

**ROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 140**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**September 18, 2024**

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Scott Robinson

Others Present: Glenn Terry, Kevin Finnegan, Kindyl Etnyre, Erin Hauser, Megan Forsythe, Nicole Nelson, Justin Bonne, Tara Kochheiser, Lindsey Tackeberry-RTA, Molly Parker-RTA, Abi Krebs, Anne Johnson, Emily Larson, Karrie Hounshell

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

The following needs to be added to #8, Executive Session:

- Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))
- Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10))

**5. Comments from the Community**

None

**6. Correspondence**

- Thank you card from WPES for treats and drinks provided for staff;
- Two ½ day in school suspensions at RGS;
- One in school suspension at WPES;
- Three bus suspensions at SMMS;
- Seven in school suspensions at SMMS;
- Four out of school suspensions at SMMS

**7. RTA Introduction of New Teachers**

Molly Parker and Lindsey Tackeberry introduce new teachers to the BOE.

- Morgan DelMastro
- Karrie Hounshell
- Anne Johnson
- Abigail Krebs
- Emily Larson
- Kristine Protz

**8. Executive Session**

- Student discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9))
- Other matters relating to individual students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10))

David Lombardo motioned into Executive Session at 6:14 pm, seconded by Carson Breed.

## 9. Consent Items

Items recommended for the consent agenda are:

- Financials: Approval of RSD #140 September 2024 bills, \$253,132.55, Approval of August's Payroll Vendor Liabilities Approval of 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 \$708,723.52, Payroll Liabilities Paid-\$335,326.42
- Approval of August 21, 2024 BOE Minutes
- Approval of September 4, 2024 COW Minutes
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative August 2024 Bills, Employment & Personnel Report
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative August 2024 Financial Reports
- Approval of WCSEC Cooperative Budget for FY25

David Lombardo motioned to approve the above referenced consent items, seconded by Carson Breed.

Roll Call: David Lombardo, Brendan Caver, Derek Erwin, Carson Breed, Trish Burgan, Kelsey Lueshen  
6-Ayes. Motion Passed.

## 10. Approval of September Personnel

### Certified New Hire

Theresa Taylor, Building SUB, SMMS/District, Effective 9/9/2024

### Certified Resignation

Beth Johnston, Building SUB, SMMS/District, Resignation, Effective 9/6/2024

### Non-Certified Resignations/Terminations

Amber Martinez Johann, Nurse, SMMS, Termination, Effective 8/20/2024

Nicole Irwin, SPED Para, WPES, Resignation, Effective 8/24/2024

Lani Rostamo, Classroom Para, WPES, Resignation, Effective 9/8/2024

Robert Schwarz Jr, Classroom Para, SMMS, Termination, Effective 9/9/2024

### Non-Certified New Hire

Jennifer Butler, SPED/1:1 Para, WPES, Effective 9/4/2024

Dominique Hammond, Lunchroom Supervisor, SMMS, Effective 8/27/2024

Kelly Kloppmann, FT Nurse, SMMS, Effective 9/12/2024

Amanda Kreczmer, SPED Para, WPES, Effective 9/23/2024

Kelly Weber, Food Service Director, DIST, Effective 10/1/2024

### Stipend Position Changes

Anne Johnson, Student Council Co-Advisor, Effective 24-25 SY

Kristin Grimes, Student Council Co-Advisor, Effective 24-25 SY

Tristi Kriegler, Temp Fall Fitness Club, Effective 8/30/2024

Carson Breed motioned to approve 1-Certified New Hire, 1-Certified Resignation, 4-Non-Certified Resignations/Terminations, 5-Non Certified New Hires, 3-Stipend Position Changes, seconded by Trish Burgan.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, David Lombardo, Trish Burgan, Carson Breed  
6-ayes. Motion Passed.

**11. Hearing on Resolution Waiving the Limitation on Administrative Costs for FY25**

Kelsey Lueshen opened the public hearing on the Resolution Waiving the Limitation on Administrative Costs for FY25 at 6:39 pm. Information detailing the Resolution was published in the Beloit Daily News. There was no public comment. Kelsey Lueshen closed the public hearing at 6:40pm.

**12. Approval on Resolution Waiving the Limitation on Administrative Costs for FY25**

Carson Breed motioned to approve the Resolution Waiving the Limitation on Administrative Costs for FY25, seconded by Trish Burgan.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Carson Breed, Trish Burgan, David Lombardo, Brendan Caver, Derek Erwin  
6-ayes. Motion Passed.

**13. FY25 Budget Hearing**

Kelsey Lueshen opened the public hearing for RSD#140 Budget Hearing at 6:40 pm. Information detailing the 2025 budget was published in the Beloit Daily News. There was no public comment. Kelsey Lueshen closed the public hearing at 6:40 pm.

**14. FY25 Budget Approval**

Approval is recommended by the FY25 RSD#140 Budget.  
Carson Breed motioned to adopt FY25 RSD#140 Budget, seconded by Derek Erwin.

Roll Call: Kelsey Lueshen, Derek Erwin, Brendan Caver, David Lombardo, Trish Burgan, Carson Breed  
6-Ayes. Motion Passed.

**15. Old Business**

None

**16. New Business**

Brendan Caver inquired as to why our calendar is one week off of Hononegah's calendar. Mr. Terry explained that Hononegah wanted to be able to have finals done before the winter break. Otherwise our calendars usually mirror each other.

**17. Administrative Reports**

RGS Administrative Report

1. Etnyre

a. Field Trips are planned at RGS! Kindergarten is visiting The Pumpkin Patch, first grade is going to Cody's Farm in Marengo and second grade is heading to Severson Dells. We love these enriching experiences for our students and family chaperones!

b. PTO News:

i. Back to School Picnic

ii. Mums

iii. Spirit Day

iv. Fun Run

2. Hauser

a. We are beyond excited for the Rockton Fire Department to return to RGS this October. On October 8th and 9th, they will complete presentations for all classes outside in the bus lanes to celebrate Fire Prevention Week!

b. We had our first fire drill last week on 9/10! We are so proud of our students and staff, as they exited the building quickly and quietly. The RFD was also present to observe our first drill and were very impressed!

c. Our annual ALICE intruder drill will be on September 24, 2024. We will practice an 'immediate' threat being in the building and staff will make the decision on either barricading or evacuating, with the ultimate goal of leaving the building when it is safe. The RPD will be present to observe the entire drill. We have so much trust in our staff and understand this drill never comes easy.

**WPES Administrative Report**

1. Forsythe

a. We are starting something new at WPES this year and getting our students involved in morning announcements. Our 5th-grade flag raisers will be joining us each week to record announcements. The kids and teachers are loving this new addition!

b. Our curriculum focus this year centers around writing. We have created a writing committee with representatives from each grade level. We look forward to using Mystery Writing and working closely with Mr. Finnegan to tie our writing initiative in with the new Literacy Plan.

2. Nelson

a. WPES Fitness Club started this week. We have 90 students participating and want to thank Mrs. Bigwood, Mrs. Leitner, and Mrs. Kriegler.

b. ASR/ASM also started this week. We want to thank Ms. Parker, Mrs. Cari Benkovich, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Rowland, Ms. Larson, Mrs. Fish, Ms. Gruenberg, and Mrs. Tuula

c. Ukulele Club will fire up next week and choir will start at the beginning of October. We want to thank Mr. Newman and Ms. Ballard for offering these opportunities for our kids.

**SMMS Administrative Report**

1. Bonne

a. We have begun using a hall monitoring software called Smartpass. It allows us to track students time out of the classroom, better know where they are when they

leave class and prevent unwanted student encounters. It has been well received by staff and has already cut down on reports of undesired behaviors.

b. Rec Night

2. Freeman is supervising our home volleyball game:)

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

Mr. Finnegan reported to the BOE that he has been working with Kristin Schmidt, Lindy Daniels and Laura Benkovich regarding the Literacy Task Force and will be introducing at the October SIP day.

#### **19. Superintendent's Report**


Mr. Terry reported that he is happy that the district has hired a new Food Director and will be even happier when she is able to start!

#### **20. Members' Comments**

David Lombardo asked if Executive Session in future meetings be moved on the agenda to avoid having to have teachers stay so late. Further, he asked if the discussion around the district having a SRO be brought up sometime in the near future.

#### **21. Adjournment**

Carson Breed motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm., seconded by Trish Burgan.

  
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Kelsey Lueshen, President

  
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