

**ROCK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

January 13, 2009

The regular meeting and committee of the whole of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in the Library at Rock Island High School. A reception was held to honor the finalists in the Thoms Family "Above and Beyond" Scholarship. President Earl Strupp called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 and Student Members Spencer Brooks and Ashley Dean

Member Absent: Christopher Giles

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

Thoms Family Scholarship Presentation

Finalists for the Thoms Family "Above and Beyond" Scholarship presented information on their projects. Students receiving \$500 were Andrew Lindeman, Abby Miers and Abigail Sloan. Tara Vandygriff received runner-up for \$2,000 and Rachel Segal was the winner with \$5,000.

Updates from the Superintendent

Mr. Rick Loy reminded Board members of his holiday open house on Friday, January 16, 2009.

Blanket Motion

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

- V. B. That the Board of Education approve Student Expulsion No. 01/17/16.
- VI. A. That the Board of Education approve the transition of the Miner Fund Portfolio from Citi Smith Barney to UBS Financial Services.
- VI. B. That the Board of Education allow the Sankofa Performance Art Ensemble to form as a recognized student club at Rock Island High School.
- VI. C. That the Board of Education approve the November Financial Statements.
- VI. D. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated December 15, 2008 (\$2,736,763.84) and December 31, 2008 (\$3,015,264.31).

Business/Finance – Request for Waiver of Building Fees

- Citizen Addressing the Board

Stacey Kelley, 43 Woodley Road, Rock Island, Illinois, spoke on behalf of her request to have the rental fees waived for her use of Rock Island High School in March 2009. She expressed that many students from the district use her facility at no charge and she would simply like the favor returned. She also stated that her business is new and this would not be a repeated request.

Board members stated that they understand her position but feel it necessary to follow their guidelines established for the use of facilities by a for-profit organization.

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Tutskey and seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell to not waive the rental fees for the facility use by Quad Cities Xtreme Athletics, Inc. A roll call vote was called showing the following members voting “Aye:” Mr. Bill Cleaver, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Earl Strupp. The following members voted “Nay:” Mr. Russ Kennel and Mr. Jim Veasey. The President declared the motion carried.

Building Excellence Update

Ben Hott and Mike Oberhaus provided an update on the Building Excellence plan progress. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Budget Considerations

Board members reviewed the initial budget considerations for the 2009-10 school year. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Enrollment Projections

Mike Oberhaus provided the enrollment projections for 2009-10 through 2013-14. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Naming of New School

- Citizens Addressing the Board

Gary Goins, 2428 – 18th Avenue, Rock Island, spoke in favor of naming the new school after Chuck and Annie Robinson.

Joshua Johnson, 4509 – 24th Avenue, Rock Island, spoke in favor of naming the new school after Chuck and Annie Robinson.

Board members discussed their options and decided to wait until spring to vote on the name.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey 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 7:30 p.m.

Open Session

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dothard and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to return to open session. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting in open session at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Ms. Linda Dothard to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Mr. Earl L. Strupp, Jr., President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk