

April 22, 2009

## REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

The Regular Session meeting of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 6:34 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School by Board President Wagner. Members present: Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, and Wagner. Members absent: Cushman, Gaulrapp, and Brackemeyer.

President Wagner requested an approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Jacobs, and Wagner.

Board member Gaulrapp arrived at 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Howard to approve the Consent Agenda: Imprest Fund, Activity Fund, Financial Report and Interfund Loans. February Supplemental Bills: Educational Fund \$225,197.88, Building Fund \$30,199.83, Bond and Interest Fund \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$1,851.62, Municipal Retirement Fund \$19,018.86, March 13, 2009 Payroll \$118,892.46, March 27, 2009 Payroll \$123,199.15. April Current Bills: Educational Fund \$48,419.17, Building Fund \$48,045.16, Bond and Interest \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$32,049.06, Debt Services Fund \$0.00, Health/Life Safety Fund \$0.00. Personnel Items were approved: The employment of Angie Bouwens – Guidance Office Secretary and Tiffani Mager – Substitute in the Cafeteria. The Second Reading of the following School Board Policy Amendments (PRESS Plus 66 – February, 2009) were approved: Policy 4:55 – Use of Credit and Procurement Cards, Policy 4:130 – Free and Reduced-Price Food Services, Policy 4:170 – Safety, Policy 5:35 – Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, Policy 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave (Re-Written), Policy 5:310 – Compensatory Time-Off, and Policy 7:60 – Residence. All ayes: Janssen, Gaulrapp, Howard, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Gaulrapp to enter into a Closed Session meeting to discuss a Student Disciplinary issue at 6:38 p.m. All ayes: Janssen, Gaulrapp, Howard, Jacobs, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Board member Brackemeyer arrived at 6:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Howard to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 6:48 p.m. All ayes: Brackemeyer, Howard, Janssen, Gaulrapp, Jacobs, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Open Session meeting resumed at 6:50 p.m.

The Open Session meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. for the 2008-2009 Budget Amendment Hearing.

A Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:51 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School with members present: Brackemeyer, Jacobs, Janssen, Howard, Gaulrapp, and Wagner. Member absent: Cushman.

Due to changes made to the 2008-2009 previously approved budget, an amended budget was presented and discussed. There were no public comments or questions. A motion was made by Brackemeyer and seconded by Howard to adjourn the Budget Amendment Hearing at 6:56 p.m. All ayes: Janssen, Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, Howard, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Open session reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hearing of Delegations, Representatives, Correspondence, and Audience Comments or Questions

Academic Spotlight

Deena Thatcher presented information from the Mathematics Department.

Student Activity

Information regarding the Library Club was presented by Kaleb Ashby, President.

## Committee Reports

The Finance Committee met on March 27, and April 15, 2009.

The Negotiations Committee met March 27 and April 15, 2009.

## Superintendent's Report

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Howard to approve the Resolution for a Permanent Interfund Loan Transfer from the Education Fund to the [New] Tort Fund. All ayes: Brackemeyer, Howard, Janssen, Jacobs, Gaulrapp, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Jacobs to approve the Resolution for a Permanent Interfund Loan Transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Building Fund. All ayes: Howard, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, Gaulrapp, Janssen, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Janssen to approve the Resolution for a Budget Transfer from the Executive Administration Services Function to the Board of Education Function. All ayes: Howard, Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, Janssen, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Gaulrapp and seconded by Janssen to approve the 2008-2009 Budget Amendments. All ayes: Brackemeyer, Janssen, Jacobs, Howard, Gaulrapp, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Howard to approve to Advertise for Bids to Resurface the All-Weather Track. All ayes: Brackemeyer, Gaulrapp, Howard, Janssen, Jacobs, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Brackemeyer to approve the Addition of a Web Design Class to the Business Department Curriculum effective 2009-2010. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Jacobs, Janssen, Brackemeyer, Howard, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Howard and seconded by Janssen to approve the 2009-2010 IHSA Membership. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Jacobs, Janssen, Howard, Brackemeyer, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Janssen to approve the Employment of Elizabeth Judd as Music Instructor for 2009-2010. All ayes: Jacobs, Gaulrapp, Howard, Janssen, Brackemeyer, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Gaulrapp to approve the Resignation of Luke Lawson as Head Speech Coach. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Howard and seconded by Brackemeyer to approve the Resignation of Ed Mulvaney as Key Club Sponsor. All ayes: Janssen, Jacobs, Brackemeyer, Howard, Gaulrapp, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Gaulrapp to approve the Retirement of Leona Dirks as Special Education Aide, effective June 2009. All ayes: Jacobs, Brackemeyer, Howard, Janssen, Gaulrapp, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Brackemeyer to approve the Retirement of Steve McGrath, effective June 30, 2011. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Jacobs, Howard, Janssen, Brackemeyer, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Howard to approve the expulsion of Student #1200531. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, Janssen, Jacobs, Howard, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Jacobs to approve the votes from the certified election results. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Janssen, Howard, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

Dana Nelson, election authority, certified that she canvassed the returns of the election held on April 7, 2009. Nelson proclaimed that a total of 1,827 voters requested and received ballots. She certified that the following candidates received the number of votes recorded, as listed below.

Board Candidate	Whiteside	Lee	Total
Harold Wagner	1,298	47	1,345

John N. Howard	1,253	39	1,292
Howard F. Janssen	1,391	55	1,446
Tim Nehrkorn (Write-In Candidate)	38	0	38

Based on the fact that Harold Wagner, John Howard, Howard Janssen, and Tim Nehrkorn received the highest number of votes, it was declared that Harold Wagner, John Howard, Howard Janssen, and Tim Nehrkorn were elected members of the School Board for the full four (4) year term of office.

The Oath of Office was recited by all School Board members.

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Jacobs to adjourn "Sine Die". The motion passed with seven ayes and zero nay votes. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Wagner and seconded by Jacobs to appoint Dr. Jane Eichman to serve as President Pro-Tem. The vote passed with a voice vote of seven ayes and zero nays. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Wagner and seconded by Jacobs to appoint Toni Cain to serve as Secretary Pro-Tem. The vote passed with a voice vote of seven ayes and zero nays. **MOTION CARRIED**

The new Board of Rock Falls Township High School District 301 was called to order at 7:31 p.m. with members Brackemeyer, Gaulrapp, Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, Nehrkorn, and Wagner.

The offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary are elected for two-year terms, unless the Board, by resolution, establishes the term of office to be one year.

*Election of Board President*

Harold Wagner and Merle Gaulrapp were nominated for the office of Board President to serve for a two-year term. By a voice vote, Harold Wagner was declared the winner after receiving four votes. Merle Gaulrapp received two votes. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Election of Vice-President*

John Brackemeyer was nominated for the office of Vice-President to serve for a two-year term. He was declared the winner by a unanimous voice vote of seven ayes and zero nays. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Election of Board Secretary*

Jana Jacobs was nominated for the office of Secretary for a two-year term. She was declared the winner by a unanimous voice vote of seven ayes and zero nays. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Appointment of Board Recording Secretary*

Toni Cain was appointed as the Recording Secretary for the Board of Education for a two-year term. Her compensation is 1.5 percent of her hourly salary. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote of seven ayes and zero nays. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Establish Regular Meeting Dates, Time, and Place*

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Janssen to approve the regular meeting dates of the Board of Education of Rock Falls Township High School District #301. The meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School, Rock Falls, IL. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote of seven ayes and zero nays. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Employment of Current School District Personnel*

Motion by Wagner and seconded by Jacobs to approve the employment of current school district personnel. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote of seven ayes and zero nays. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Adopt Rules, Regulations, Policies, and Contracts*

Motion by Wagner and seconded by Brackemeyer to approve that the rules, regulations, policies, and contracts of the previous Board be adopted as the rules, regulations, policies, and contracts of the new Board. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Howard, Janssen, Jacobs, Brackemeyer, Nehrkorn, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Appointment of Professional Services*

Motion by Gaulrapp and seconded by Jacobs to approve the following six items in a single motion:

- Appoint Sue Dravis as the School District Treasurer for a salary of \$1,500.00 per year.
- Appoint Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn as the School District Legal Council.

- Appoint Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. as the School District Auditing Firm.
- Appoint Allied Design Consultants, Inc., as the School District Architect.
- Appoint Superintendent Dr. Eichman and Principal McCord as the School District Imprest Fund Treasurer(s).
- Appoint Activity Fund Treasurer – Board Recording Secretary (Toni Cain).

All ayes: Brackemeyer, Howard, Janssen, Jacobs, Gaulrapp, Nehrkorn, and Wagner.

**MOTION CARRIED**

*School Board Committee Appointments*

President Wagner will prepare a list of School Board Committee Members for the May 20, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Jana Jacobs was appointed representative to the IASB Northwest Division/Delegate Assembly for a 2-year term.

Dr. Eichman informed School Board members of workshops for newly elected Board members and Board Presidents. A packet of materials was distributed to the newly elected members.

Superintendent’s Report – Information Items

First Reading of Student Handbook Revisions

Mr. Rude thanked Board members Jacobs and Brackemeyer for serving on the Student Handbook Committee. The Student Handbook Committee, consisting of two Board members, five teachers, three parents, four students, one office personnel, and one administrator met to discuss modifications and additions to the 2009-2010 Student Handbook. The modifications and additions will be included in the May 2009 Board of Education Agenda for approval.

Update on School District Bond Status

Dr. Eichman explained the current status of the bond process. Two amendments were resubmitted to the Illinois State Board of Education. One has been approved; the other one is pending approval. Upon final approval from ISBE, Eric Anderson, Managing Director, BMO Capital Markets, will present bond repayment options to the School Board.

Spring Sports Participation

Mr. Montgomery provided Board members with the Spring Sports Participation numbers.

Summer Camp Schedule

Mr. Montgomery presented the Summer Camp Schedules.

Calendar Items

Calendar Items were listed on the Board agenda.

Other

No other business was conducted.

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Brackemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Howard, Janssen, Jacobs, Brackemeyer, Nehrkorn, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

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President

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