

ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

1. Call to Order

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

2. Roll Call

Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Cynthia Driggers

Absent: Brett Lundsten, Shawn Connors

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tim Ehlers, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Justin Bonne, Autumn Czizek, Jacqui Thompson, Lindy Daniels, Gina Tuula

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda

None

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

- Thank you card from Carey Hubbell for the flowers sent after her surgery
- Thank you card from WPES Staff regarding the treats provided by the PTO & BOE
- 2-in school suspensions at WPES
- 8-in school suspensions at SMMS

7. Executive Session

Josh Houghton motioned into Executive Session at 6:03 pm, to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Selection of a person to fill a public office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Lease of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of sale price of real property (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) Lawfully closed meeting minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and Self-evaluation, practice and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), seconded by Mary Newman.

8. Approval of Policy Report

- 4:80 Accounting and Audits
- 4:90 Activity Funds
- 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:140 Search and Seizure
- 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the above referenced policies, seconded by Mary Newman.

All in favor 5. Motion passed

9. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of Personnel
 - Stipend Resignation
 - Soccer Coach, SMMS, Ally DiGiovanni, Resigned 2/17/2021
- Approval of RSD #140 February 2021 bills \$498,509.47, January 2020 Payroll Liabilities \$392,625.72, January Activity Expenditures, January Revenue Report, January Operating Funds Summary, January 2020 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of January 24, 2020 BOE Minutes
- Approval of February 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2020 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative January 2020 Financial Reports
- Approval of TRS Supplemental Savings Plan Resolution

Mary Newman motioned to approve the above referenced consent agenda, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

Roll Call: Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Katie Littlefield, Cynthia Driggers,

10. Approval for RGS Roof Repair Bid

Cynthia Driggers motioned to approve the bid from Roofing Systems, Inc., including the alternate, in the amount of \$109,500, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Cynthia Driggers, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Mary Newman

Motion passed.

11. Approval of Lawn Maintenance Bid

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the proposal from Stonegrove for lawn maintenance at RSD#140, seconded by Mary Newman.

Roll Call: Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Katie Littlefield, Cynthia Driggers

Motion passed.

12. Approval of RGS/WPES Entrance Bid

Cynthia Driggers motioned to approve the bid from Larson & Larson in the amount of \$101,225.00 and \$12,000 allocation for security parts from Omni Technology for entrance upgrades at RGS/WPES, seconded by Katie Littlefield.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Cynthia Driggers, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Mary Newman

13. Approval of E-Rate Grant for 21-22 School Year

James Hall is requesting approval of the E-Rate application in the amount of \$23,022.42.

Chad Papke motioned to approve the E-Rate application in the amount of \$23,022.42, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Mary Newman, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Cynthia Driggers, Katie Littlefield

14. Approval of Non-Certified and Administrative Pay Increases

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the Non-Certified and Administrative Pay increases for FY22 as discussed in closed session, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield- aye, Mary Newman-nay, Chad Papke-aye, Josh Houghton-aye, Cynthia Driggers-aye

4- Ayes, 1- Nay

Motion passed.

15. Approval of Gail Johnson Memorial

Chad Papke motioned to approve the Gail Johnson Memorial in the amount of \$10,000, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Cynthia Driggers, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Mary Newman

Motion Passed.

16. Approval of New Teaching Positions for the 21-22 School Year

Josh Houghton motioned to approve the addition of three teaching positions at WPES and one special education teaching position for the 21-22 school year, seconded by Chad Papke.

Roll Call: Mary Newman, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Katie Littlefield, Cynthia Driggers

17. COVID

Mr. Terry and Mrs. Etnyre updated the BOE regarding 36 students returning to RGS who were previously remote and what changes will occur as a result.. Mrs. Etnyre explained that Pre-K will see the addition of 4 kiddos, who will be split 2 in the AM class and 2 in the PM class. Kindergarten will see 11 additional students. One section will be moved to a larger classroom to absorb more of the returning students. We will be creating a multi-grade level classroom for the returning 1st and 2nd graders and reassigning existing staff to teach all necessary classes and specials.

18. New Business

None

19. Superintendent's Report

- FOIA Request-Illinois Retired Teachers Association
Mr. Terry reported to the BOE that he received a FOIA request from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association asking for a list of retirees for this year.

20. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

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1. Kindyl Etnyre

a. RGS:

- RGS celebrated friendships last week with spirit days and SEL lessons. Thank you, Rebecca Scheppmann, for organizing. True friends are a dream come true!
- Thank you to 17th Judicial Circuit Associate Judge, John T. Gibbons, and Deputy Trial Court Administrator, Kimberly Ackmann, for collaborating and bringing the Page It Forward program to RGS. Each classroom will meet with a judge to read a book on George Washington/Abraham Lincoln and receive an introduction to the court system.
- Read Across America Week 3/1-3/5 - Ready, get set and read! Please join us for a week-long celebration of reading. Thank you to the RGS Committee for organizing - Amy Stevens, Theresa O'Hea, Keegan Ray, Jessica Robinson, Erin Parker and Rachel Bicksler.

2. Erin Hauser

- On March 8th, we will be making our final trimester transition with students switching from remote to in-person learning. We are so proud of our staff and students for continuing to handle this school year of transitions with grace! The immense dedication from our teachers and staff never goes unnoticed!
- Congratulations to our RGS yearbook cover winners, Madalyn Hart (1st grade front cover winner) and Braxton Blomquist (2nd grade back cover winner). Their artwork will be featured on the 2020-2021 RGS yearbooks!

WPES Administrative Report

1. Megan Forsythe

- Students at Whitman Post have had a monthly competition with iReady lessons. The top reading & math class at each grade level for the month of January received the highly coveted "iReady Champs" sign to display outside their classroom door and they got to enjoy an ice cream treat at lunch time. We will be

crowning the February champs next week so the competition is getting intense as we head into the final days!

- b. Our 3rd Grade classes participated this past month with the Page it Forward program with Judge Gibbons who presented from his courtroom through a live Zoom call and talked to the students about our judicial system. Judge Gibbons then read the book, *Escape North: The Story of Harriet Tubman*, and shared more about the life of this incredible woman. Thank you to Judge Gibbons for this fantastic experience!
- c. We would like to thank Kristin Carroll for all she does for our character program. She leads lessons about a character trait during the quarter and students are recognized for the trait at the end of the quarter. We recently celebrated 22 students who consistently demonstrate "empathy." These students wore a golden crown, had special privileges throughout the day, and received a treat and certificate for the recognition.

2. Justin Bonne

- a. Recognition Programs: Million Word Readers Club, Book of Success, & Good as Gold
- b. Culver's Share Week for Whitman Post is THIS Week!
 - i. We are having students bring in receipts for a chance to win prizes for a live raffle we are holding this Friday during morning announcements.
- c. PTO
 - i. Thanks to our amazing PTO for teaming up with the Board to share all of their generous support and hard work over the last few months. They have held a number of successful fundraisers, including Mary's Market cookie and Pie sale and Valentine's Day donuts from The Mix. You and them have also just made each building a brighter place and started our week off with baskets full of goodies in all of our teachers' lounges to keep our staff nourished and energized. We appreciate all of the extra gratitude you both have shown this year.

SMMS Administrative Report

- 1. Autumn Czizek
 - a. Thanks to Mrs. Patterson for hosting a virtual book fair for students and their families this spring! We appreciate her working to still get those books in the hands of students even though it may look a little bit different than in the past!
 - b. Student Council is hosting a virtual Winter Warrior 5K run. We are looking forward to this and love the creativity that the students and Mrs. Padhye had to come up with a COVID friendly event that our families could participate in!
- 2. Jacqui Thompson
 - a. 8th grade students are doing a wonderful job this year working in Incubator to create new products applicable to our world-wide pandemic and long winter months. Autumn and I got to visit and have students present their products to us--students made sanitizer, homemade soaps and lotions, waterproof socks, seat cushions, and gloves that can be used with technology.

- b. We would like to take a moment to shout out to Brenda and all of the kitchen staff for their hard work this year. They have made meals for our remote families all year, continue to work on new lunches to serve the students, and recently helped us bring back ala carte to the lunch room. We have very happy students especially with the new treats!

21. Members' Comments

Josh Houghton gave a heartfelt thank you to the Administration for all of their hard work getting us to the point we are today. Mr. Houghton stressed that without all of the hours everyday and throughout the summer, since the pandemic started, we would not have been able to start the school year in-seat and be at the point we are currently.

22. Adjournment

Josh Houghton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm, seconded by Chad Papke.


Katie Littlefield, President


Mary Newman Secretary

