

October 21, 2009

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

The Regular Session meeting of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School by Board President Wagner. Members present: Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, and Wagner. Members absent: Brackemeyer, Gaulrapp, and Nehrkorn.

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

A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Jacobs to approve the Consent Agenda: Imprest Fund, Activity Fund, Financial Report, and Interfund Loans. September Supplemental Bills: Educational Fund \$235,411.84, Building Fund \$37,780.54, Bond and Interest Fund \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$2,843.66, Municipal Retirement Fund \$21,886.47, September 15, 2009 Payroll \$134,893.29 and September 28, 2009 Payroll \$134,090.80. October Current Bills: Educational Fund \$56,717.00, Building Fund \$26,933.87, Bond and Interest \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$38,527.92, Debt Services Fund \$0.00, Health/Life Safety Fund \$35,827.75, and Tort Fund \$3,237.31. The First Reading of the following School Board Policy Amendments (PRESS Plus 67 – July, 2009) were approved: Policy 2:70-E-Checklist for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment (NEW), Policy 2:260-Uniform Grievance Procedure, Policy 5:220-Substitute Teachers, and Policy 6:15-School Accountability. Personnel Items – The following personnel items were approved for the 2009-2010 school year: The resignation of Kelley Wescott, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, and the employment of Margo Jakobs, Student Assistance Specialist; Joshua Pickens, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; and, Brad Hollowell, Assistant Wrestling Coach. The following personnel were approved as Volunteer Coaches for the 2009-2010 school year: Thom Shore, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; Danny Rodriguez, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; Dave Northcutt, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach; Jed Walker, Assistant Wrestling Coach; Miguel Vazquez, Assistant Wrestling Coach; Bryan Berogan, Assistant Wrestling Coach; and, Gordy Denning, Assistant Wrestling Coach. All ayes: Jacobs, Janssen, Howard, and Wagner. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hearing of Delegations, Representatives, Correspondence, and Audience Comments or Questions
There were no comments.

Academic Spotlight

Susan Vance presented information from the Student Services Department.

Student Activity

Brent Young presented information regarding the Fall Play and Group Interpretation.

Committee Reports

The Athletic Committee met on October 15, 2009.

The Finance Committee met on September 21, 2009.

The Policy Committee met September 18, 2009.

Superintendent's Report – Action Items

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Janssen to approve the Preparation of Bid Documents for Health/Life Safety Compliance Projects. All ayes: Janssen, Howard, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Howard and seconded by Jacobs to approve the School District 403(b) Written Plan Document. All ayes: Howard, Jacobs, Janssen, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Howard to approve the Extension of the First Student Bus Contract. All ayes: Jacobs, Janssen, Howard, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent's Report – Information Items

2009 School District Report Card

Dr. Eichman highlighted various categories and figures contained in the 2009 School District Report Card. (Student assessment scores had been shared with Board members at the August, 2009 School Board meeting.) Areas of success and planned improvement, based on the School Improvement Plan, were explained on the final page of the School District Report Card.

Special School Board Meeting Date

A Public Hearing to discuss a Physical Education Exemption Waiver was scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Community Gardens Project

Mr. McCord announced that RFHS students will participate in the Multi-Generational Garden Project, which is designed to promote nutrition, wellness, planting, and growing. A 10x20 square plot will be used for the garden, which will be located to the east of Rocket Drive. The Science Club will maintain a majority of the project. All vegetables grown in the garden will be donated to local food banks.

2009 IASB Report to the Membership

Dr. Eichman distributed copies of the 2009 IASB Report to the Membership to School Board members.

IASA/IASB/IASBO Joint Annual Conference Preview Materials

Dr. Eichman has received invitations for Board members to attend events at the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference. This information was distributed to the Board members, and future information received will be included in the Board Conference Packet.

Acknowledgement of Contributions Received

Mr. Rude publicly thanked two organizations for their donations to the B.L.I.N.D. Program: (1) Rock Falls Optimist Club for \$500.00, and (2) Coloma Township for \$2,000.00. These contributions will enable six students and one adult to attend a 40-Developmental Assets Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, in November, 2009.

Mr. McCord publicly thanked Exxon Mobil for a \$750.00 grant, which will be used for technology enhancements in math classrooms.

Calendar Items

Calendar Items were listed on the Board agenda.

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Howard to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. All ayes: Janssen, Howard, Jacobs, and Wagner.

MOTION CARRIED

President

Secretary