

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Steve Harkess

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kim Garst, Lindy Daniels, Gina Tuula

Absent: Mike Plourde

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

Dawn Krienke addressed the BOE and staff thanking them for everything they have done for her and her kids. Her children went through the district and she is a former employee. She wanted everyone to know how appreciative she is and how much the community supports the Administration, teachers and staff of the Rockton School District.

6. Correspondence

- Thank you card from Lindy Daniels for the flowers sent after her surgery.
- Thank you card from WPES staff for the beginning of the year breakfast that was provided.
- 5-in school suspensions at WPES
- 2-out of school suspensions at WPES
- 6-in school suspensions at SMMS

7. RSD#140 Budget Hearing

Cynthia Driggers opened the public hearing for the RSD#140 Budget hearing at 6:03 pm. Information detailing the 2022 budget was published in the Beloit Daily News. There was no public comment. Cynthia Driggers closed the public hearing at 6:03 pm.

8. RSD#140 Budget Approval

Approval is recommended for the FY22 RSD#140 Budget.

Scott Robinson motioned to adopt FY22 RSD#140 Budget, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Steve Harkess

9. WCSEC Budget Hearing

Cynthia Driggers opened the public hearing for the WCSEC Budget Hearing at 6:04 pm. Information detailing the 2022 budget was published in the Herald in August. There was no public comment. Cynthia Driggers closed the public hearing at 6:04 pm.

10. WCSEC Budget Approval

Approval is recommended for the FY22 WCSEC Budget.

Carson Breed moved to adopt the 2022 Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative budget presented, seconded by Kelsey Lueshen.

Roll Call: Steve Harkess, Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Carson Breed, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers

11. Introduction of New Teachers

Lindy Daniels and Justin Bonne introduced the following new hire teachers to the BOE while playing an interactive game of two truths and a lie virtually:

Jennifer Bell, Brooklyn Kretsinger, Courtney Rohs, Taylor Rotolo, Ashley Jenkins, Luke McMillian, Lindsey Tackeberry, Taylor Williams, Katie Burke, Megan Genens, Angela Schmitt, Hannah Rehfeldt

12. Executive Session

- appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),
- other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)
- lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)
- Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Carson Breed motioned into Executive Session at 6:28 pm, seconded by Mary Newman.

13. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

- May 5, 2021 COW Closed Session Minutes, June 9, 2021 COW Closed Session Minutes, June 23, 2021 BOE Closed Session Minutes, August 11, 2021 COW Closed Session Minutes

Carson Breed to approve the May 5, 2021 C.O.W., June 9, 2021 COW, June 23, 2021 BOE, August 11, 2021 COW, closed session minutes and recommend they are to remain closed, seconded by Scott Robinson. All in favor 6 ayes. Motion passed.

14. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 August and September 2021 bills \$688,293.26, Approval of July and August 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: \$859,139.32 (July) \$609,465.52 (August), Payroll Liabilities Paid: \$328,851.07 (July), \$281,355.67 (August)
- Approval of July 21, 2021 BOE Minutes
- Approval of August 4, 2021 Special Purpose Meeting
- Approval of August 11, 2021 COW Minutes
- Approval of September 9, 2021 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative June-August 2021 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative June-August 2021 Financial Reports

Carson Breed motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Cynthia Driggers
Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen

15. Approval of August and September Personnel

Non-Cert New Hire

Alexandria Lannon, Para @SMMS, Effective 2021-2022 SY
Braydin Gardner, Custodian @RGS, Effective 8/5/2021
Christopher Bax, Custodian @WPES, Effective 8/2021
Rebecca Carlson, Food Service @WPES, Effective 8/16/2021
Kathy Ramsey, Food Service @SMMS, Effective 8/16/2021
Brooke Michowski, 1:1 Para @WPES, Effective 8/16/2021
Ashlie Miles, Classroom Para @RGS, Effective 9/7/2021
Zachary Benkovich, Para @WPES, Effective 8/23/2021
Thomas Henschel, Para @SMMS, Effective September
Sarah Kowalewski, Para @SMMS, Effective September
Whitney Smitley, Nurse @WPES

Non-Cert Resignation

Casey Hunt, Para @WPES, Effective 7/22/2021

Lani Rostamo, Para @WPES, Effective 8/10/2021
Emily Flores (Olson), Para @SMMS, Effective immediately
Allyson Dunn, Para @SMMS, Effective immediately
Julie Hernandez, Nurse @WPES, Effective immediately
Amy Marie Hilton, Para @WPES, Effective 8/20/2021
Mariah Kramer, Para @SMMS, Effective 9/10/2021

New Hire Stipend Positions

Madelyn Kovarik, Cross Country Coach 1st Year, Effective 2021-2022 SY
Diana Kelly, Lunch Duty Supervisor, Effective 2021-2022 SY split with LB
Lucinda Balandis, Lunch Duty Supervisor, Effective 2021-2022 SY split w DK
Courtney Rohs, Student Council Advisor, Effective 2021-2022 SY
Dan Adler, Girls BBall Coach, Effective 2021-2022 SY
Brooke Michowski, Running Club Coach, Effective 2021-2022 SY

Scott Robinson motioned to approve 11 Non-Certified new hires, 7 Non-certified resignations, and 6 New Hire Stipend Positions, seconded by Mary Newman.
Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Steve Harkess
6 ayes. Motion passed

16. Approval to Raise Pay for Referees from \$30/per game to \$35/per game

Carson Breed motioned to raise referee pay from \$30/per game to \$35/per game, seconded by Steve Harkess.
Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Scott Robinson, Mary Newman, Cynthia Driggers, Carson Breed, Steve Harkess

17. Approve Commitment of \$50,000 for State Matching Maintenance Grant

Carson Breed motioned to approve the commitment of \$50,000 for State Matching Maintenance Grant to pay for an intercom upgrade, an exhaust fan for the boiler room, VAV replacements, and new carpeting for the main office all at SMMS, seconded by Scott Robinson.
Roll Call: Cynthia Driggers, Mary Newman, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Kelsey Lueshen, Steve Harkess

18. COVID

Glenn Terry updated the BOE on alternative ideas that are being considered regarding students concerts for this school year. Some of the ideas were to live stream individual classes performing or recording something during the day and then sending it out to parents.

19. New Business

None

20. Superintendent's Report

- FOIA request-SteepStell, LLC

Mr. Terry reported to the BOE that he received a FOIA request from SteepStell, LLC wanting to know if the District had any contracts for cell phone towers or antennas on the property.

Mr. Terry acknowledged and thanked Jessica Peight and Kim Garst for their incredibly hard work. July - August is an incredibly busy time for both and their continued drive and dedication to RSD is much appreciated.

Mr. Terry also acknowledged the efforts put forth by new hires, Wade Kretsinger, Facility and Grounds Director and David Musial, Technology Director, who both started at the school district's busiest time of the year.

21. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

September 22, 2021

1. Kindyl Etnyre

i. Field trips are back! Kindergarten and first grade students are visiting Edwards Apple Orchard. Second grade is taking a trip to Severson Dells. We are beyond excited!

2. Erin Hauser

i. We had our first fire drill on the RGS/WPES campus last Friday, September 17. Our students and staff did a phenomenal job and the Fire Dept visited also. Our ALICE drill is scheduled for September 30th and October 1st. Rockton PD will visit and observe our drills.

WPES Administrative Report

1. Megan Forsythe

a. It's great to have our students participate in some after school activities again!

i. Whitman Post Running Club is back! The group meets after school every Monday and Wednesday to challenge each other and run laps around the school in different level groups. Thank you to our running club coaches, Amy Bigwood, Taylor Jacobi, and Brooke Michowski, for getting this activity up and running again! Pun intended.

ii. Our after school reading and after school math classes started this week. Thank you to Mr. Bonne and all of our ASR/ASM teachers for organizing this program to give our kiddos the opportunity for this extra academic boost.

2. Justin Bonne

PTO Update: The Rockton PTO is off to a great start with fundraising this year. They just finished up their Mum sales with a drive-through pick-up at SMMS on Monday night. They sold 344 mums and raised \$2,300. The next PTO community meeting will be held virtually next Thursday (9/30) at 8:00 pm.

SMMS Administrative Report

1. Autumn Czizek

a. Thank you to Mr. Eiss for getting all of our athletics organized this year. It's been a crazy year trying to get all of the schedules completed and a lot of new coaching staff put in place this year. We appreciate his work to get these opportunities in place for the students.

2. Jacqui Thompson

a. Tomorrow we will have our first Fire Drill of the year with the Rockton Fire Department. October 7th, the Rockton Police Department will join us in our ALICE/Evacuation drill.

22. Members' Comments

Mary Newman thanked staff for all they have done to kick off the school year. Mrs. Newman stated how proud she is to be a member of the RSD family and stated how much the community loves all the work being done here.

23. Adjournment

Carson Breed motioned to adjourn at 7:26 pm, seconded by Steve Harkess. Motion carried.


Cynthia Driggers, President


Mary Newman, Secretary