

September 25, 2019

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

The Regular Session meeting of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School by President Gaulrapp. Members present: Gaulrapp, Jacobs, Janssen, Lillpop, and Lewis. Board Members Absent: Carlson and Howard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Janssen 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 and or Public Office; Matters Related to Litigation at 6:30 p.m. All ayes: Jacobs, Janssen, Lillpop, Lewis, and Gaulrapp. Also in attendance were: Superintendent Ron McCord and Administrative Assistant Toni Cain. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Lillpop to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 6:50 p.m. All ayes: Janssen, Lillpop, Lewis, Jacobs, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Public Budget Hearing of the Rock Falls Township High School Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:50 p.m. in Room 137 at Rock Falls Township High School by Board President Gaulrapp. Members present: Gaulrapp, Jacobs, Janssen, Lillpop, and Lewis. Board Members Absent: Carlson and Howard.

Mr. McCord distributed an amended final budget. The amended final budget reduced the Working Cash Fund and Debt Services Fund interest transfers to the Education Fund by \$10,800 in order to match the budgeted transfer amounts within the Working Cash and Debt Services Fund.

A motion was made by Lillpop and seconded by Jacobs to approve the Public Budget Hearing Agenda. All ayes: Lewis, Jacobs, Janssen, Lillpop, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

Superintendent McCord presented the 2019-2020 School District Budget which has been on public display for 30 days. Mr. McCord highlighted the differences between the tentative and final budget. The 2019-2020 Budget is a Balanced Budget.

Mr. McCord would like to publicly thank Mrs. Berogan and Mrs. Zollinger for their hard work and efforts put forth on the budget.

There were no public comments or questions.

A motion was made by Lillpop and seconded by Lewis to adjourn the Public Budget Hearing at 6:59 p.m. All ayes: Jacobs, Janssen, Lillpop, Lewis, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

Open session resumed at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Janssen to approve the agenda. All ayes: Janssen, Lillpop, Lewis, Jacobs, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Jacobs to approve the August 21, 2019 Regular and Closed Session Board Minutes, and the September 18, 2019 Finance Committee Minutes. Consent Agenda: Imprest Fund Report, Financial Reports, and Interfund Loan Report, the August Supplemental Bills: Education Fund \$98,528.08, O & M Fund \$30,210.23, Bond and Interest Fund \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$102.62, Municipal Retirement Fund \$0.00. August 15, 2019 Payroll \$121,248.66, August 28, 2019 Payroll \$121,897.51, Health/Life Safety Fund \$0.00, Debt Services Fund \$0.00 Tort Fund \$8,050.97 and Working Cash \$0.00, Capital Projects \$0.00, September Bills: Education Fund \$63,984.10, O & M Fund \$39,668.69, Bond and Interest \$0.00, Transportation Fund \$1,352.69, Working Cash Fund \$0.00, Debt Services Fund \$0.00 Health/Life Safety Fund \$8,728.55, Tort Fund \$8,434.97, and Capital Projects Fund \$128,576.46. Approval was also granted for the following items:

- Personnel – Rescind Employment of Kathy Murray (Cafeteria 3-hr), Employment of Leanne Sharp (Cafeteria 3-hr), Notice to Retire from Jan McKanna (Teachers' Aide effective December 20, 2019).
- Suspension Summary for August 15, 2019 through August 31, 2019.
- Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recording for February 14, 2018.
- Approval of the School Board Policy Amendments – None
- Approval of PE Waiver Student List for 2019-2020 First Semester.

All ayes: Lillpop, Lewis, Jacobs, Janssen, and Gaulrapp.

MOTION CARRIED

Hearing of Representatives, Correspondence, and Audience Comments

Derick Cox stated everything is going well internally with the Teachers' Association. The Association is anticipating having three \$1,000 scholarships available to seniors for the 2019-2020 school year.

Academic Spotlight

Jason Sands, Jamie Leech, and Tom DePasquale presented information from Student Services. Mr. Sands publicly thanked Mrs. Kim Heald (Student Services Office Coordinator) for her team work and collaboration.

Student Activity

Heidi Ripley supplied a handout regarding activities for Student Council.

Community

Mr. Ron Stonitsch addressed the Board Members regarding a 50-year Time Capsule. He proposed having the RFHS senior class (annually) create a time capsule that would be buried at or on graduation day/week and opened at their 50th Class Reunion.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on September 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the 2019-2020 School District Budget.

Board Member Lewis excused the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The Superintendent's Report – Action Items

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Lillpop to approve the 2019-2020 School District Budget.

All ayes: Jacobs, Janssen, Lillpop, and Gaulrapp.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Member Lewis returned to the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Information Items

2019-2020 Sixth Day Enrollment Figures

Superintendent McCord presented the Sixth Day Enrollment figures: Seniors-153, Juniors-163, Sophomores-169, Freshmen-154, Total In-house-639, Alternative School-10, Total Out-of-Building-11, Homebound-3, and Parochial Students going to WACC-15. Total all Students-678.

2019-2020 WACC and Bi-County Enrollments

Superintendent McCord presented the 2019-2020 enrollment figures for RFHS students and in-district private school students enrolled in the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) and the Bi-County Special Education Cooperative. A total of 54 students are enrolled in WACC (43 from RFHS and 11 from Parochial Schools). A total of 131 special education students enrolled at RFHS have Individualized Education Plans (16 out-of-building and 115 in-building).

2019-2020 Feeder Schools Enrollments

Superintendent McCord discussed projected enrollment figures through the 2028-2029 school year. Projected enrollment figures range from a low of 533 students (2026-2027 school year) to a high of 624 students (2020-2021) school year.

2019-2020 Fall Sports Participation Numbers

Athletic Director Rich Montgomery provided a handout with the Fall Sports participation numbers.

Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report (FY19)

Superintendent McCord presented the 2019-2020 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report. This report is based on the amounts paid to administrators and teachers during the 2018-2019 school year (FY19). This report will be sent to the ISBE and has been posted on the school district's website.

2018-2019 Student Assessment Report

Mr. Berentes discussed the 2018-2019 Student Assessment Report.

12th Avenue Bridge Update

Mr. McCord stated the work on the 12th Avenue Bridge should take 25-30 days. It will be the end of October before the bridge will be open.

2019-2020 Athletic Corporate Sponsors Update

Mr. Montgomery discussed the updated 2019-2020 Athletic Corporate Sponsors.

Board/Staff Fall Dinner

Mr. McCord stated the Board/Staff Fall Dinner will be cancelled due to the lack of participants. It is possible another date will be set closer to Christmas or springtime.

FOIA Request

None

Calendar Items

Calendar Items were listed on the agenda.

Other

None

Motion by Jacobs and seconded by Lewis to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 7:46 p.m. All ayes: Janssen, Lillpop, Jacobs, Lewis, and Gaulrapp. **MOTION CARRIED**

President

Secretary