2. WIN Club is back in full swing! Our "What I Need" club focuses on specific reading and math skills based on the lowest scores from the winter i-Ready diagnostic assessments, as well as one group that focuses on more functional skills and support with completing school work. Thank you to all of our WIN Club teachers who put in the extra time to give our kids this boost!
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SMMS Administrative Report

14. Bonne

- a. SMMS has had a team of eleven educators meeting regularly to review behavior expectations and discipline procedures. Our Behavior Collaborative has analyzed our positive interventions for each grade level and worked on ways to streamline discipline. Our hope is to continue to review and update all procedures to have a clean and simplified understanding of all building incentives and the discipline referral process for the 26/27 school year.
- b. Incubator Product Reveal Night is this Thursday during P/T conferences. Our young entrepreneurs have been practicing their pitches to volunteer community members and will be ready to sell everything from foam rollers, candles, bug spray, perfume, chapstick holders, and locker organizers.

15. Freeman

- SMMS hosted our first HERO breakfast on February 13th, which recognized students who have displayed heroic character. Students were selected by their homeroom teachers and were invited to have breakfast in the library with local paramedics, firefighters, and law enforcement. This event will take place monthly, as we continue to recognize students who are displaying class act behavior. A big thank you to our social worker, Beth Devries, who organized this impactful event.
- Math Club is new to SMMS this year, but we are excited to announce that after a stellar performance at the Math Competition in Oregon, IL this past weekend, Justin Kueker and Daniel Parker have both qualified for the State Competition next month! Congratulations! Congrats also goes out to our Math Club Advisors, Chad Szarzynski and Mark Schroder.

16. Superintendent's Report

- Supported EDU

17. Members' Comments

18. Executive Session

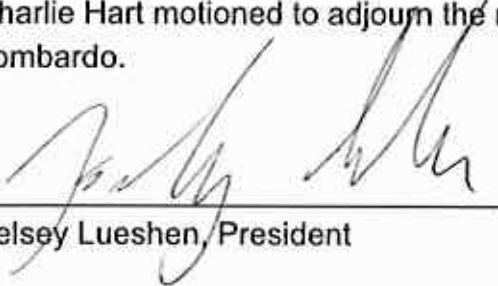
- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2))

- Discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
- Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))

Trish Burgan motioned to move into Executive Session, seconded by David Lombardo.

19. Adjournment

Charlie Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, seconded by David Lombardo.



Kelsey Lueshen, President



Trish Burgan, Secretary