

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Trish Burgan

Absent: Steve Harkess

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tara Kochheiser, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Nicole Nelson, Justin Bonne, Jodie Freeman, Laura Lueshen-RTA

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

None

5. **Comments from the Community**

Happy Birthday Laura Lueshen!

6. **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Mark Donaldson for the memorial donation made in memory of his mother who passed.
- Thank you cards from RGS, WPES & SMMS for the trail mix bar provided by the BOE and the PTO.
- 2-Bus suspensions at WPES
- 5-In school suspensions at WPES
- 4-In school suspensions at SMMS
- 9-Out of school suspensions at SMMS

7. **Executive Session**

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

Mary Newman motioned into Executive Session at 6:02pm, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

8. **Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- **Financials:** Approval of RSD #140 March 2024 bills \$369,245.75, Approval of February Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of February 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 \$854,594.85, Payroll Liabilities Paid \$458,653.94
- Approval of February 21, 2024 BOE Minutes
- Approval of March 6, 2024 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative February 2024 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative February 2024 Financial Reports
- Approval of Job Descriptions: Fitness Club, After School Reading & After School Math Programs, Summer School Teacher, Math Interventionist, Art/Music Enrichment Advisor, ESL Resource Teacher

Kelsey Lueshen motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Trish Burgan

9. **Decision and Approval of Parking Lot Bid**

Scott Robinson motion to approve the Parking Lot Bid from Hastings Asphalt Pavement Maintenance in the amount of \$48,972.14, seconded by Cynthia Driggers.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Trish Borgan, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson

10. Approval of SMMS Flooring Quote from Benchmark Flooring in the amount of \$34,500.00

Carson Breed motioned to approve the SMMS Flooring quote from Benchmark Flooring in the amount of \$34,500.00, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Trish Borgan

11. Approval of Quote to Fix RGS Playground Flooding from Tyler's Landscaping in the amount of \$15,522.00

Carson Breed motion to approve the quote from Tyler's Landscaping in the amount of \$15,522.00 to repair the RGS playground, seconded by Scott Robinson.

Roll Call: Trish Borgan, Carson Breed, Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen

12. Decision and Approval of Chromebook Purchase

Kelsey Lueshen motion to approve the chromebook quote from CDW in the amount of \$50,080.00, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Trish Borgan, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson

13. 2nd Policy Reading and Approval

- 2:120 Board Member Development
- 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
- 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:50 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
- 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:210 Resignations
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 6:30 Organization of Instruction
- 6:50 School Wellness
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:230 Library Media Program
- 7:60 Residence
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:160 Student Appearance
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Mary Newman motioned to approve the above referenced policy changes, seconded by Carson Breed.
All in favor 6 ayes.

14. Approval of First Student Contract Extension with a 4.5% Increase

Carson Breed motioned to approve the First Student Contract Extension with a 4.5% increase for the 2024-2025 school year, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

15. Old Business

None

16. New Business

Facility Tax:

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that he and Trish Burgan will be presenting a powerpoint presentation at the April Committee of the Whole meeting to explain the proposed 1% tax increase and how it would benefit the school.

17. Superintendent's Report

• Cyber Security

Mr. Terry advised the BOE that the district's technology specialist, Konnor Mogenis, has a specialized degree in cyber security and has brought several areas of concern within the district to his attention. One of the major concerns is the use of personal printers used in the classroom. The district will be moving forward with efforts to increase cyber security throughout the buildings.

• Small District Conference

Mr. Terry informed the BOE that the Small District Conference is once again scheduled for April 19th at Hononegah High School. All area districts participate with scheduling speakers and topics for the event providing valuable professional development for attendees. Mr. Terry thanked Lindy Daniels for the months of planning involved in preparing for the conference and stated that she was instrumental in putting this event together.

18. Administrative Reports

BOE Admin Report

March 20, 2024

RGS Administrative Report

1. Etnyre

a. PK & K Updates - Over the past three days, we have screened and registered our incoming kindergarten students. We are also screening for our at-risk PFA program. Mrs. Hauser and I would like to thank our screening staff: the K team, Rebecca Scheppmann, Taylor Daniels, Erin Parker, Taylor Rotolo, Keegan Ray and the PreK team. Special shout out to Mrs. Rehfeldt for keeping us all organized and prepared! One more day to go!

b. 83rd Young Artist Show - Please take time to visit the Clark Arts Center at Rockford University on Saturday, March 23rd from 12-5 PM. Our featured artists are: Cara Burke (2nd), Caden Martens (2nd), Scotty Spanton (2nd), Phineas Kloppman (1st) and Anari Brann (K). Thank you, Mrs. Graves, for supporting and encouraging our young artists!

2. Hauser

a. First grade (March) and kindergarten (April) both participated in Ag in the Classroom, where two presenters came in to present to classes. This is always such a huge hit!

b. The RGS Behavioral Committee will meet one more time in April to finalize our plan. The committee has met several times to develop a cohesive, consistent plan to guide teacher managed behaviors and office referrals. We are looking forward to sharing this with staff come August.

c. Our SEL Committee is hard at work with many areas of focus, but staff self care being a top priority. They have exciting activities planned come April and May to finish the year strong.

WPES Administrative Report

a. Forsythe

i. We're in the middle of our 3rd Quarter Bonanza Activity to see Kung Fu Panda 4 with 5th graders having gone yesterday and 3rd/4th graders going tomorrow. This is such a great incentive program to encourage students to come to school, follow expectations, and work hard.

Thank you to our Bonanza Committee and staff for organizing these activities to celebrate our kiddos.

ii. PTO

1. Rec Nights - 4th/5th Grades Rec Night was last Thursday with the inaugural use of the new karaoke machine, 7th/8th will have theirs on April 12th, and 2nd & 3rd grades will be April 18th.

2. Goodies with Grownups will be Friday, April 26th!

b. Nelson

i. We just celebrated the 3rd Quarter character trait of integrity. Each homeroom nominated one student who displayed outstanding integrity throughout the 3rd quarter. The students received gold crowns and certificates. We also had a little celebration in the cafe with donuts. Thank you to Mrs. Garbutt for all your hard work! We also wanted to shout out to Mrs. Garbutt, last week was School Social Worker Week.

ii. 5th grade leaves for Camp Timberlee this Thursday. Thank you to our 5th-grade staff for chaperoning a wonderful opportunity for our students. We are looking forward to hearing about all the fun memories they will make!

SMMS Administrative Report

1. Bonne

a. The Student Council sponsored Spring Hop dance was a hit last Friday night. 6th grade kicked it off and 7th and 8th grade followed. There were games, an easter egg hunt for prizes, concessions, and plenty of dancing.

i. Incubator Product Reveal Night took place last night. Thanks to Cori Taylor for all of the effort she put into the event.

ii. The SMMS Band will perform at the IceHogs game this Friday. They will be out on the ice performing the national anthem.

iii. The girls bball season is coming to a close with the tournament starting Saturday (Roscoe for 7th grade & Willowbrook for 8th). The finals for each tourney will take place on the 28th.

iv. About 70 8th grade students will join Laura Zimmerman, her son Tyler, Megan Forsythe and myself next Friday as we head to Washington D.C. for the 8th grade field trip! Over the course of four busy days we will see many national monuments, and if all goes according to plan, evals we will get a chance to tour the White House.

2. Freeman

a. Eight SMMS students will have their artwork on display at the 83rd Annual Youth Artist Show at the Rockford University Clark Arts Center from March 23-April 14. Congratulations to Elysia Boss (7), Kayla Chen (8), Lucy Dwyer (6), Megan Gille (8), Lucy Gray (7), Aundrea Lindaman (8), Emily Marshall (6), and Richard Vo (7)!! Thank you to Mrs. Fiduccia for promoting and celebrating our art students!

b. SMMS was named the 2024 Quiz Bowl champs! They went an amazing 9-1 for the season. Tim Caver led the way with 820 total points. Congrats to the team and to coaches Diana Kelly and Sally Southworth on a fantastic season!


c. SMM staff and students have had the opportunity to participate in some SEL initiatives this winter. Thank you to Beth Devries for taking the lead on offering staff PD for the viewing and discussion of two films, "Resilience" and "Paper Tigers". Also, Jennifer Kaiser from the ROE collaborated with our Social Workers and Art teacher, Jenessa Fiduccia, to create an SEL art project that will be on display at the Small District Conference.

19. Members' Comments

None

20. Adjournment

Scott Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm, seconded by Carson Breed.


Cynthia Driggers, President


Mary Newman, Secretary