

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**

**Board of Education Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

Shawn Connors-via Google Meet (left meeting at 6:20pm)

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Tim Ehlers, Lindy Daniels, Gina Tuula, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Autumn Czizek, Jim Johnson, Heather Johnson

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

**5. Comments from the Community**

None

**6. Correspondence**

**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 Cynthia Driggers.

**8. Consent Items**

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of Personnel
  - **Irrevocable Retirement Request**  
Mark Donaldson, PE Teacher @ WPES, Effective with end of 2022-2023 SY  
Richard Mayer, Band Instructor/Social Studies Teacher @SMMS, Effective with the end of 2020-2021 SY
  - **Maternity Leave/FML Request**  
Kaila Strubhart, 8-10 Weeks FML/ Maternity Leave, April 26, 2021
  - **Certified New Hires**  
Hannah Rehfeldt, RSD SPED Teacher, Effective with the 2021-2022 School Year
  - **Certified Resignation**  
Nicholas Boelte, 3rd Grade Teacher @WPES, Effective 6/7/2021
- Approval of RSD #140 March 2021 bills \$354,312.63, March 2020 Payroll Liabilities \$284,738.83, March Activity Expenditures \$2,839.28, February Revenue Report, February Operating Funds Summary, February 2020 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of February 24, 2021 BOE Minutes
- Approval of March 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative February 2021 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative February 2021 Financial Reports

Mary Newman motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

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

**9. Approval for Parking Lot Bid**

Cynthia Driggers motioned to approve Herbig Blacktop Construction's bid in the amount of \$108,158.00 for seal coating/ crack filling on both campuses, seconded by Mary Newman.

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

**10. Approval of Summer Maintenance Help**

Josh Houghton to approve hiring of 2 summer maintenance help workers, seconded by Mary Newman.

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

**11. Approval of Stan's LLP Copier Contract**

Brett Lundsten motioned to approve the copier bid from Stan's LLP in the amount an estimated \$2,548.80/per month for 5 years, seconded by Mary Newman..

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

**12. Approval of Resolution Reference the Honorable Reduction in Professional Education Licensed ("PEL") Employee Responsibilities with the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative**

Mary Newman motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the honorable reduction in professional education licensed employee responsibilities with the Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

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

**13. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Notice to Teacher of An Honorable Reduction From a Full-Time to a Part-Time Position**

Mary Newman motioned to approve the resolution authorizing notice to teacher of an honorable reduction from a full-time to a part-time position, seconded by Brett Lundsten..

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

**14. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Notice of Dismissal of Probationary Teachers**

Josh Houghton motion to approve the resolution authorizing notice of dismissal of probationary teachers, seconded by Mary Newman.

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

**15. COVID**

Mr. Terry updated the BOE on the second round of vaccinations that employees had on Friday, March 12th.

Mrs. Etnyre updated the BOE on the transition of remote students coming back to in person learning this Month. However day 2 went alot smoother once the kiddos realized that snack time and bathroom breaks weren't an every 5 minute thing.

**16. New Business**

**17. Superintendent's Report**

- Vaccinations

Mr. Terry stated earlier that the second round of vaccinations took place on March 12th and that the side effects hit the employees pretty hard.

- Springfield

Mr. Terry stated that he is being informed that there are currently over 700 education related bills waiting to move through Springfield.

- April Meeting  
Mr. Terry discussed with the BOE what the April BOE meeting will look like for outgoing and incoming BOE members.
- Mr. Terry presented the outgoing BOE members with individual plaques recognizing their years of service to the Rockton School District. Mr. Terry presented a plaque to Jim Johnson honoring Gail Johnson's years of service to the District as both a teacher and a longtime board member.

## **18. Administrative Reports**

### **RGS Administrative Report**

**March 17, 2021**

#### **1. Kindyl Etnyre**

##### **a. RGS:**

- i. Happy St. Patrick's Day! We were able to observe a great deal of storytelling, STEM activities - leprechaun traps, writing prompts and green everywhere! We are the lucky ones to work in an elementary school on this holiday!
- ii. Paraprofessional Appreciation Day is April 1st (no foolin')! We are forever grateful for our para's patience, determination and dedication to all of our children at RGS. We have a special committee planning appreciation gifts after spring break.
- iii. What a year it has been - March 13, 2020, until today! Erin and I want to thank our staff, families, Superintendent Terry and the Board of Education for supporting our reopening plans and day-to-day decisions. We did it!

#### **2. Erin Hauser**

- i. March 8th was a day of transitions at RGS and our staff, students and families did a phenomenal job! It only felt like the first day of school for a brief moment! We are so excited and grateful to have made it to trimester three.
  1. A note from Mrs. Rohrer.
- ii. Kindyl and I spent a few days earlier this week, reading stories to classrooms and celebrating St. Patrick's Day! We enjoy every minute of seeing the outstanding work being done by both staff and students, especially during this unique school year.
- iii. Wishing our RSD students, staff and families a warm, happy and safe spring break!
- iv. PTO - Hanging basket sales are underway and sales will continue until the end of March. There will be a flower pick-up the first week of May at Stephen Mack.
- v. PTO - We are looking to find a new format to hold a scaled back version of the Fun Run during the last few weeks of school this Spring. More details to follow.

### **WPES Administrative Report**

#### **3. Megan Forsythe & Justin Bonne**

- a. Laura Benkovich has been organizing our One Book, One Community book club. We will be reading *Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord. Sign up by tomorrow, March 18, if you would like to join us! There is a link on Facebook, as well as in our district flyers.
- b. Congratulations to our Whitman Post yearbook cover winners, Brielle Fleming and Parker Hedges, who are both in Mrs. Leitner's 4th grade class.
- c. March Madness is in the air at WPES. We have several tournaments taking place including a 3rd grade - Math Madness tournament every Friday in Mrs. Carter's room. And Mrs. Sipe's class just completed their Sweet Sixteen Book Tournament, crowning "The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors" the champion. And thanks to our bookie, Kristin Fish, Whitman Post staff is enjoying a little competition with our own March Madness bracket.

### **SMMS Administrative Report**

#### **4. Autumn Czizek**

- Our social workers have been working to continue our Kindness theme for Class Act this year. We appreciate all of the work that they are putting in to continue with our Class Act program this year!

- Thank you to our fantastic paraprofessionals. This year we have pulled them in a lot of different directions and they are all so willing to help out with whatever we have asked in order to help make our students successful. We couldn't do this without their support!
- A big thank you to all of the staff, families, school board members, superintendent for all that has been involved in making this school year happen. We are so grateful for the support that we have been given over the past year and so proud to have been able to accomplish this task!

**19. Members' Comments**

Brett Lundsten addressed the rest of BOE thanking them for giving him the opportunity to serve the community alongside them. Katie Littlefield also stated that the BOE stepped up and leaned in when the world became difficult. President Littlefield stated that everyone should be proud of the accomplishments made this year.

**20. Adjournment**

Brett Lundsten motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm, seconded by Mary Newman.

  
Katie Littlefield

  
Mary Newman