

December 16, 2009

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

The Regular Session meeting of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School by Board President Wagner. Members present: Howard, Janssen, Nehrkorn, and Wagner. Members absent: Brackemeyer, Gaulrapp, and Jacobs.

President Wagner requested an approval of the agenda. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Nehrkorn, and Wagner.

A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Nehrkorn to approve the Consent Agenda: Imprest Fund, Activity Fund, Financial Report, and Interfund Loans. November Supplemental Bills: Educational Fund \$234,682.17, Building Fund \$45,612.35, Bond and Interest Fund \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$2,843.66, Municipal Retirement Fund \$21,701.24, November 13, 2009 Payroll \$136,028.82, November 30, 2009 Payroll \$133,189.81, and Tort Fund \$40.00. December Current Bills: Educational Fund \$103,334.10, Building Fund \$7,975.82, Bond and Interest \$669,098.75, Transportation Fund \$27,080.03, Debt Services Fund \$0.00, Health/Life Safety Fund \$1,052.25, and Tort Fund \$3,546.54. The Second Reading of the following School Board Policy Amendments (PRESS Plus, Issue 68 – September, 2009) were approved: Policy 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board/Board of Education (Rewritten), Policy 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications, Policy 2:70-E – Checklist for Filling Board Vacancy by Appointment, Policy 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers, Policy 3:40 – Superintendent, Policy 4:30 – Revenue and Investments, Policy 4:40 – Incurring Debt, Policy 4:100 – Insurance Management, Policy 4:110 – Transportation, Policy 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees, Policy 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria, Policy 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, Policy 5:100 – Staff Development Program, Policy 5:120 – Ethics, Policy 5:250 – Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence, Policy 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel – Duties and Qualifications, Policy 5:330 – Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, Leaves, Policy 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program, Policy 6:300 – Graduation Requirements, Policy 6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions, Policy 6:320 – High School Credit for Proficiency, Policy 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program (Rewritten), Policy 7:190 – Student Discipline, Policy 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities, and Policy 7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics. Approval was granted for the Destruction of the Closed Session Meeting Audio Recording for June 25, 2008. The following Personnel Items were approved: Tiffani Mager, Cafeteria. All ayes: Janssen, Nehrkorn, Howard, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Nehrkorn and seconded by Janssen to enter into a Closed Session meeting to discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific School District Employees at 6:30 p.m. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Nehrkorn, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Nehrkorn and seconded by Janssen to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 6:51 p.m. All ayes: Janssen, Nehrkorn, Howard, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Open Session meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Academic Spotlight

Mrs. McKanna presented information from the Media Department.

Student Activity

Mrs. Wahl presented information regarding the Spanish Club.

Committee Reports

The Curriculum Committee had two meetings since the November Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report – Action Items

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Nehrkorn to approve the Resignation of Janice Burkitt, Teacher Aide. All ayes: Nehrkorn, Howard, Janssen, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Nehrkorn and seconded by Howard to approve the Amendment to the Winger Retirement Agreement Approved by Board action on September 16, 2009. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Nehrkorn, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report – Information Items

Custodial Projects Update

Mr. Scuffham discussed custodial projects scheduled during Winter Break.

RFHS Holiday Charitable Participation and Involvement

Mr. McCord recognized several student groups and clubs that contributed to holiday donations.

Library Per Capita Grant

Mrs. McKanna applied for a Library Per Capita Grant on behalf of Rock Falls High School in November. She is expecting to hear in February or March if the school was awarded the grant.

Winter Participation Numbers

Mr. Montgomery presented the numbers of students who are participating in winter sports.

Calendar Items

Calendar Items were listed on the Board agenda.

Other

Dr. Eichman discussed the Race to the Top Grant (RT3), which is designed to provide federal stimulus money to eligible states. The initial application deadline is January 19, 2010. If the application is not accepted, a second deadline will be set for June, 2010.

Motion by Howard and seconded by Nehrkorn to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. All ayes: Janssen, Nehrkorn, Howard, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

President

Secretary