

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**October 20, 2025**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

David Lombardo, Trish Burgan, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, Charlie Hart-6:02pm

Absent: Kelsey Lueshen

Others Present: Daniel Phelps, Tara Kochheiser, Molly Parker-RTA, PTO

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

None

**5. Comments from the Community**

None

**6. Correspondence**

- Thank you card for the goodies provided during the district's last SIP day.
- 2-half day in school suspensions at RGS
- 3-In school suspensions at WPES
- 3-Out of school suspensions at WPES
- 8-In school suspensions at SMMS
- 10-Out of school suspensions at SMMS

**7. PTO Presentation**

Lauren Anderson, President of the Rockton PTO gave a brief slide presentation to the BOE. The PTO Board consist of Courtney Johnson- Treasurer, Laura Blondin-Vice President, Emily Sandall-Secretary, Amanda Mathews-Public Relations, Missy Kloiz-RGS Parent Rep, Kelly Bradbury-WPES Parent Rep, Nancy GeRue-SMMS Parent Rep, Abby Czaja-SMMS Parent Rep, Kristin Fish-WPES Teacher Rep, Jimmy Ivacic-SMMS Teacher Rep, Mark Schroeder-SMMS Teacher Rep, Jodie Freeman, Admin Rep.

Mrs. Anderson advised the BOE that the fun run raised over \$24,000 and noted that it is the most profitable fundraiser for the district. Mum's sale brought in over \$2,800 also. Fundraisers that are upcoming include several rec nights, the Snowball Dance, and an outside movie night in the spring. Mrs. Anderson also shared with the BOE some potential 'wants' that each building principal has voiced. Window murals are on the list for each school and Mrs. Anderson stated that she is in the process of obtaining quotes for this. SMMS has also been asking for a new trophy case as well. Mrs. Anderson has asked each building principal to list out their schools wants and number them in order of importance.

**8. Executive Session**

- appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))
- Selection of a person to fill a public office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3))

Brendan Caver motioned into Executive Session at 6:13 pm, seconded by Derek Erwin.

## **9. Consent Items**

**Items recommended for the consent agenda are:**

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 October 2025 bills-\$456,003.89, Approval of September 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-\$905,860.73, Payroll Liabilities Paid-\$513,250.69
- Approval of September 22, 2025 BOE Minutes
- Approval of October 6, 2025 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative September 2025 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative September 2025 Financial Reports

Charlie Hart motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Brendan Caver.

Roll Call: David Lombardo, Trish Burgan, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, Charlie Hart

Motion Passed.

## **10. Approval of October Personnel**

### **Non-Certified Resignation/Termination**

Steven Erickson, 1:1 Para, SMMS, Effective 10/17/2025

Alaynna McClendon, 2nd Shift Custodian, SMMS, Effective 10/14/2025

### **Non-Certified New Hire**

Kevin Rice, 1:1 Para, SMMS, Effective 10/15/2025

Trish Burgan motioned to approve 2-Non Certified Resignation/Termination, 1-Non Certified New Hire, seconded by Charlie Hart.

Roll Call: Charlie Hart, Brendan Caver, Derek Erwin, Trish Burgan, David Lombardo

Motion Passed.

## **11. Old Business**

- Dental Insurance
- 1% Sales Tax Discussion

## **12. Resolution to Place the School Facility Sales Tax Referendum on the Ballot**

Brendan Caver motioned to approve the Resolution to Place the School Facility Sales Tax Referendum on the Ballot in March of 2026, seconded by Trish Burgan.

All in favor 5 ayes.

### **13. New Business**

None

### **14. Administrative Reports**

#### **RGS Administrative Report**

1. Etnyre & Hauser- RGS Happenings:
    - a. K - We were beyond lucky to have beautiful, fall weather for our field trips! Kindergarten visited the Pumpkin Patch and 2nd grade visited Severson Dells over the last two weeks!
    - b. We have continued our annual tradition of pairing HCHS English classes with our RGS classrooms. During the first visit, highschoolers read to our students! We will visit Hononegah in the winter and hopefully read to them.
    - c. PTO invites all of you to Turkey Bingo on Wednesday, November 5th from 5:30-7:00, at Stephen Mack Middle School.
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#### **WPES Administrative Report**

1. Forsythe
  - a. Cultural Night Recap! Please be sure to check out the Whitman Post Facebook Page for the pictures and videos of the event. Thank you to our Rockton Cultural Night planning committee for all of their efforts to make the evening a success. We had such a positive response from so many members of our community. There were 14 different cultures and groups showcasing information, 2 different Mexican dance groups performing, an impressive martial arts duo putting on a demonstration, food trucks serving up some treats, and several crafts and games highlighting different cultures around the world. We look forward to making this an annual event for years to come!
  - b. Whitman Post students got to experience Bryan Saint Louis' assembly on Radical Empathy on October 7. BSL held our 3rd-5th graders' interest for an hour, telling stories and pulling kids into his message through engaging activities that focused on uplifting others.
2. Nelson
  - a. Our after-school clubs are up and running! We have WIN Club (tutoring) running for all three grades, Art Club, Ukulele Club, Fitness Club, and Choir. We want to thank our staff for giving these great opportunities to our students.
  - b. Our 5th-grade team threw an amazing Rec Night! The Rec Night was open to our 4th and 5th-graders as a fundraiser for the 5th-grade trip to

Timberlee in the Spring. They were able to raise \$2,430.75, which will help lower the cost of the trip.

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### **SMMS Administrative Report**

1. Bonne
2. Freeman
- a. A huge thank you is in order for the Rockton PTO! Their recent generosity made the School Improvement Planning Day extra special for the SMMS staff. Teachers were treated to delicious apple cider donuts and cider from Edward's Apple Orchard, providing a perfect fall pick-me-up as they worked.

The PTO also deserves a big shout-out for organizing an amazing 6th Grade Rec Night on October 9th. The students had a blast with tons of activities, including board games, karaoke, Mr. Bonne's basketball tournament, and Wii Just Dance. The night was complete with pizza and treats. This kind of support for the school and the students truly means so much.

We also want to recognize the vital work of the SMMS Behavior Collaborative Team. This dedicated group of SMMS teachers and specialists is working hard to review and update our school's discipline and behavior procedures. Their main focus is to create a clear, collaborative, and progressive tiered system to better support all students in their behavior. The team's first step is streamlining our positive reinforcement efforts by developing a matrix that will standardize recognition across the school. Every reward and incentive at SMMS is designed to reinforce our core expectation: Be a Class Act. This promotes "above the line" behavior and ensures that staff and students share a common language for expectations. We are excited about how these efforts will impact our school community!

### **15. Superintendent's Report**

- Voices to Vision
- Educator Wellness
- School Report Card/ECRA Preview
- District Communication Update - SOD, Newsletter, Emergency Guidance
- Triple I

### **16. Members' Comments**

None

## 17. Adjournment

Derek Erwin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Trish Burgan.

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David Lombardo, Vice President

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Trish Burgan, Secretary