

1. Call to Order

President Littlefield called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. Roll Call

Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Gail Johnson, Brett Lundsten, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Shawn Connors

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. ~~Additions/Corrections to Agenda~~

5. Comments from the Community

None

6. Correspondence

- Several thank you cards
- 1-out of school suspension at SMMS

7. RSD#140 Budget Hearing

Katie Littlefield opened the public hearing for the RSD#140 Budget at 6:05 pm. There were no public comments. Katie Littlefield closed the public hearing at 6:06 pm

8. RSD#140 Budget Approval

Approval was recommended for the FY21 RSD #140 Budget.

Shawn Connors moved to adopt the FY21 RSD#140 Budget, seconded by Gail Johnson.

Roll Call: Shawn Connors, Brett Lundsten, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Mary Newman, Gail Johnson, Katie Littlefield

9. Introduction of New RSD#140 Teachers

Lindy Daniels and Justin Bonne introduced the 5 new teachers (who appeared virtually from home) to the BOE members:

- Alyssa Martinez is the new kindergarten teacher at RGS.
- Micheyla DiDomenico is one of the new 1st grade teachers at RGS.
- Rachel Biskler is another new 1st grade teacher at RGS.
- Ashley Negri is the new 5th grade teacher at WPES.
- Amy Dahlke is a 15 year veteran teacher, who was hired this year to teach 1st grade physical education, 2nd grade remote math and special education at WPES.

The BOE members were able to interact with the new teachers by playing 2 truths and a lie virtually.

10. Executive Session

Chad Papke motioned into Executive Session at 6:15 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 Shawn Connors.

11. Action on Items Arising Out of Closed Session

11.1 Approval of July 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes, July 29, 2020 BOE Closed Session Minutes, August 12, 2020 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the July 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes, July 29, 2020 BOE Closed Session Minutes, August 12, 2020 Committee of the Whole Closed Session Minutes and recommended they are to remain closed, seconded by Josh Houghton.

All in Favor 7 ayes. Motion passed.

11.2 Approval of August 26, 2020 BOE Closed Session Minutes

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the August 26, 2020 BOE Closed Session Minutes and recommended they are to remain open, seconded by Josh Houghton.

All in Favor 7 ayes. Motion passed.

12. Approval of Resolution Authorizing RSD#140 to enter into an Agreement with Bank of Montreal for Procurement Cards

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the Resolution authorizing RSD#140 to enter into an Agreement with Bank of Montreal for Procurement Cards, seconded by Josh Houghton.

Roll Call: Brett Lundsten, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield

13. Approval of Partnership with the Village of Rockton for the Safe Route to School Grant

Approval is recommended to contribute \$35,000.00 to the Village of Rockton for the new walking path.

Gail Johnson motioned to approve the \$35,000.00 contribution to the Village of

Rockton, seconded by Chad Papke.

There was a brief discussion between BOE members regarding the benefit of the path to the community as a whole. Mr. Terry clarified that we would not have to pay the funds until the project was completed.

Roll Call: Katie Littlefield, Mary Newman, Gail Johnson, Shawn Connors, Josh Houghton, Chad Papke, Brett Lundsten

14. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Approval of Personnel
 - Non-Certified New Hire**
 - Samuel Morgan, SPED Classroom Para @RGS, Effective 9/3/2020
 - Amber Martinez Johann, PT School Nurse @WPES, Effective 9/21/2020
 - Jocelyn Allen RGS Para
 - Certified New Stipend**
 - Dan Baumgartner, Extra Section Stipend for 2020-2021
 - Grant Oleson, Extra Section Stipend for 2020-2021
 - Non-Certified Resignation**
 - Ann Garton, Special Education Para @RGS, Effective 9/28/2020
 - Marita Jayaram, Special Ed Para @SMMS, Effective 10/1/2020
- Approval of RSD #140 September 2020 bills:\$247,848.28, September 2020 Payroll Liabilities \$319,921.62, September Activity Expenditures \$2,577.72
- August 2020 Expenditures, August 2020 Revenue Report, August 2020 Operating Funds Summary, August 2020 Treasurer's Report
- Approval of August 26, 2020 BOE Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative partial August 2020 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative August 2020 Financial Reports

Shawn Connors motioned to approve the above referenced consent agenda, seconded by Brett Lundsten.

Roll Call: Brett Lundsten, Chad Papke, Josh Houghton, Shawn Connors, Gail Johnson, Mary Newman, Katie Littlefield

15. New Business

- Start of School

Mr. Terry reported the following to the BOE:

- We are currently serving 150 remote lunches a week.
- Nursing staff has gone above and beyond to prepare and continue support to our staff and students.
- Subs could be an issue if there is a large number of teachers or paraprofessionals that need to quarantine.

- Planning for continuing scenarios

There was a discussion regarding being prepared in case we were required by the state to go to full remote learning district wide. Remote learning would look different than it did in the spring, including synchronous learning requirements. Options for the best way to provide a valuable remote learning experience were discussed including the possibility of teachers providing remote learning from their classrooms. Roadblocks and solutions were discussed including child care for staff. The Board was in support of further investigation into potential solutions including providing child care for staff.

16. Superintendent's Report

- Smart procure FOIA Request
Mr. Terry informed the BOE that he was contacted by SmartProcure to provide purchase order information from the last year.

17. Administrative Reports

RGS Administrative Report

September 23, 2020

1. Kindyl Etnyre
 - a. RGS:
 - i. Gratitude! Our hearts are filled with gratitude due the determination and commitment of the RGS staff preparing throughout the summer months and enacting our in-person and remote plans on September 3rd.
 - ii. Thank you to the district office, Tim Ehlers, Superintendent Terry and the Board of Education for listening and supporting our needs.
 - iii. Happy Custodial Day (October 2nd) to Mr. 'Disinfecting' Dean and Justin Moriarty!
 - iv. Mrs. Hubbell is one impressive nurse! Thanks for being with us every step through this new journey.
2. Erin Hauser
 - a. PTO
 - i. Thank you to the Rockton PTO and BOE for the delicious donuts from The Mix! Staff greatly appreciated this!
 - ii. Mask fundraiser update: 623 masks were sold with a profit of \$1557.50.
 - iii. Our mum's sale was a huge success! We sold the cap of 351 mums with a profit of \$1893.53! PTO is partnering with DeeDee's Cafe next to sell Rockton coffee mugs (\$5 profit per mug) and a free donut coupon for a future visit.
 - b. RGS
 - i. We had our first fire drill on Friday, September 18th at 1:45. So proud of our staff and students for rockin' the drill during a pandemic!

WPES Administrative Report

1. Megan Forsythe

- a. We have been so impressed with all of our staff's dedication to making a smooth transition and positive experience for our students. We have been especially grateful for our school nurse, Jen Geary, for handling everything with such professionalism and care. Whitman Post has one amazing troop in our Camp RSD.
 - i. And Happy Custodial Day to Derek DeSchepper & Adam Ayoubi!
- b. Our classroom teachers and specialists have been so flexible and creative in finding ways to adjust their instruction to continue to provide enriching experiences for our students while maintaining a safe learning environment. From new applications with technology to individualized music kits for students to having a BookHub for students to "order" books. BookHub acts like "GrubHub" but with books from our Whitman Post library. Students get to "order" books online and the books are delivered each week to their classrooms.

2. Justin Bonne

- a. We put out a Stay Sharp Summer Challenge to our students. This included having them complete green lights in Reflex, and submitting a list of 10 books they read over summer. These 43 students who completed the challenge were awarded with an ice cream treat during lunch.
- b. Over the past two weeks teachers administered testing through our new progress monitoring tool, iReady. Across the board, teachers noted that while it took longer to complete both math and reading portions of the assessments, they thought the format was nice and that it would provide valuable and specific feedback about our students.

SMMS Administrative Report

Autumn Czizek

- a. Thank you to our amazing staff for making this school year start as such a success. There have been many changes and they have been handled with such positivity and graciousness. We are so very grateful for all of the hard work put in! A special thanks to our nurse, Jenny Drake, as she has taken this challenge on full steam and been with us every step of the way.
 - i. Happy Custodial Day to Dan Lawson, Elizabeth Lalande and Billy West!
- b. Thank you to Brenda Willey and our lunchroom staff for adjusting to some big changes in the lunch room and serving not only three lunches, but six lunches this year with some quick turn around times!
Jacqui Thompson
- c. A huge thank you to our amazing ladies in the front of the office. Tina and Jenny work so hard to help make every school year start with the least amount of hiccups possible. They never hesitate to jump in and lend a hand or fill a void we have somewhere in the building. We couldn't do it without them!
- d. At the end of this week, we will have our first fire drill, with the Rockton Fire Department at SMMS. We are also working with the Rockton Police Department

to find ways we can still implement our ALICE training and evacuation drills while keeping everyone safe.

18. Members' Comments

The entire BOE thanked the Administrators for all the hard work they have put in since this pandemic started to make sure that our District was able to start in-seat on time. Gail Johnson also thanked the union presidents for their flexibility during contract negotiations.

19. Adjournment

Chad Papke moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm, seconded by Brett Lundsten. Motion carried.

Katie Littlefield

Mary Newman