

August 19, 2009

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

The Regular Session meeting of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 6:33 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School by Board President Wagner. Members present: Gaulrapp, Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, Nehrkorn, and Wagner. Member absent: Brackemeyer.

President Wagner requested an approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved with one addition. Section E was revised to read as follows: Recommend a Closed Session to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific School District Employees and Student Disciplinary Issues. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, Nehrkorn, and Wagner.

A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Nehrkorn to approve the Consent Agenda: Imprest Fund, Activity Fund, Financial Report, and Interfund Loans. July Supplemental Bills: Educational Fund \$159,665.62, Building Fund \$17,907.69, Bond and Interest Fund \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$403.03, Municipal Retirement Fund \$14,259.37, July 15, 2009 Payroll \$107,927.09 and July 28, 2009 Payroll \$107,399.69. August Current Bills: Educational Fund \$99,445.64, Building Fund \$55,321.95, Bond and Interest \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$234.54, Debt Services Fund \$350.00, Health/Life Safety Fund \$8,909.99, and Tort Fund \$3,824.43. Personnel Items - The employment of volunteer coach Jordan Davis for 2009-2010 Cross Country was approved. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Jacobs, Janssen, Nehrkorn, Howard, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Nehrkorn and seconded by Jacobs to enter into a Closed Session meeting to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific School District Employees at 6:45 p.m. All ayes: Jacobs, Janssen, Nehrkorn, Howard, Gaulrapp, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Member Brackemeyer arrived at 6:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Nehrkorn and seconded by Howard to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 7:02 p.m. All ayes: Janssen, Nehrkorn, Howard, Gaulrapp, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

The Open Session meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hearing of Delegations, Representatives, Correspondence, and Audience Comments or Questions
No Comments

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Superintendent's Report – Action Items

Motion by Gaulrapp and seconded by Howard to approve the request from Brinda Winger to rescind her Notice of Intent to Retire. (Notice was submitted on January 25, 2008 and approved by the Board on May 20, 2009). All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Nehrkorn, Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report – Information Items

Technology Policies: Network Use Agreement, Children's Internet Protection Act, and Internet Safety Curriculum

Dr. Eichman shared that the Rock Falls High School District 301 School Board Policy Manual contains policies regarding internet use, internet filtering processes, and the integration of internet safety into the curriculum. School districts can apply for the use of federal funds to help offset internet costs through the E-rate Program. As a result of the use of federal funds, random audits may be conducted to determine that school districts are in compliance with the requirements. Three areas of compliance that may be reviewed include:

(1) Network Use Agreement – The school district uses an Acceptable Network and Internet Use Agreement Form, which contains appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol.

(2) Children's Internet Protection Act – Proper use of filtering devices are currently implemented.

(3) Internet Safety Curriculum – Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, Rock Falls High School will incorporate internet safety into its curriculum through the use of Power Point presentations, Channel 1 announcements, study guides, and teacher instruction.

Summer Work Report

Mr. Scuffham provided the Board members with a list of the completed summer projects.

Registration Report

Registration was held on August 5, 6, and 10. Approximately 710 students have been enrolled.

Opening Days of School Activities – Staff Development, Teachers' Institute, and Freshman Orientation
Staff Development was held on August 13, and Teachers' Institute was held on August 14. A freshman parent meeting was held on August 12. Mr. Rude addressed the parents and students, and the students were involved in activities, including a building tour. Freshman Orientation was August 17.

2009 Student Assessments

Dr. Eichman discussed the 2009 AYP Status Report. Mr. McCord gave a presentation on the 2009 Explore, Plan, ACT, and PSAE test results. RFHS did not meet AYP for the 2008-2009 school year.

2009-2010 School Board Meeting Dates – Revised List

Board members received a revised list of 2009-2010 Board meeting dates. However, a conflict exists for the May 17, 2010 meeting. After moving the May 19 meeting to May 17 last month, it was

discovered that May 17 is also the date for Senior Awards Night. Dr. Eichman asked Board members if they could meet at 5:15 p.m. on May 17, 2010. Then those who wanted to attend the Senior Awards Night would be able to do so after the Board meeting. Board members were asked to check their schedules, and this issue will be re-visited at the September meeting.

Calendar Items

Calendar Items were listed on the Board agenda.

Other

School Board Members were reminded that pictures for the yearbook will be scheduled prior to the September Board meeting. The time will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Rude publicly thanked the Class of 1979 for its donation of \$250.00, which will be used in the Character Education Program. Mr. Rude also thanked the Sterling Rock Falls Elks for their \$500.00 donation, which will help with classroom technology expenses.

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Jacobs to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. All ayes: Nehr Korn, Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

President

Secretary