

**ROCK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

November 25, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, November 25, 2008 in the Library at Rock Island High School. President Earl Strupp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Bill Cleaver, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Russ Kennel, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Earl Strupp, Mr. Jerry Tutskey, Mr. Jim Veasey and student members Ashley Dean and Christopher Giles (*arrived at 6:45 p.m.*)

Members Absent: Student member Spencer Brooks

Staff Present: Mr. Jim Andrews, Mr. Ken Jaeke, Mr. Rick Loy, Dr. Mike Oberhaus and Mr. Bill Osborne

Approval of Board of Education Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Cleaver and seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of October 28 and November 10, 2008 as presented. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

Reports from Board Members

- Voting Members

Board members reported on their attendance at the Head Start Policy Council meeting and the Triple I conference in Chicago.

- Student Members

Ashley Dean congratulated the football team on a good season. Basketball season will begin with the Turkey tournament this week. Students are preparing for the Variety Show. Student Senate is hosting a coat drive for needy families.

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy stated that the contract amount for Chapman and Cutler is \$20,000. He reminded Board members of the holiday programs beginning next week. He handed out an invitation to his house on December 19th. He also handed out information on the new math and science magnet school from Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown.

Report from RIEA Representative

Mr. Bob Smith stated that they are still reviewing the calendar proposals for next year.

Action on Routine Matters

- Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to approve the agenda as presented. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

- Blanket Motion

It was moved by Mr. Russ Kennel, seconded by Ms. Linda Dothard and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

- VII. E. That the Board of Education approve the School Improvement Plans for the Primary and Intermediate Academies as presented at the November 10, 2008 meeting of the Board.
- VIII. A. That the Board of Education recognize the Future Rocks and Future Lady Rocks organizations as feeder programs in to the varsity basketball programs at Rock Island High School.
- VIII. E. That the Board of Education approve the November Fund Raiser requests as presented.
- IX. B.1. That the Board of Education contract with Chapman & Cutler, Chicago, Illinois, at a cost of \$20,000 to provide a legal opinion on the \$10,000,000 bond issue.
- IX. B.2. That the Board of Education award a contract to Howard L. White, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, in the amount of \$30,194.00 to acquire playground equipment for Eugene Field Elementary School.
- IX. B.3. That the Board of Education award a contract to Missman Stanley & Associates, Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of \$8,400.00 for the Civil Engineering Design and Topographical Survey on the addition at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.
- IX. C. That the Board of Education enter into an agreement with the City of Rock Island for a permanent drainage easement at the site of the new school located at 2101 - 16th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.
- IX. E. That the Board of Education acknowledge the following List of Donations:
- Alpha Delta Kappa** - \$25 for three books to encourage literacy at Earl Hanson
Salvation Army Advisory Board - \$150 for students through the Mittens for Kids program at Longfellow
Louis, Reiling & Lisa Laurvill - \$50 for Student reward program at Washington
Tim Miers - \$20 for the Student reward program at Washington

- IX. F. That the Board of Education approve the October Financial Statements.
- IX. G. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated November 15, 2008 in the amount of \$2,939,325.43.

X. A. That the Board of Education approve the following Non-Certified Appointments:

- Meloney Brasmer** - Special Ed. Para./Rock Island High School/Salary \$11,032.40 (based on 129 days with a base salary of \$15,394.14)
- Carrol Diaz** - Special Ed. Para/Washington Jr. High School/Salary \$10,993.36 (based on 134 days with a base salary of \$14,767.20)
- Rebekah Leon** - Special Ed. Para./SKIP/Salary \$5,438.08 (based on 116 days with a base salary of \$8,438.40)
- Dana Pacynski** - Special Ed. Para./SKIP/Salary \$5,578.72 (based on 119 days with a base salary of \$8,438.40)

X. B. That the Board of Education accept the following Non-Certified Resignations:

- Melanie Lloyd** - Secretary/Frances Willard/Effective November 13, 2008
- Vicki Boling-Welch** - Nurse/Ridgewood/Effective November 14, 2008

X. C. That the Board of Education approve the following list of retirements at the end of the 2008-09 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Paula Bryan-Strandlund	Special Ed./Earl Hanson	32 years
Christine DePooter	Grade 1/Longfellow	31 years
Paul Jacobson	P.H./Rocky	28 years
Burt Wymore	Ind. Arts/Rocky	27 years
Carol Greathouse	Multiage 5-6/Intermediate	27 years
Carol Loy	Best Practices Facilitator/District	16 years
Karen Nyman	Science/Washington	15 years
Susan Vize	English/Rocky	15 years

X. D. That the Board of Education approve the following list of retirements at the end of the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Sherri Lueth	Title I/Denkman	33.5 years
Mark Miller	Grade 4/Eugene Field	33 years
Malia Sullivan	Speech Path./Horace Mann	33 years
Reid Johnson	Grade 5/Eugene Field	32 years
Roger Akers	Grade 3/Thomas Jefferson	20 years

- X. E. That the Board of Education approve the following list of retirements at the end of the 2010-11 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Detella McLeod-McCann	Librarian/Edison/Washington	43 years
Mark Janssen	Grade 4/Denkman	33 years
Sue Spurgetis	Grade 5/Denkman	30 years
Patrice Collier	Grade 1-2/Audubon	25 years
Parker Brady	Science-Tech./Edison	16 years
Sheila Guse	Special Ed./Rocky	15 years
Linda Golden	Alt. Teacher/T.M.C.	14 years

- X. F. That the Board of Education approve the following list of retirements at the end of the 2011-2012 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Kathie Bekel	Grade 1/Denkman	38 years
Judy Elliott	Special Ed./Rocky	37 years
Daniel England	Ind. Arts/Washington	33 years
Sheila Sheer	Parent Involv. Coord./District	33 years
Phyllis Trommer	Special Ed/Denkman	31 years
Terri Sheddan	Best Practices Coord/District	27 years
Mary MacKenna	ELL/District	22 years
Nancy Glass	Consumer Science	19 years
Kathy Davis	Special Ed/Edison	18 years
Lynne Rumler	Special Ed./T.M.C.	18 years
Treasure marten	Speech Pathologist/District	15 years

Special Item - Public Hearing

The Board of Education conducted a public hearing on the 2008 Property Tax Levy. There being no citizens to address the Board, the President declared the hearing closed.

Education - PBIS Recognitions

Kay Ingham and Diane LaMaster recognized Earl Hanson, Frances Willard, Longfellow, R.I, Primary and Intermediate Academies and Thomas Jefferson for receiving "Fully Implementing" status by the Illinois PBIS Network.

Education - Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Rockwell asked if students sign a waiver holding the district harmless since it is a summer activity. Dr. Oberhaus stated that this is a club that is approved by the Board so no matter what happens, the student is covered by our insurance.

A motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to approve the Overnight Field Trip request for Rock Island High School students to travel to Costa Rica in June 2010. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Education - PACERS Grant

Robert Mason and Jennifer Page shared information about the \$373,966 AT&T Positive Achievement and Creativity Equals Righteous Success (PACERS) grant.

Education - Washington & Edison Jr. High SIP Reports

Mark Hepner and Gary Flecker presented the Washington and Edison Jr. High School Improvement Plans. *Copies of the reports are kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Ms. Linda Dothard to approve the Washington and Edison Jr. High School Improvement Plans as presented. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Education - District Improvement Plan

Bill Osborne presented the District Improvement Plan. *A copy of the plan is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to approve the 2008-09 District Improvement Plan and submit it to the State. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Operations - First Quarter Scorecard Report

Members of the Cabinet presented the first quarter Scorecard report. *A copy of the updated scorecard is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Operations - Naming of New School

Members of the Board brought the following names to review for the new school:

- Rock Island Math and Science Academy
- Abraham Lincoln Math and Science Academy
- Rock Island Center of Math and Science
- Villa Bluff School
- The Robinson Math and Science Academy

These names may be placed on the website for community input. Board members would like to choose a name at a meeting in January.

Operations – 2009 Election Packets

President Strupp announced that packets for the April 7, 2009 Board of Education Election will be available at the Administration center beginning Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

Business/Finance – Property Tax Levy

A motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell to adopt the 2008 Property Tax Levy as presented at the October 28, 2008 Board of Education meeting. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Business/Finance - Student Club at Rock Island High School

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the establishment of a Dance Group at Rock Island High School. Mr. Rockwell asked Mr. Mason the intent of the club and number of participants. Mr. Mason stated that there will be tryouts and the group will perform at athletic events. Mr. Rockwell asked if we should require a physical for students to participate. Dr. Oberhaus stated that we do not require physicals for high school clubs that are not in competition with other schools. Only interscholastic activities require physicals.

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to approve the addition of a Dance Club at Rock Island High School. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Work Session – Building Excellence Plan

Dr. Oberhaus led a work session on the Building Excellence plan and the economy. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to move to Executive Session to discuss Personnel. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the meeting in executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Open Session

A motion was made by and seconded by to return to open session. All members present voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting in open session at 9:40 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by and seconded by to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Mr. Earl L. Strupp, Jr., President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk