

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

January 12, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, January 12, 2010 in the library at Rock Island High School. President William L. Cleaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: James E. Bishop, D.D.S., Mr. William L. Cleaver, Ms. Linda K. Dothard, Mr. David Rockwell, Mr. Earl L. Strupp, Jr., Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. James E. Veasey, Student Members Kelly Bishop and Xavier Clark

Member Absent: Student Member Jasmine Taylor

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

Special Item - Thoms Family Above and Beyond Scholarship

Tom Thoms recognized members of the scholarship selection committee: Stuart Thoms, Lindsey Womack, Phyllis Schwindt, Dr. Debbie Brackey, and Tom Thoms. He thanked Rick Mier and Holly Sparkman for their efforts. This scholarship was created to recognize students who demonstrate a desire for going above and beyond. Each finalist provided information on their application.

Kevin Johnson received first place and \$5,000 scholarship for his project, "Treats for Trinity Pediatrics." This project centered around raising money for much needed sensory toys for newborns and infants at Trinity's Pediatric Unit. His passion for the project is based on his own experience with congenital heart defects that demanded weeks of time in the hospital during his infancy and throughout his life. He raised over \$2,000 and not only provided sensory toys for the unit but was also able to purchase special infant highchairs for the hospital.

Jerraco Johnson received second place/runner up and \$2,500 for his project, "Academics and Athletes." He worked on his project at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and matched up Rocky Athletes with grade school students. The athletes mentored the students, focusing on grades and the importance of school in addition to participating in athletics. The program will continue after Jerraco graduates with the help from other Rocky students under the guidance of Ms. Venessa Taylor and Ms. Angie Sumpter.

Michael Wieland's project received third place and \$500 for "Redistribution of Useful Equipment." Michael's goal was to collect unwanted baseball equipment and distribute the items to the Rock Island Little League baseball program with the goal of providing all young athletes with access to quality gear. He will make arrangements with other Rocky students to carry on the program after he graduates.

Updates from the Superintendent

Mr. Rick Loy spoke about the new Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) laws. The law states that every time we have a FOIA request we must address it publicly at a Board meeting. The District has received one request from the Indiana-Illinois-Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting. It requests the certified payroll for Stan Miller Masonry who is contracting with Denkmann Elementary School.

Mr. Loy spoke about the Race to the Top application that the Board signed on January 7, 2010. This application will increase our chance for this funding. Mr. Loy spoke about the National School Boards Association which is seeking our membership. Finally, he requested that the order of the agenda items be changed to address the budget cuts at the end of the meeting.

Blanket Motion

A motion was made by, seconded by, and unanimously approve by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

- VIII. A. That the Board of Education appoint the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officers for District #41, effective January 1, 2010. Also, direct the Administration to take all steps necessary to meet the requirements of the act. The Superintendent's secretary will serve as the record keeper for all FOIA requests.
- VIII. B. That the Board of Education approve Student Expulsion No's. 01/19/19 and 01/01/19.
- IX. A. That the Board of Education approve the November Financial Statements.
- IX. B. That the Board of Education authorizes Bills for Payment dated December 15, 2009 (\$3,076,154.72) and December 30, 2010 (\$3,561,019.85).

Career Development Update

Mal Austin and Ed Veasey presented an update on the Career Development program. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

First Reading of Board Policy Revisions

Cabinet members reviewed the proposed revisions to Policies 2:200, 2:250, 4:110, 4:150, 5:10, 7:10, 7:20, 7:180 and 8:70 as recommended by PRESS.

Building Excellence Update

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

Budget Cuts Overview/Discussion

Dr. Oberhaus reviewed the budget cuts and led a discussion of what the cuts entail. *A copy of the proposed cuts are kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dothard and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp 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 8:15 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 voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting in open session at 8:33 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Mr. William L. Cleaver, President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk