

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

March 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in the Library at Rock Island High School. President Earl Strupp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Bill Cleaver, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Russ Kennel, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Earl Strupp, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Jim Veasey

Member Absent: Student Members Spencer Brooks, Ashley Dean and Christopher Giles

Staff Present: Mr. Jim Andrews, Ms. Kay Ingham, 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. Jim Veasey and seconded by Ms. Linda Dothard to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 24, 2009 (including executive session minutes to be kept on file as confidential). All members voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

Special Item

President Earl Strupp recognized Audubon, Frances Willard, Longfellow, Ridgewood and Thomas Jefferson schools as 2008 State of Illinois Spotlight Schools. Certificates were handed out to the principals in attendance. Board members will attend assemblies at each school to recognize the achievement with students.

Reports from Board Members

Ms. Dothard attended the Youth on Broadway play by the RIHS club "Zancopha" on Saturday, March 7. The performance was exceptional.

Mr. Rockwell gave a presentation along with Neighborhood Partners member Ed Hanna at the Sustainable Schools Symposium in Joliet on February 27, 2009. Mr. Rockwell commended Mr. Hanna for his great presentation and he did a good job of representing the schools and neighborhood.

Mr. Strupp reported that the chess program is progressing with 14 classrooms in the school district and the start of 2 clubs at Edison and Washington.

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy reported that the Stimulus Package Funding is still not definite for the school district. The \$2.9 million coming over the next two years is earmarked for Title 1 and Special Education, however the shovel-ready project money has shifted to the state level. The district has submitted project list to state representative, state board and governor's office to cover all bases.

In this year's budget - revenue streams are coming in slowly. Corporate replacement taxes are 19% down from last year and the district is currently behind ½ million in corporate replacement taxes. Mr. Loy expects the situation to get worse as it continues.

Mr. Loy announced a Meet the Candidates session organized by Renaissance Rock Island on March 18, at noon at the Quad Cities Botanical Center. The session will have the mayoral, city council and school board candidates available for discussion.

Action on Routine Matters

- Agenda Additions and/or Deletions

Under VIII Business and Finance, addenda were added to the agenda relating to contracts for Air Conditioning, Cleaning & Start Up, Material and Engineering Testing Services and for Thomas Jefferson, Frances Willard and Denkmann construction. Agenda item IX F was removed from the agenda.

- Approve Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey and unanimously carried by a roll call vote. The President declared the motion carried.

- Blanket Motion

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

VII. A. That the Board of Education approve the Head Start Child Development Grant.

VII. D. That the Board of Education approve Student Expulsion 01/24/23.

VIII. A.5. That the Board of Education approve the contract for service for Tod Faller in the amount of \$5,260.

VIII. A.6. That the Board of Education accept the low bid from Iowa-Illinois Taylor Insulation for amount of \$9,600.00 to abate the floor tiles at Primary Academy.

VIII. A.7. That the Board of Education approve a contract with Terracon, Bettendorf, IA to conduct professional materials and engineering services, during the construction of the Rock Island Center for Math & Science at an estimated cost of \$27,000.

VIII. A.8. That the Board of Education approve the Student Information upgrade at a cost of \$94,800 as presented.

IX. A. That the Board of Education award tenure to the following administrators and teachers who have completed their probationary period:

1. Jim Andrews (Asst. Supt.)	Administration Center
2. Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown (Principal)	Denkman Elementary
3. Dorian Foster (Drama-Eng.)	Rock Island High School
4. Terri Grafton (Special Ed.)	Rock Island High School
5. Chad Kennelly (Social Studies)	Rock Island High School
6. Elizabeth Kantner (Special Ed.)	Rock Island High School
7. Nicole Regan (Spanish)	Rock Island High School
8. Tia Rice (English)	Rock Island High School
9. Lindsay Anderson (Lang.Arts)	Edison Jr. High School
10. Stephanie Hahn (Sp. Ed.)	Edison Jr. High School
11. Kristin Holmberg (Math)	Edison Jr. High School
12. Joe Mowen (Physical Ed.)	Edison Jr. High School
13. Amanda Rice (Soc.Studies)	Edison Jr. High School
14. Karla Thies (Lang.Arts)	Edison Jr. High School
15. Joey DiIulio (Asst. Principal)	Washington Jr. High School
16. Steve Inman (Special Ed.)	Washington Jr. High School
17. Alicia Beadel (Grade 3)	Eugene Field Elementary School
18. Martha Swiger (Title I)	Frances Willard Elementary School
19. Kelly Lehmann (Multiage 3-4)	Intermediate Academy
20. Dawn Yarger (Multiage 5-6)	Intermediate Academy
21. Mandi Stout (Grade 2)	Longfellow Elementary School
22. Jessica Bollman (Grade 1)	Primary Academy
23. Jacqueline Franks (Kindergarten)	Primary Academy
24. Jennifer Morgan (Grade 5)	Ridgewood Elementary School

IX. B. That the Board of Education issue a contract to the following administrators and teachers who have completed three years of probationary status:

1. Emily Bohling (Math)	Rock Island High School
2. William Churchill (P.E.)	Rock Island High School
3. Yolanda Grandberry (English)	Rock Island High School
4. Georgia Kouris (Associate Principal)	Rock Island High School
5. Katie Sievers (Science)	Rock Island High School
6. Susanne Stark (Math)	Rock Island High School
7. Jack Weese (Welding)	Rock Island High School
8. Julie Woods (Math)	Rock Island High School
9. Dan Coyne-Logan (Soc.Studies)	Washington Jr. High School
10. Phil Ambrose (Principal)	Thurgood Marshall
11. Teena Cook (Special Ed.)	Thurgood Marshall
12. Julie Vermeire (Math)	Thurgood Marshall
13. Joleen Dierickx (Special Ed.)	Audubon Elementary
14. Susan Higgins (Pre-K)	Denkman Elementary
15. Erica McKinzie (Multiage 1-2)	Earl Hanson Elementary
16. Melissa Barton (Kindergarten)	Frances Willard Elementary
17. Amy Moffitt (Multiage 5-6)	Frances Willard Elementary

18. Sarah Kautz (Multiage 5-6)	Horace Mann Choice
19. Stephanie Schulte (Multiage 1-2)	Horace Mann Choice
20. Brandy Brunat (Spec. Ed.)	Intermediate Academy
21. Stacy Rohm (Spec. Ed.)	Intermediate Academy
22. Kelli Brannen (Multiage 1-2)	Primary Academy
23. Kiley Hudson (Kindergarten)	Primary Academy
24. Carol Kossaris (Special Ed.)	Primary Academy
25. Troy Porter (Multiage 1-2)	Thomas Jefferson Elementary

IX. C. That the Board of Education issue a contract to the following administrators and teachers who have completed two years of probationary status:

1. Nicole Schlotfeldt (Director/Head Start)	Administration
2. Kristen Allen(9 th Grade Acad. Coord)	Rock Island High School
3. Cory Williams (Dean)	Rock Island High School
4. Mark Bollaert (Physical Ed.)	Rock Island High School
5. Elizabeth Chapman (Science)	Rock Island High School
6. Tracy Dailey Juscius (Special Ed.)	Rock Island High School
7. Ryan Kelly (Math)	Rock Island High School
8. Patricia Matson (Business)	Rock Island High School
9. Scott Voigt (Music)	Rock Island High School
10. Michele Williams (Special Ed.)	Rock Island High School
11. Maggie Voss (Lang.Arts-Soc.St.)	Edison Jr. High
12. Alicia Ristau (Computer Literacy)	Washington Jr. High
13. Keith Smith (Dean)	Washington Jr. High
14. Teena Cook (Special Ed.)	Thurgood Marshall
15. Onita Donaldson (Special Ed.)	Thurgood Marshall
16. Stephanie Regur (Multiage 3-4)	Denkmann Elementary
17. Henry Hall (Multiage 5-6)	Earl Hanson Elementary
18. Amanda Anderson (Grade 2)	Eugene Field Elementary
19. Roxanne Gaskell (P.E.)	Eugene Field/Longfellow
20. Gina Gilliland (Music)	Eugene Field/Longfellow
21. Chad Wickard (Multiage 1-2)	Frances Willard Elementary
22. Julie VanErstvelde (Physical Ed.)	Horace Mann Choice School
23. Jennifer Anselmi (Title I)	Intermediate Academy
24. Sharon Bowker (Multiage 1-2)	Primary Academy
25. Ebonie Wilmington (Multiage 1-2)	Primary Academy
26. Ann Cobb (Speech Pathologist)	SKIP
27. Margaret Keller (Preschool Sp. Ed.)	SKIP
28. Reshanda Johnson (Special Ed.)	Thomas Jefferson Elementary
29. Sarah Kretschmar (Speech Pathologist)	District
30. Kathleen Hernandez (Speech Path.)	District

IX. D. That the Board of Education issue a contract to the following administrators and teachers who have completed one year of probationary status:

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| 1. Thad Hoover (Physical Ed.) | Rock Island High School |
| 2. Jeffery Duster (Soc.St.) | Rock Island High School |
| 3. Stephanie Deidonne (Business) | Rock Island High School |
| 4. Bill Gustafson (Art-Graphic) | Rock Island High School |
| 5. Sarah Todd (English) | Rock Island High School |
| 6. Nick Eli (German) | Rock Island High School |
| 7. Andrea Bonner (Lang.Arts-Academy) | Rock Island High School |
| 8. Kathleen Hartzler (Science) | Washington Jr. High |
| 9. Courtney Kipp (Math) | Washington Jr. High |
| 10. Jeff McCracken (Physical Ed.) | Thurgood Marshall |
| 11. Steve VanDeWalle (Interventionist) | Thurgood Marshall |
| 12. Michael Carton (Multiage 1-2) | Audubon Elementary |
| 13. Lisa Bisom (Interventionist) | Earl Hanson Elementary |
| 14. Rebekah Stevenson (Multiage 3-4) | Earl Hanson Elementary |
| 15. Jacob Boyd (Special Ed.) | Intermediate Academy |
| 16. Sarah Glynn (Special Ed.) | Intermediate Academy |
| 17. Amanda Hollingsworth (Multiage 3-4) | Intermediate Academy |
| 18. Tracie Veto (Multiage 5-6) | Intermediate Academy |
| 19. Sarah Greim (Special Ed.) | Longfellow Elementary |
| 20. Ashley Brumbaugh (Kindergarten) | Primary Academy |
| 21. James Slankard (Physical Ed.) | Primary Academy |
| 22. Rita Jett (Multiage 1-2) | Primary Academy |
| 23. Dorisa Ramos (Kindergarten) | Primary Academy |
| 24. Ashley McCreight (Looping 1-2) | Thomas Jefferson Elementary |
| 25. Angela Lynch (Speech Pathologist) | District |
| 26. Nikki Duke (Psychologist) | District |
| 27. Alissa Grover (Instrumental Music) | District |
| 28. Susan Molina-Padro (ELL) | District |

IX. E.2. That the Board of Education approve the non-renewal of the following teachers who have completed one year of probationary service:

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| 1. Monica Jager (Spanish) | High School |
| 2. Jacob Phillips (Math) | High School |
| 3. Katherine McDermott (Soc.St.) | High School |
| 4. Elizabeth Otten (Multiage 1-2) | Earl Hanson Elementary |
| 5. Mary Langdon (Special Ed.) | Intermediate Academy |
| 6. Janice Watts (Multiage 5-6) | Intermediate Academy |

IX.E.3. That the Board of Education approve the non-renewal of the following teachers who have completed a partial year of probationary service:

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| 1. Christine Beierlein (Multiage 4-5) | Denkman Elementary |
| 2. Kimberly Leyendecker(Grades 5-6) | Ridgewood Elementary |

IX.E.4. That the Board of Education approve the non-renewal of following teachers who have completed a part-time contract:

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| 1. Katherine Hartmann (P.E.) | Audubon Elementary |
| 2. Daphney Long (Vocal Music) | Audubon Elementart |
| 3. Patrice Madison (Vocal Music) | Primary Academy |
| 4. Craig Brackney (Counselor) | District |

IX. G. That the Board of Education accept the certified resignations of Brett Hiner, Joshua Johnson and Diana Alm

Policy Revisions

Kay Ingham and Jim Andrews presented policy updates and revisions to current Board policies 4:170, 5:29, 5:90, 6:120, 7:10, 7:100, 7:190, 7:20, 7:210, 7:230, 7:240, 7:290, 7:300, 7:50 & 8:30. Board asked administration to further review policies 5:90, 7:240, 7:300 and find out about the state law regarding policy 8:30. Board may take action on policy revisions at a future meeting.

Building Excellence Update

Ben Hott, Construction Manager for the Rock Island School District, presented an update on the Building Excellence plan. The Longfellow project has all exterior brick and masonry completed for the classroom addition. The roof is being put on this week and concrete flooring poured. The design of the new brickwork reflects the overall historical design of the building, thus retaining the original look and feel of Longfellow. Cafeteria and serving area has been dry walled and painted, ready for flooring. Media and administration areas are next. The project will be done in August 2009.

Eugene Field is the furthest along with new cafeteria, media center and classroom areas constructed. The cafeteria addition brickwork is completed and glass block windows are being installed. The small instructional spaces are dry walled and need flooring. The project will be done in August 2009.

The Academy construction has been held up due to unanticipated challenges with the soil structure. A proper base has been built, and the addition has a 6" rock base. Temporary walls have been set up to allow workers to work on parts of the interior. Anticipated completion is December 2009.

Most of the work has been underground utilities, electrical, sanitary sewer and storm sewer at the Rock Island Center for Math & Science. Foundations were slated to go in this week, however with rain it has been delayed. Additional grading work was required to the site that was not anticipated. The Center is slated for opening in April 2010.

Associate Superintendent Mike Oberhaus reviewed the status of the financing for the Building Excellence plan and currently estimates the use of reserves at \$9 million.

Bids for three Tier Two projects, Thomas Jefferson, Denkmann and Frances Willard were received. Mr. Oberhaus recommended doing a base bid at Thomas Jefferson. An alternate bid was received for the entire project and will be good for 45 days with the potential of being funded should the Rock Island County One Percent Sales Tax measure pass on April 7.

A motion was made by Russ Kennel and seconded by Linda Dothard to accept the low base bid of Swanson Construction Company, Davenport, IA to complete the work at Thomas Jefferson Elementary at a cost of \$683,445.00. A roll call vote was called showing all members voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda Dothard and seconded by Jerry Tutskey to accept the low bid of Construction Partners, Inc., Rock Island, IL to complete the work at Frances Willard Elementary a cost of \$1,554,275.00. Jim Veasey called the question. A roll call vote was called showing members voting "Aye," with Russ Kennel voting "Nay." The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Russ Kennel and seconded by Jim Veasey to accept the low base bid of Russell Construction, Bettendorf, IA, to complete the work at Denkmann Elementary at a cost of \$1,190,097.00. Jim Veasey called the question. A roll call vote was called showing all members voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Rockwell and seconded by Linda Dothard to approve a contract to Johnson Controls, Moline, IL, in the amount of \$15,137.00 for Air Conditioning and Cleaning and Start-up for all district buildings as presented. Jim Veasey call the question. A roll call vote was called showing all members voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Bills for Payment by Russ Kennel and seconded by Dave Rockwell in the amount of \$3,252,632.37. A roll call vote was called showing all members voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

The Board decided to put the Targeted Achievement through Governance (TAG) Phase II training on hold until the new Board of Education is seated in April.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Linda Dothard and seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Mr. Earl L. Strupp, Jr., President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk