

September 21, 2011

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

The Regular Session meeting of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 6:15 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School by Board President Gaulrapp. Members present: Cushman, Gaulrapp, Howard, Janssen, and Wagner. Members absent: Brackemeyer and Nehrkorn.

Dr. Eichman noted two corrections to the agenda. The date on the Personnel Items attachment should be September 21, 2011, rather than August 17, 2011. In addition, the title for Information Item N.8 should be "Suspension Summary Report," rather than "Summary Report."

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

A motion was made by Janssen and seconded by Cushman to approve the Consent Agenda: Imprest Fund, Activity Fund, Financial Report, and Interfund Loans. August Supplemental Bills: Education Fund \$195,878.77, Building Fund \$39,532.26, Bond and Interest Fund \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$2,928.87, Municipal Retirement Fund \$16,813.46, August 15, 2011 Payroll \$109,053.19, August 26, 2011 Payroll \$108,777.75, and Tort Fund \$15.00. September Current Bills: Education Fund \$157,379.94, Building Fund \$36,317.46, Bond and Interest \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$18,123.99, Debt Fund \$0.00, Health/Life Safety Fund \$10,423.79 and Tort Fund \$15,046.56. Approval was granted to hire Amanda Bellows and Becky Pence as Cafeteria workers and Kris Nunez as Freshman Class Sponsor. The Second Reading of the School Board Policy Amendments (PRESS Plus, Issue 76 – June, 2011) was approved: Policy 1:10 - School District Legal Status, Policy 1:20 - District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements, Policy 1:30 - School District Philosophy, Policy 2:10 - School District Governance, Policy 2:125 - Board Member Expenses, Policy 2:130 - Board-Superintendent Relationship, Policy 3:10 - Goals and Objectives (Rewritten), Policy 3:30 - Chain of Command, Policy 3:70 - Succession of Authority, Policy 5:125 - Personal Technology and Social Media: Usage and Conduct (New), and Policy 5:170 - Copyright. Approval was granted for the Destruction of the Closed Session Meeting Audio Recording for March 17, 2010. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Wagner (Member Wagner voted yes to all Consent Agenda Items except Item #7), Cushman, and Gaulrapp.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Cushman 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 6:21 p.m. Others present: Superintendent Dr. Jane Eichman and Superintendent Secretary Toni Cain. All ayes: Janssen, Wagner, Cushman, Howard, and Gaulrapp.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Howard and seconded by Cushman to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 6:49 p.m. All ayes: Wagner, Cushman, Howard, Janssen, and Gaulrapp.

MOTION CARRIED

Open Session resumed at 6:50 p.m.

Open Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m. for the Public Budget Hearing.

The Public Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:51 p.m.

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

Dr. Eichman discussed a summary of changes to the 2011-2012 Budget. There were no public comments.

The Public Budget Hearing was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Hearing of Representatives, Correspondence, and Audience Comments

Academic Spotlight

Jason Sands and Cheryl Schreiner presented information from the Student Services Department.

Student Activity

Aaron Gonzalez discussed the Fall Play.

Committee Reports

The Finance Committee met on September 13, 2011, to discuss the 2011-2012 Budget, banking institutions, and possible future replacement of the student activity buses.

Superintendent's Report – Action Items

Motion by Janssen and seconded by Cushman to approve the 2011-2012 School District Budget. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Wagner, Cushman, and Gaulrapp.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Cushman and seconded by Howard to approve the Annual Application for Public School Recognition. All ayes: Janssen, Wagner, Cushman, Howard, and Gaulrapp.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Howard and seconded by Cushman to approve the Emergency Health/Life Safety Resolution. All ayes: Wagner, Cushman, Howard, Janssen, and Gaulrapp.

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOTION CARRIED

Information Items

FY12 Sixth Day Enrollment Figures

Mr. McCord presented the Sixth Day enrollment figures, as of August 26, 2011: Seniors-145, Juniors-169, Sophomores-173, Freshmen-148, Total In-House-635, Alternative School-23, and Total Out-of-House-19.

WACC and Bi-County Enrollment

Dr. Eichman presented the 2011-2012 enrollment figures for students enrolled in the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) and the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative. A total of 94 students are enrolled in WACC (90 from RFHS and 4 from Newman Catholic). A total of 120 special education students at RFHS have Individualized Education Plans (18 out-of-building and 102 in-building).

Feeder Schools Enrollment

Dr. Eichman discussed projected enrollment figures through the 2020-2021 school year. Projected enrollment figures range from a low of 646 students (2012-2013 school year) to a high of 689 students (2019-2020 school year).

Fall Sports Participation Numbers

Mr. Montgomery provided the Fall Sports Participation Numbers.

Administrative Salary Compensation Report

Dr. Eichman presented the FY12 Administrative Salary Compensation Report. The report will be posted on the school district website and sent to the Regional Office of Education.

Financial Institution Contacts

At the Board's request, Dr. Eichman sent a letter to seven area financial institutions. The letter explained that RFHS is in the process of reviewing our two current financial institutions—Sauk Valley Bank and Midland States Bank—and asked eight specific questions. One bank chose not to submit a proposal this year, one bank did not respond, and, one bank could not accommodate Direct Deposit for employees. After the responses were received and reviewed, the Finance Committee decided to retain the same two financial institutions that are currently used.

Status of Activity Buses

Dr. Eichman discussed the current status of the activity buses. The make and model of each bus is a 2004 Chevrolet Mid-Bus. The green bus has 63,411 miles, the black bus has 56,992 miles, and the white bus has 54,940 miles. Due to increasing mileage and repair costs, the district will look into the possible future replacement of these vehicles.

Suspension Summary Report

A Suspension Summary Report was presented, which listed a monthly record of in-school suspensions and out-of-school suspensions. This monthly report will be included in the Consent Agenda for future meetings.

IASB Northwest Division Fall Dinner Meeting

Dr. Eichman announced that the IASB Northwest Division Fall Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at Stockton High School, Stockton, IL. Board members were asked to contact Toni Cain if they plan to attend.

Calendar Items

Calendar Items were listed on the agenda.

Other

Dr. Eichman distributed copies of the 2011 IASB Report to the Membership to Board members.

Motion by Cushman and seconded by Janssen to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. All ayes: Howard, Janssen, Wagner, Cushman, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

President

Secretary