

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 21, 2025**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Lueshen called this meeting to order at 6:01pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Kelsey Lueshen, David Lombardo, Trish Burgan, Derek Erwin, Abby Czaja, Charlie Hart, Brendan Caver

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tara Kochheiser, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Nicole Nelson, Justine Bonne, Jodie Freeman, Lucinda Balandis-RTA, Art Winners and families, Jenessa Fiduccia, Dan Enderle

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

- Delete #11-Approval of Trash Bid

**5. Comments from the Community**

Laura Brooks, Calie O'Brien, Amy meier, Taylor Williams, Cari Benkovich, Gina Tuula, Laura Erwin, Tanya Edmundson, Jen Bryant, Laura Lueshen, Calvin & Emmitt Erwin, Kaila Strubhart, Amy Stevens, Shelia Ball, Molly Parker, Lance Tuula came through and thanked Mr. Terry for his years of service to RSD.

**6. Art Presentation**

Artwork created by Rockton School District students are presented to the Board of Education. Art teachers from each school select a student's artwork to be presented to the Board. Students have granted permission for their artwork to be displayed in the District Office until they graduate high school at which time they may request the return of their framed pieces. This year's participants are:

- Henry Hall-RGS
- Lena Harvey-WPES
- Richard Vo-SMMS

**7. Correspondence**

- Thank you cards from the schools for the blankets and the snacks provided for staff appreciation week!
- 1- in school suspension at RGS
- 5- in school suspensions at WPES
- 6- in school suspensions at SMMS
- 9- out of school suspensions at SMMS

**8. PAC Presentation**

Erin Hauser and Nicole Nelson presented to the BOE the discussion and requests made by the Parent's Advisory Committee for additions/changes to the Student Handbook for FY26. The following were recommended changes:

- (Page 16) Add asthma and seizure disorder for action plans recommended by the nurse;
- (Page 18) Add hot day temperature (feels like 100 degrees) or above for recess recommendations;

- (Page 38) Change number 1 to 'Student headwear that disrupts the learning environment may be addressed by school staff';
- Hate Speech-Add to Handbook under Prohibited Student Conduct. In Illinois, school punishments for hate speech can range from restorative measures and in-school support to suspension or expulsion, depending on the severity and impact of the speech.

## 9. Executive Session

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

Derek Erwin motioned into Executive Session at 6:24 pm, seconded by Trish Burgan.

## 10. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 May 2025 bills \$617,024.49, Approval of March's Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of March 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 \$921,715.62, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$506,163.09
- Approval of April 23, 2025 BOE Minutes
- Approval of May 7, 2025 C.O.W. Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative April 2025 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative April 2025 Financial Reports
- Approval of Dan Phelps to be a Signer on the District's Bank Accounts

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

Roll Call: Trish Burgan, Derek Erwin, Abby Czaja, Charlie Hart, David Lombardo, Kelsey Lueshen, Brendan Caver

Motion Passed.

## ~~11. Approval of Trash and Recycle bid~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ motioned to approve the trash and recycle bid from \_\_\_\_\_,  
seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.~~

~~Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, David Lombardo, Trish Burgan, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, Abby Czaja, Charlie Hart~~

## 12. Approval of May Personnel

### Certified New Hire

Miranda Keip, PreK Teacher, RGS, Effective 25-26 SY

### Certified Resignations

Tristi Kriegler, 4th grade, Effective 5/19/2025

**Non-Certified Resignations/Retirements**

Wendy Enos, Paraprofessional, RGS, Retirement, Effective 6/2/2025

Kerri Carroll, Paraprofessional, RGS, Retirement, Effective 6/2/2025

Verneda Kessling, 1:1 Para, SMMS, Effective 5/30/25

Jason Yager, Para, WPES, Effective 6/2/25

Kristin Milne, Paraprofessional, WPES, effective 6/2/25

**Summer School Paras**

Shawn Ralston, 1:1 Para, RGS, 2025

**Summer Custodial Help**

Maxx Kochheiser, Summer Custodian, Effective 6/3/25 - 7/31/25 (dates not set)

Kiley Fry, Summer Custodian, Effective 6/3/25 - 7/31/25 (dates not set)

David Lombardo motioned to approve 1 Certified New Hire, 1 Certified Resignation, 5 Non Certified Resignations/Retirements, 1 Summer School Paraprofessional, 2 Summer Custodial Help, seconded by Derek Erwin.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, David Lombardo, Charlie Hart, Abby Czaja, Derek Erwin, Trish Burgan, Brendan Caver

Motion Passed.

**13. Approval of \$10,000 Contribution towards the Dorr Rd Bike Path, Right of Way and Resolution**

David Lombardo motioned to approve the \$10,000 contribution towards the Dorr Road bike path, right of way and Resolution, and authorization for the Superintendent and the BOE President to sign any and all documents relating to the Dorr Road Bike Path project, seconded by Brendan Caver.

Roll Call: Abby Czaja, Charlie Hart, Derek Erwin, Trish Burgan, David Lombardo, Kelsey Lueshen, Brendan Caver

Motion Passed.

**14. Approval of flooring quote for SMMS and RGS**

David Lombardo motioned to approve the proposal from Benchmark Flooring for the additional flooring replacement at SMMS (\$21,600) & RGS (\$8,050.00) for a total amount of \$29,650.00, seconded by Trish Burgan.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshe, Trish Burgan, Derek Erwin, David Lombardo, Charlie Hart, Abby Czaja, Brendan Caver

#### **15. Approval of 2025-2026 BOE and COW Meeting Dates**

Derek Erwin motioned to approve the BOE meeting dates for FY26, seconded by Abby Czaja. All in favor 7 ayes. Motion Passed.

#### **16. Old Business**

- Budget

Mr. Terry had a discussion with the BOE regarding the proposed Technology budget for FY26 and compared the previous year's budget to the projected budget.

#### **17. New Business**

None

#### **18. Superintendent's Report**

- Graduation May 29th

Mr. Terry asked the BOE who would be in attendance at the RSD's 8th grade graduation. Brendan Caver, David Lombardo, and Trish Burgan stated that they would attend.

- Joint Board Meeting - June 18th

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that once a year, Hononegah Nations has a joint board meeting. David Lombardo will be attending this year's meeting.

- Triple I reservations open June 2nd

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that reservations for Triple I open on June 2, 2025. He asked if anyone knew for sure that they would be attending and David Lombardo, Trish Burgan, and Kelsey Lueshen stated that they would be attending. Mr. Terry asked that the rest of the BOE members let Tara Kochheiser know prior to June 2nd.

- Mr. Terry thanked the staff members that came to the beginning of the meeting to thank him for his years of service to the district and stated that it meant so much to him to be acknowledged like that.

#### **19. Administrative Reports**

##### **RGS Administrative Report**

##### **1. Etnyre - RGS Happenings:**

- a. The 'Blues in the Schools' show is coming to RGS for the day on 5/29! We are ready to do the 'Barnyard Shuffle!' Thank you in advance, Wheatbread Johnson & Steve Jones!
- b. Thank you to Mrs. Graves and the RGS students for an 'out of the world' experience at our space-themed art show! The glow-in-the-dark aliens were admired by all!
- c. Thank you-Kerri Carroll, Wendy Enos, Robin Hardyman, Chris Wolfe and Glenn Terry-for leaving a legacy! Your legacy is composed of years of dedication, compassion, laughter and lessons! We love you and will miss you! RGS is the best because of you!

## 2. Hauser - RGS Happenings:

- a. Thank you, Peyton Wilhelmi, for helping organize our first RGS/WPES math night (5/7)! It was a huge success and we are looking forward to the fun next year!
- b. Thank you to the PTO, our kitchen staff (Hilda, Kathleen & Melissa) and families for a wonderful Goodies w/the Grownups event last Friday. It has been such a wonderful experience for our students! I think we finally have the experience perfected!
- c. Happy School Principal Day (May 1st) to the wonderful Mrs. Etnyre!

## WPES Administrative Report

### 1. Forsythe

- a. Math Night & Art Show Shout Outs! Thank you, Andrea Leitner and Peyton Wilhelmi, for organizing our RGS/WPES Family Math Night! It was so well-organized and provided a great experience for our district families to celebrate math fun! Thank you to Dan Enderle (aka Andy Warhol) for another AMAZING Art Show! And thanks to all of our volunteers at these events!
- b. Retirements Ahead! Whitman Post would like to thank Kathy Sipe and Glenn Terry for their years of service to the Rockton School District. These are two leaders who have made such a positive impact on our schools and community. While they will be missed, their amazing influence on so many of us will carry on.

### 2. Nelson

- a. Field Day: We thank Ms. Dimke for all her hard work prepping for Field Day. We had to move to Plan B and have Field Day tomorrow because of the rain. The kids are very excited, and we appreciate all of our parent volunteers.
- b. There are not many days left, but there is plenty packed into these next seven school days! There is our 4th grade Wax Museum, and Field Trip to the Zoo, the 2nd grade coming to tour WPES, the 4th quarter character breakfast, THE BASH, the 8th grade coming through WPES for their graduation walk, the 5th grade headed to tour SMMS, and all the fun class picnics and end-of-year gatherings.

## SMMS Administrative Report

### 1. Bonne

- Fine Arts Festival. We had an amazing turnout for the Fine Arts Festival last Thursday night. Mrs. Fidducia filled our cafe and halls with various modes of visual art and Mr. McMillan's choir, 6th grade band and concert band brought the house down. It's always energizing to see students work and passions come to life.

- This weekend we are sending four students to the state track meet. Good luck to our coaches and the following athletes for their amazing performances.

Holden Gissel for 8th Grade Boys Discus (131 ft 3 in)

Charlie Lueshen for 7th Grade Boys 1600M (5:13.29)

Carson Lehrke for 7th Grade Boys Long Jump (17 ft 4.75 in)

and last but not least our returning State qualifier Mila McDonald for 7th Grade Girls Long Jump (15 ft 6.25 in)

## 2. Freeman

- SMMS is closing out this school year with some exciting field trips for our students. Today the 7th graders went to a Beloit Sky Carps game. Next week our 8th graders will enjoy a day at Urban Air. A few weeks back, the 6th graders were at Medieval Times. Our amazing social workers and ACE teachers planned some awesome experiences for our ACE students. Our 8th grade ACE class went to RVC for a tour and to get information about community college. Our 6th grade ace class has been learning about etiquette and will be able to practice while eating at Olive Garden and our 7th grade ACE students get to celebrate their successes at Lucy's Burger Bar.

## 20. Members' Comments

The BOE thanked Mr. Terry for his years of service and dedication to the district.

## 21. Adjournment

Abby Czaja motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm, seconded by Brendan Caver.

