

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140
Board of Education Meeting
November 17, 2025

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Others Present: Dan Phelps, Tara Kochheiser, Kim Garst, Lindsey Tackeberry-RTA, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Nicole Nelson, Justin Bonne, SMMS Student

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

- Thank you card from Lucinda Balandis for the plant received after her surgery.
- Thank you card from the Kindergarten team for the treats supplied at the last SIP day.
- 1-In school suspension at RGS
- 8-Out of school suspensions at RGS
- 1-Bus suspension at WPES
- 4-In school suspensions at WPES
- 3-Out of school suspensions at WPES
- 5-In school suspensions at SMMS
- 4-Out of school suspensions at SMMS

7. Executive Session

- to 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 at 6:05 pm, seconded by Derek Erwin.

8. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 November 2025 bills \$848,299.22, Approval of October 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 \$1,412,160.06, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$697,168.88

- Approval of October 20, 2025 BOE Minutes
- Approval of November 3, 2025 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative October 2025 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative October 2025 Financial Reports

Brendan Caver motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Trish Burgan.

Roll Call: Anita Bond-aye, Charlie Hart-aye, David Lombardo-aye, Kelsey Lueshen-aye, Trish Burgan-aye, Derek Erwin-aye, Brendan Caver-aye

Motion Passed.

9. Approval of November Personnel

Non-Certified Resignation/Termination

Lisa Carroll, Classroom Para, SMMS, Effective 10/21/2025

Avery Ramlow, 1:1 Para, RGS, Effective 12/19/2025

Alyssa Cote, 1:1 Para, RGS, Effective 12/19/2025

Non-Certified New Hire

Kimberly Curry, PT Lunchroom Custodian, Effective 10/28/2025

Trey Bonne, Paraprofessional, RGS, Effective 11/17/2025

Kimberly Goode, Classroom Para, SMMS, Effective 11/17/2025

Non-Certified Internal Job Change

Kyle Dorris, PT Lunchroom Custodian RGS to FT 2nd Shift Custodian SMMS, Effective 10/27/2025

Certified Resignation

Susan Vierck, Building SUB, SMMS, Effective 11/27/2025

Stipend Changes

Natalie Wooden, Play Director, SMMS, Effective 12/1/2025

Andrew Crosby, 8th Grade Boys BBall Coach, 11/16/2025

Trish Burgan motioned to approve 3 Non-Certified Resignation/Termination, 3 Non-certified New Hires, 1 Non-Certified Internal Job Change, 1 Certified Resignation, 2 Stipend Changes, seconded by David Lombardo.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen-aye, David Lombardo-aye, Trish Burgan-aye, Derek Erwin-aye, Brendan Caver-aye, Anita Bond-aye, Charlie Hart-aye

Motion Passed.

10. Approval of Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE

Trish Burgan motioned to approve the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the ROE, seconded by Dere Erwin.

Brendan Caver-aye, Anita Bond-aye, Charlie Hart-aye, Derek Erwin-aye, Trish Burgan-aye, David Lombardo-abstained, Kelsey Lueshen-aye

Motion Passed.

11. Old Business

None

12. New Business

- Tax Levy

Kim Garst presented to the BOE how the money the District receives is allocated into different funds and explained the importance of collecting all money available and not leaving anything "on the table". The deadline to file the levy is the last Tuesday in December.

13. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

1. Etnyre

- a. We honored and recognized our students and their families in October for Down Syndrome Awareness Month and Spina Bifida Day (October 15).
- b. The Talcott Free Library comes every year during November to share about

2. PTO

- a. Thank you to the PTO and the Fager family for organizing the annual 'Pack the Bus!'
- b. A 'gobbling' good time was had by all at Turkey Bingo night! Thank you to our families for the overwhelming support with donating turkeys!
- c. Mark your calendars for the PTO Holiday Shoppe on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Our vendor spaces are full!

3. Hauser

- a. We had the best weather for our annual Halloween parade! The day was also filled with classroom parties and fun!
- b. Thank you, Carey Hubbell, for organizing our mobile dentist visit! This is a wonderful opportunity and resource that is available for our students and families.

WPES Administrative Report

1. Forsythe

- a. WPES proudly honored our veterans with a Veterans Day assembly that welcomed more than 50 veterans and their guests. The program featured a heartfelt reading of *H is for Honor* by a group of third graders, a beautiful performance by our 4th/5th grade choir, and a slideshow honoring veterans of WPES staff and students' loved ones. The American Legion Color Guard assisted with the posting of the colors, and Hononegah High School student Spencer Patterson delivered a moving performance of taps on the trumpet.

Following the assembly, veterans and their guests were invited to a reception, where many shared their appreciation for the event. Thank you to our committee - Lindsey Tackeberry, Shelia Ball, Mikhaela Slovacek, and Amy Meier - for all of their efforts to put together such a meaningful experience for our students, staff, and veterans.

- b. Whitman Post Elementary School students have been challenged to take part in the "Warrior PROUD Polite" challenge throughout November and December by completing a checklist of acts of politeness. As students show kindness, respect, and courteous behavior, they check off each task on their list. Once completed, they are proudly recognized on a display board in our café, celebrating their positive choices and encouraging others to join in spreading everyday kindness.

2. Nelson

- a. We celebrated Unity Day on Wednesday, October 22nd, by wearing orange and doing a mix-it-up lunch activity. Students were handed a colored popsicle stick when they entered the cafe. Students then needed to find the coordinating table and sit there for the lunch period. Conversation prompts were listed at each table for the kids. It was a blast, and we want to thank our social worker, Rachel Garbutt, for all the work she put into the day!
- b. Quarter 1 Bonanza was a hit! We celebrated our students for their grades, lack of discipline, and great attendance, on November 5th. Quarter 1 Bonanza was dubbed "Wheeled Toys & Noise!" The students who earned the reward were able to bring scooters, bikes, skates, and helmets. We had an obstacle bounce house, treats, bingo, chalk, bubbles, gaga ball, and our awesome playgrounds for the kids to use. Quarter 2, we will head to the movies!

SMMS Administrative Report

1. Bonne

- a. Incubator Product Reveal Night for Trimester #1 was held during Parent Teacher Conferences. Our student entrepreneurs presented their pitches for our guests and made money selling their products. Some of the noteworthy items were air freshener spray, lotion bars, fishing lures and even hand sewn slippers. Thanks to Cory Taylor for nurturing our students' ideas and our community for showing their support.
- b. Letters for Veterans- Each year, Ken Vanlandegham, a local Veteran, reaches out to us to have our students write letters to Veterans thanking them for their service. He then picks them up and delivers them to those in hospice and in nursing homes. Thanks to several of our 6th graders and members of our NJHS, he was able to deliver well over 100 letters this year. Thanks to Ken and our students for honoring our veterans this Veterans day!

2. Freeman (is home with a sick child)

- Basketball season is in full swing. At the last home game, we absolutely stuffed the stands for our game vs. Rockford Christian. Each home game we have dance and cheer perform, and often have our pep band perform. It is a fantastic and busy event.

14. Superintendent's Report

- **School Report Card Presentation**

Mr. Phelps presented the data picture of RSD#140 to the BOE. The Board looked at Proficiency v. Grade Level and Proficiency v. Growth. Mr. Phelps explained how growth is the most meaningful school improvement metric because it recognizes progress no matter where the student started.

Mr. Phelps went into the key report card findings and the comparison to State values and previous year's values. Mr. Phelps highlighted some areas that contribute to the report card findings including chronic absenteeism, truancy, and average class size. He stated that last year WPES received exemplary status. Unfortunately, the state has changed its scoring percentages which in turn lowered our scores.

Mr. Phelps explained the differences between Summative Assessments and Formative Assessments and likened them to 'autopsy' vs. 'checkup'.

- **State of the District Overview**

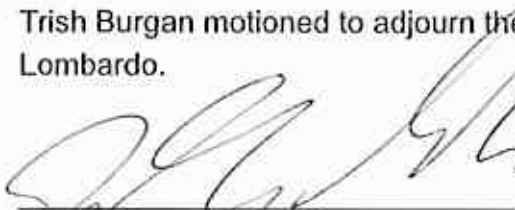
Mr. Phelps advised the BOE that he was hoping to have the State of the District completed by the end of the week, but if not it would be released to the District by next Tuesday.

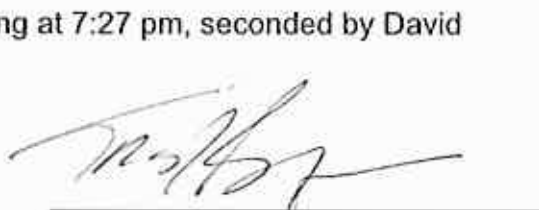
15. Members' Comments

None

16. Adjournment

Trish Burgan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm, seconded by David Lombardo.



Kelsey Lueshen, President

Trish Burgan, Secretary