

March 18, 2009

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

The Regular Session meeting of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 6:45 p.m. in the Conference Room at Rock Falls Township High School by Board President Wagner. Members present: Brackemeyer, Cushman, Gaulrapp, Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, and Wagner.

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

A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Brackemeyer to approve the Consent Agenda: Imprest Fund, Activity Fund, Financial Report and Interfund Loans. February Supplemental Bills: Educational Fund \$217,008.38, Building Fund \$51,826.92, Bond and Interest Fund \$350.00, Transportation Fund \$1,905.66, Municipal Retirement Fund \$19,715.86, February 13, 2009 Payroll \$121,137.57, February 27, 2009 Payroll \$120,483.75. March Current Bills: Educational Fund \$108,823.16, Building Fund \$36,605.14, Bond and Interest \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$27,301.84 and Debt Services Fund \$350.00, Health/Life Safety Fund \$1,727.50. Personnel Items were approved. Jake Kilberg, Jordan Davis, Rian Nailor, Molly Anderson, Jessica Davis, Joy Richard, and Nick Rodriguez were approved for Summer Maintenance. Robbie Minor was approved as a volunteer baseball coach. The First Reading of 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, Policy 7:60 Residence. Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recording for September 19, 2007. All ayes: Janssen, Gaulrapp, Howard, Brackemeyer, Cushman, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Gaulrapp to enter into a Closed Session meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific school district employees and a student disciplinary issue at 6:46 p.m. All ayes: Brackemeyer, Cushman, Janssen, Gaulrapp, Howard, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Janssen and seconded by Jacobs to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 7:03 p.m. All ayes: Brackemeyer, Howard, Janssen, Cushman, Gaulrapp, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

The Open Session meeting resumed at 7:07 p.m. in Room 137.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hearing of Delegations, Representatives, Correspondence, and Audience Comments or Questions
Jan McKanna thanked everyone for attending the Staff Party.

Academic Spotlight

Skip Lee was not present at the meeting however, he did provide the Board members with an enclosure from the Science Department.

Student Activity

Nicole Beveroth was not present at the meeting however, she did provide the Board members with an enclosure from the History Department.

Committee Reports

The Finance Committee met on March 2, 2009, March 3, 2009, March 10, 2009, March 12, 2009, and March 27, 2009 to discuss teacher negotiations.

The Policy Committee met on March 6, 2009.

Superintendent's Report

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Cushman to approve the Contract Renewal for First-Year Probationary Teachers – Luke Lawson (English), Matt Naftzger (Social Studies), and Andrew Nelson (English). All ayes: Brackemeyer, Howard, Cushman, Janssen, Jacobs, Gaulrapp, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Jacobs to approve the Contract Renewal for Third-Year Probationary Teachers – Dale Eller (Mathematics), Emily Erickson-Betz (French), Gerald Finn (Biology), and Robin Smith (Business). All ayes: Howard, Cushman, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, Gaulrapp, Janssen, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Gaulrapp and seconded by Brackemeyer to approve the Contract Renewal for Fourth-Year Probationary Teachers – Matt Boostrom (Special Education), Amy Heffelfinger (Family & Consumer Science), Mark Johnson (Art), Todd Purdy (Science), and Mike Winters (Social Studies). All ayes: Cushman, Howard, Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, Janssen, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Howard and seconded by Janssen to approve the Resignation of Nicole Oberg (Music Teacher). All ayes: Brackemeyer, Cushman, Janssen, Jacobs, Howard, Gaulrapp, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Jacobs to approve Changing the Date of the June School Board Meeting. All ayes: Cushman, Brackemeyer, Gaulrapp, Howard, Janssen, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Howard to approve the Health/Life Safety Amendment Number 26. All ayes: Jacobs, Janssen, Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, Cushman, Howard, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Howard to approve the Health/Life Safety Amendment Number 27. All ayes: Gaulrapp, Cushman, Jacobs, Janssen, Howard, Brackemeyer, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Brackemeyer to approve the Resignation of Nicole Borrenpohl (English Teacher). All ayes: Jacobs, Cushman, Gaulrapp, Howard, Janssen, Brackemeyer, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Brackemeyer to approve Action Items Resulting from Closed Session. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Cushman, Gaulrapp, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Information Items

School District Financial Profile

Dr. Eichman informed Board members of the 2009 School District Financial Profile. The ISBE places school districts in one of four categories based on Financial Recognition, Financial Review, Financial Warning, and Financial Watch. Rock Falls High School received a total financial profile score of 4.00. A Financial Profile Score of 4.00 places the district in the highest category of financial achievement based upon the 2007-2008 Annual Financial Report Data.

2008-2009 Budget Amendments

Dr. Eichman presented the Board members with an amended budget for FY2009.

Library Grant Award

Jan McKanna notified Board members that Rock Falls High School has been awarded a FY09 School District Library Program Grant award in the amount of \$507.42.

Illinois Textbook Loan Program

Dr. Eichman informed Board members that Rock Falls High School received \$27,419.09 from the Illinois Textbook Loan Program. The Illinois State Board of Education pays all shipping costs.

IASB PRESS Advisory Board

Dr. Eichman shared with the Board members a letter she received from the IASB PRESS Advisory Board. Due to Dr. Eichman donating her time and her expertise to further the mission of the IASB, Rock Falls High School will receive one free year of PRESS Plus Services.

RFHS Certificate of Recognition

Dr. Eichman presented the Board members with a Certificate of Recognition for 2008-2009.

Calendar Items

Calendar items were listed on the Board agenda.

Other

There were no other items for discussion.

Motion by Brackemeyer and seconded by Jacobs to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. All ayes: Cushman, Gaulrapp, Howard, Janssen, Brackemeyer, Jacobs, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

President

Secretary