

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

December 9, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, December 9, 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, Mr. Russ Kennel, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Earl Strupp, Mr. Jerry Tutskey, Mr. Jim Veasey and student member Christopher Giles

Members Absent: Ms. Linda Dothard, Student members Spencer Brooks and Ashley Dean

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. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 2008 (*including executive session minutes to be kept on file as confidential*) as presented. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

Reports from Board Members

- Student Members

Christopher Giles expressed interest in accessing grades online as he had the opportunity to do in junior high school. Mr. Loy recommended that he speak to the administration at Rocky and that the Board is in favor of the idea.

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy informed Board members of the 15th Annual law conference sponsored by Jim Franczek's office on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Report from RIEA Representative

Mr. Bob Smith thanked the Board for their comments made at their last meeting regarding budget cuts for next year to not include the dismissal of any teachers.

Action on Routine Matters

- Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell 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. Jerry Tutskey and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

- VII. D. That the Board of Education approve the December Fund Raisers.
- VIII. A.1. That the Board of Education contract with JTM Concepts for the Classroom³ project grant.
- VIII. A.2. That the Board of Education award a contract to Environmental Assurance, Avon, Indiana, in the amount of \$16,338.00 for asbestos abatement at Longfellow Elementary School.
- VIII. A.3. That the Board of Education award a contract to Angel Abatement, Glenwood, Illinois, in the amount of \$61,900.00 for asbestos abatement at Eugene Field Elementary School.
- VIII. B. That the Board of Education approve the Amended and Restated Fringe Benefit (Cafeteria) Plan as presented.
- VIII. C. That the Board of Education approve adding a subcategory to the Student Activity Account at Thurgood Marshall Center to accommodate the bookkeeping requirements of the school's entrepreneur curriculum and programming.
- VIII. D. That the Board of Education acknowledge the following donations:
Rebecca Amundson - \$20.00 for classroom needs at SKIP
K of C Charities Council - \$1,300.00 for classroom needs at SKIP
- VIII. E. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated November 30, 2008 in the amount of \$3,163,607.19.
- IX. That the Board of Education accept the Non-Certified Resignation of Sue Sambdman effective November 18, 2008.

Education – PSAE Report/R.I.H.S. Improvement Plan

Ken Jaeke presented the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) report and Robert Mason presented the School Improvement Plan for Rock Island High School. *Copies of both reports are 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 Rock Island High School Improvement Plan as presented. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Operations – District Web Site Presentation

Holly Sparkman and Mike Breidenstein presented the revised district web site.

Operations – Building Excellence Update

Greg Larrison presented the design and development for Denkmann and Frances Willard Elementary Schools. Mr. Loy and Dr. Oberhaus recommended completing all of the projects with the exception of the centralized kitchen at Rock Island High School. They also recommended changing the Ridgewood and Thomas Jefferson Elementary Schools due to the economic status nation wide and in the Quad Cities. They are still recommending building the cafeterias onto those two schools and not add on new front entrances and media centers. This will cut the cost approximately in half. The district will keep the designs for future renovations.

Operations – Naming of New School

Board members had a lengthy discussion and provided several names to choose from for the new school. It was narrowed down to the following three names:

Eagle Bluff Center of Math and Science
Robinson Math and Science Academy
The Center for Math and Science

Board members will continue to seek input from the community and discuss further at the first meeting in January.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Earl L. Strupp, Jr., President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk