

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**October 16, 2024**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

Kelsey Lueshen, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, David Lombardo, Trish Burgan

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kevin Finnegan, Tara Kochheiser, Mary Vosberg-RTA, Kindyl Etnyre, Nicole Nelson, Megan Forsythe

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

- Strike #7-Executive Session

**5. Comments from the Community**

None

**6. Correspondence**

- Thank you card for the treats supplied to staff during the SIP day last Friday.
- 1-Suspension from Winnebago County Special Education Cooperative
- 1-In school suspension at RGS
- 1-Out of school suspension at RGS
- 1-In school suspension at WPES
- 1-Out of school suspension at WPES
- 2-Bus suspensions at SMMS
- 7-In school suspensions at SMMS
- 1-Out of school suspension at SMMS

**~~7. Executive Session~~**

**8. Consent Items**

**Items recommended for the consent agenda are:**

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 October 2024 bills \$373,025.61, Approval of September's Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of September 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-\$890,773.20, Payroll Liabilities Paid-\$489,615.49
- Approval of September 18, 2024 BOE Minutes
- Approval of October 9, 2024 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative September 2024 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative September 2024 Financial Reports

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Brendan Caver, Derek Erwin, Scott Robinson, Carson Breed, Trish Burgan, David Lombardo

Motion Passed.

**9. Approval of October Personnel**

**Stipend Position Changes**

Andrew Crosby, 7th Grade Boys Basketball, 2024-2025 SY

**Non-Certified New Hire**

Daniel Smitley, Temp Classroom Para, RGS, Effective

David Lombardo motioned to approve 1-Stipend Position Change, 1-Non-Certified New Hire, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Trish Burgan, David Lombardo, Derek Erwin, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Brendan Caver, Kelsey Lueshen

Motion Passed.

**10. Approval of RSD#140 FY24 Audit Report**

Scott Robinson motioned to approve the RSD#140 Audit Report for FY24, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Carson Breed, Scott Robinson, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, David Lombardo, Trish Burgan

Motion Passed.

**11. Old Business**

- Triple I

Mr. Terry shared a draft itinerary with the BOE and asked that everyone review and to let him know if there were any questions.

**12. New Business**

- Bus Contract

Mr. Finnegan advised the BOE that Ladel Cass from First Student met with the members of Hononegah Nations regarding a new busing contract. RSD has been on a year to year contract while the other feeder districts along with Hononegah have their contracts ending at the end of this year with First Student. A new contract would put all area schools together and would make it easier to

negotiate a deal. Mr. Finnegan reported that all Hononegah Nations are on board with doing a multi year contract with First Student.

Mr. Terry pointed out that per our Contract, buses cannot be older than 10 years. First Student will need to replace nearly their entire fleet within the next couple of years which makes having a contract in place more beneficial to the district. Further, the bus drivers contract is up at the end of this year. Another reason to have a contract in place sooner rather than later.

Mr. Finnegan advised the BOE that he will update the BOE as talks continue.

### **13. Administrative Reports**

#### **RGS Administrative Report**

1. Etnyre
  - a. Awareness Celebrations:
    - i. September 15-October 15: National Heritage Hispanic Month
    - ii. October: Down Syndrome Awareness Month
    - iii. October 16: Unity Day (October-National Anti-Bullying Month)
    - iv. October 25: Spina Bifida Awareness Day
  - b. Kindergarten teachers will be entering their observation data for the State KIDS (Kindergarten Individual Development Survey) assessment that is completed on the 40th day of school annually.
2. Hauser
  - a. Thank you to Carey Hubbell for supporting all three buildings (at times)! We appreciate you!
  - b. We will celebrate Halloween with our annual parade at 1:30 on 10/31.
  - c. Rockford Rescue Mission - Thank you to our Community Outreach Committee for organizing an RGS Trick or Treat (donations) - April Graves, Erin Rollinson, Nicole Gorsline, Amy Selover, Mary Spors, Amy Stevens and Rachel Wilkinson!

#### **WPES Administrative Report**

1. Forsythe
  - a. Building connections within our team:
    - i. Thank you to Laura Benkovich for putting together our WPES Book Club! We are looking forward to meeting on Thursday evening to discuss All the Colors of the Dark!
    - ii. Euchre Club has been another fun way for our team to come together outside of school. A shout-out to all those euchre players for finding the time to connect!
      - b. Field trips: Our 3rd graders are enjoying Nicholas Conservatory this week with two classes going each day! And our 5th graders will be headed a short distance to Macktown Living History in a couple of weeks to experience their "Lincoln & Liberty" field trip.
  2. Nelson
    - a. PTO Updates: We want to thank the PTO and BOE for the sweet treats on SIP Day. The apples, cider, caramel, and donuts were wonderful! Upcoming events, PTO social at FIBS, Turkey Bingo, and Pack the Bus.

b. Today we celebrated Unity Day by wearing Orange. We discussed the importance of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion during morning announcements.

#### **SMMS Administrative Report**

1. Bonne (at home with a sick child)

a. Congrats to a number of SMMS athletes on their recent successes.

i. 7th grade soccer took 1st place after winning only one conference game in the regular season. They scored with 5 seconds left in the championship game to tie and won 3-1 in the shootout.

ii. 8th grade soccer took 1st place in the regular season conference and 2nd in the tournament.

iii. We have two students who are headed to state for cross country! Congrats to James Nichele and Charlie Leushen. We will be having a pep assembly on Friday morning to wish them good luck at the race.

2. Freeman is supervising our home volleyball game:)

- Last game of the season and parent night tonight!

#### **14. Assistant Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Finnegan advised the BOE that during the district's last SIP day on October 11th, he and Lindy Daniels were working with staff on a new reading curriculum. Mrs. Daniels had several sample curricula for different age groups. Mr. Finnegan did note that the SuperKids (RGS) update would not be available for a while so being able to give out samples of that curriculum would not happen right away. He stated that he and Mrs. Daniels will be forming a Literacy Taskforce to search for a new curriculum.

Mr. Finnegan informed the BOE that State Representative John Cabello toured the district recently. As Mr. Cabello was walking through the schools, he remarked how clean and bright everything was. Mr. Finnegan stated that our Maintenance Director and custodians should be proud of how clean they have kept our schools.

#### **15. Superintendent's Report**

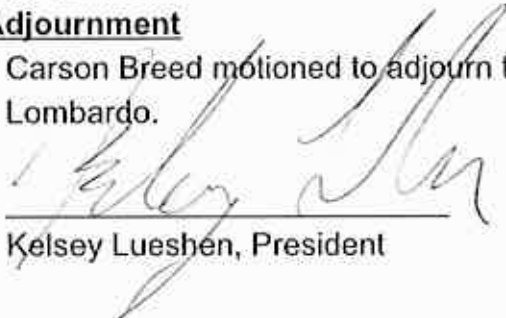
None


#### **16. Members' Comments**

None

#### **17. Adjournment**

Carson Breed motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm, seconded by David Lombardo.

  
Kelsey Lueshen, President

  
Scott Robinson, Secretary