

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

May 26, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in the Library at Rock Island High School. The meeting began with a reception honoring the Adopt-A-School Business Partners, Edison's Math Counts Team, Washington's Team Quest and the All-State Athletes from Rock Island High School. President William Cleaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Dr. Jim Bishop, Mr. Bill Cleaver, Ms. Linda Dothard, 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. Earl Strupp and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of April 28 and May 12, 2009 as presented. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

Special Item - Recognition of Adopt-A-School Partners and Students

- Adopt-A-School Partners

The Board of Education presented certificates of appreciation to the following Adopt-A-School Partners: Bituminous Insurance (Denkmann), Rock Island Rotary (Earl Hanson), U.S. Postal Service (Frances Willard), Augustana College (Longfellow), Church of Peace, Modern Woodmen and TPC (Primary Academy), Big Brothers Big Sisters and X Pac (Ridgewood and Thomas Jefferson) and the Quad City Chamber of Commerce (Rock Island High School).

- Math Counts Students from Edison Jr. High School

The Board of Education presented certificates of recognition to Coach Dr. Susan Neece and the following Math Counts students who tied for first place in the regional competition: Charlie Eagle, Mason Moss, Jinesh Shah, Hannah Rodgers, Andy Pearson, Connor Shuck, Nik Jacobs, Harry Phillis, Brady Wilkerson, Chandler Work, and Josh Bushnell.

- Team Quest Students from Washington Jr. High School

The Board of Education presented certificates of recognition to Coach Kirk Humphreys and the following Team Quest students who won third place in the state competition: Kelly Bishop, Ashton Faramelli, Thomas Knuckey and Sydnie McNeal.

- All-State Athletes from Rock Island High School

The Board of Education presented certificates of recognition to the following All-State Athletes from Rock Island High School: Shatoya Burnett, Genesis Johnson, Sepehr Kahlhor, Brandon Pullman, Chasson Randle, Travis Saldana Ben Sparkman, Ciara Turner, Triona Roberts, Brittney Hart, Michelle Strickland, Ebony Craig, Trineisha Gray, Telis Garcia and Jalea Jackson.

Reports from Board Members

Board members reported on their attendance at the following events: tour of the construction sites throughout the district; Audubon's Open House; Medal of Honor Banquet; Rock Island High School Honor Roll Assembly; Pops Concert; Musical Department Banquet; Chamber of Commerce Awards and Ice Cream Social; Head Start Banquet; and the production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying" presented by students from Rock Island High School.

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy reported on the very successful groundbreaking ceremonies at Frances Willard and Ridgewood Schools and the annual District Retirement Tea. He congratulated the boys' track team who is now off to the state championship.

Nomination of Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Ms. Linda Dothard requested the following agenda items for future discussion:

Explanation of the recently approved math pilot program
Math failures at Rock Island High School and all grade levels

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. Jim Veasey, seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

VII. C. That the Board of Education approve Student Expulsion No's. 01/01/04 and 01/11/16.

- VII. D. That the Board of Education approve the May Fund Raiser requests.
- VIII. B. That the Board of Education approve the contract for acquisition of the property located at 1354 - 23rd Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, at a price of \$150,000.
- VIII. C.1. That the Board of Education accept the proposal from Iowa Illinois Taylor Insulation for the pipe fitting abatement at the Rock Island Primary Academy at a cost of \$13,050.00.
- VIII. C.2. That the Board of Education contract with Larrison & Associates, Davenport, Iowa, to perform architectural and engineering services for the Earl Hanson addition/renovation at an estimated cost of \$39,600.00.
- VIII. C.3. That the Board of Education approve a contract with MidAmerican Energy, Rock Island, Illinois, to relocate four power poles at the Rock Island Center for Math and Science at a cost of \$10,003.00.
- VIII. C.5. That the Board of Education award a contract to Herff-Jones, Indianapolis, IN, in the amount of \$20,500.00 for the yearbook publication at Rock Island High School.
- VIII. D. That the Board of Education approve the Voluntary Dental and Life Insurance programs from Fort Dearborn Life for employees in District 41 at no cost to the district.
- VIII. E. That the Board of Education acknowledge the following List of Donations:
- RJ Lee & Associates** - \$100.00 - Medal of Honor Banquet
RI-Milan Booster Club - \$1,000.00 - Medal of Honor Banquet
United Way - \$140.29 - Classroom needs at SKIP
Mary Brodd & Charles Dix - \$25.00 - Reward program at Washington Jr. High
Hy-Vee - Unknown Value - 10 bags of single serve ice cream cups for Ice Cream Social and music concert at Washington Jr. High
- VIII. F. That the Board of Education approve the April Financial Statements as presented.
- VIII. G. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated May 15, 2009 in the amount of \$4,038,263.49.
- IX. A. That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Appointments for the 2009-10 school year:
- Ian Scott** - Multiage 3-4/Intermediate Academy/Salary \$40,221.00
Ashley Wilson - Instrumental Music/District/Salary \$40,352.00
- IX. B. That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Retirement:
- Detella McLeod-McCann** - Librarian/Edison & Washington/Effective June 5, 2009

IX. C. That the Board of Education accept the following Certified Resignation:

Kathleen Sievers – Science/Rock Island High School/Effective July 29, 2009

IX. D. That the Board of Education approve the termination of Non-Certified Employee No. 9-1-1918 effective May 26, 2009.

Operations – Air Force Jr. ROTC Cadet Marksmanship Club

Col. David Jirele and Sgt. Mike Gabrysiak reviewed the proposal from the Air Force Jr. ROTC program to establish a Cadet Marksmanship extracurricular student activity club at Rock Island High School. Col. Mr. Marker from the Davenport School District was present to answer questions.

Operations – Discipline Code Handbook

Kay Ingham reviewed the revisions to the Discipline Code Handbook and recommended that the Board of Education approve the handbook for the 2009-10 school year. Ms. Dothard suggested leaving in purses and consider another option.

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to approve the Discipline Code Handbook for the 2009-10 school year. A roll call vote was called showing the following members voting "Aye:" Dr. Jim Bishop, Mr. Bill Cleaver, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Earl Strupp, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Jim Veasey. Ms. Linda Dothard voted "Nay." The President declared the motion carried.

Business/Finance – Building Excellence Update

Dr. Mike Oberhaus updated the Board on the progress at the Rock Island Center for Math & Science. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Business/Finance – Transportation Contract

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the low bid of Illinois Central School Bus, Morris, IL to provide student transportation for 2009-10 through 2011-12 with a possibility of extension for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 years based on agreeable pricing, not to exceed the consumer price index.

- Citizen Addressing the Board

Steve Johannes, Rock Island, Illinois, addressed the Board regarding the transportation contract being awarded to a company other than Johannes Bus Service of Rock Island, who has been providing transportation in the district for 45 years. Eight family members are currently active in the everyday operations of the business. Johannes recently had to bid along with two other companies. They came out in the middle after bidding lower than their average costs. He asked the Board to take into consideration their past experience with Johannes.

Dr. Oberhaus answered questions from Board members. He believes Central Schools Bus will provide a good service to our school district. He also stated that the district has been very satisfied with the service Johannes has provided for 45 years.

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to award a contract to Central School Bus, Morris, Illinois to provide student transportation for 2009-10 through 2011-12 with a possibility of extension for the 2012-13 and 2013-14 years based on agreeable pricing, not to exceed the consumer price index. A roll call vote was called showing the following members voting "Aye:" Dr. Jim Bishop, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Earl Strupp, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Jim Veasey. Mr. Bill Cleaver abstained. No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dothard 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 7:55 p.m.

Open Session

A motion was made by Mr. Earl Strupp and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to return to open session. All members present voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting in open session at 8:40 p.m.

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 8:42 p.m.

Mr. William Cleaver, President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk