

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

**December 8, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the library at Rock Island High School. President William L. Cleaver called the meeting to order at 5:15 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 Zavier Clark

Member Absent: Student Member Jasmine Taylor

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

**Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to move to Executive Session to discuss the employment of a specific employee. A roll call vote was called showing all members voting "Aye." The President declared the meeting in Executive Session at 5:16 p.m.**

**Open Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell 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 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Board of Education Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Earl Strupp and seconded by Dr. James E. Bishop to approve the executive session minutes of November 10, 2009 and regular meeting minutes of November 24, 2009 as presented. All members present voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

**Citizens Addressing the Board**

Sonya Euring, 1931 Prairie Square #223, Schaumburg, IL 60173, addressed the Board regarding an incident at the high school that resulted in her son being stabbed with a knife. She asked that metal detectors be installed in the high school to ensure safety of all students and staff.

Percy Euring, 1212 - 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201, addressed the Board regarding metal detectors at Rock Island High School. He is the grandfather of the student who was stabbed recently.

Mr. Loy stated that Mr. Mason is putting together a safety audit. He will have the appropriate administrator contact them to discuss their concerns and that a public meeting of the Board of Education is not the appropriate place for such discussion.

### **Reports from Board Members**

- Voting Members

Ms. Dothard attended the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the field house and commended those who put it all together. Mr. Strupp attended a Blackhawk Division meeting in Geneseo.

- Student Members

Kelly Bishop stated that it was good to see the many students at the celebration of the field house.

### **Report from the Superintendent**

Mr. Loy congratulated the four all state musicians: Francesca Byczynski, Jasmine Crider, Anna Pienta and Derek Ross. The next TAG workshop will be held December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Bennigan's. Diane LaMaster will be a presenter at the national PBIS Network conference. Holiday programs will be happening throughout the district this month. He will provide times for make ups of those cancelled tonight. Board members are invited to the Hard Hat award presentation tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. The NSBA national conference is in Chicago April 10-12, 2010. If you wish to attend, please contact Kim Colson before December 30<sup>th</sup> for a discounted rate. President Obama and Arnee Duncan are leading the charge in the Race to the Top challenge. We have to sign a memorandum of understanding for this initiative by the end of this month. It needs to be signed by the superintendent, Union President and Board President. Members agreed to allow Mr. Cleaver to sign on behalf of the Board.

### **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

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell, seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp, and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

- IX. A. That the Board of Education approve the School Resource Officer Agreement for the 2009-2010 school year.

- IX. B. That the Board of Education approve the revisions to Board Policies 4:30, 5:30, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:250, 5:330, 5:280, 6:110, 6:300, 6:310, 6:320, 7:240 and 7:300.
- IX. C. That the Board of Education approve the 2010-2011 Calendars for the District and Secondary Schools/SKIP.
- IX. D. That the Board of Education approve the December Fund Raising Requests.
- X. B. That the Board of Education approve the request from the Rock Island Intermediate Academy to amend and consolidate the Activity Accounts at the Rock Island Intermediate and Primary Academies.
- X. C. That the Board of Education acknowledge the following donations:
- United Way - \$68.87 for the general fund at SKIP  
Mighty Fortress Community Church - \$200.00 for the student reward program at Washington Jr. High School
- X. D. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated November 30, 2009 in the amount of \$4,529,241.41.
- XI. A. That the Board of Education approve the following part-time certified appointment:
- Emily Jackson - Vocational Nurse/Part-Time/Rock Island High School/Salary \$15,038.84
- XI. B. That the Board of Education accept the Certified Resignation of Tracie Veto effective December 18, 2009.

#### **Education - Rock Island High School Math Course**

Michelle Lillis reviewed the new course "Applied Mathematics" to the grade 11/12 program curriculum at Rock Island High School.

**A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to approve the new course "Applied Mathematics" to the grade 11/12 program at Rock Island High School without the stipulation of "pending funding for program textbooks." A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.**

#### **Education - Rock Island High School Improvement Plan**

Robert Mason and Georgia Kouris presented the Rock Island High School Improvement Plan along with their score card. *A copy of both reports are kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

**Education – District Improvement Plan**

Bill Osborne presented the District Improvement Plan. *A copy of the plan is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to approve the District 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.**

**Business/Finance – Counseling Suite Remodel**

**A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to award a contract to Construction Partners, Inc., Rock Island, IL, in the amount of \$101,500 for remodeling the Counseling Suite at Rock Island High School. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.**

**Personnel**

President Cleaver announced the appointment of Dr. Michael Oberhaus as Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2010.

**A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to appoint Dr. Michael J. Oberhaus as Superintendent of Schools beginning July 1, 2010 at a salary to be determined. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.**

Mr. Rockwell stated that our district is blessed to have one of the highly respected school administrators in the state of Illinois. Mike has given this district a good number of years in helping to educate our children. He is the right man for this position.

Mr. Strupp stated that since Dr. Oberhaus has been here, working in this revolutionary time in our district's history, he will not need time to learn the job. He will hit the ground running. He is exemplary.

Ms. Dothard stated that her vote is based upon a number of things. Dr. Oberhaus has brought integrity to this district for a number of years. He has prepared us for the good and bad times. He has kept us fiscally sound. He has been very instrumental in working with every building project. She can support this based on his integrity and ability to keep us fiscally sound. He can run this district. He has been with us for a number of years. This affects every single student and parent in this district. Mike is more than capable of overseeing our curriculum and administrators.

Mr. Tutskey stated that Mike has the support of this board and staff. All of us have received e-mails (when we could possibly have lost him to another school district) saying we have to keep Mike. His work is exemplary. The community at large will applaud this appointment and look forward to working with him. He is knowledgeable of this community. He will be a great asset. The Board will support him in any way that we possibly can.

Mr. Cleaver stated that we are extraordinarily fortunate to benefit from a person with his knowledge. This is a job that does not get easier as time goes on. He looks at what this individual can bring into the future. No one would be better equipped for this position than Dr. Oberhaus. He has a great deal of hope and confidence. We have seven board members; six with children who have gone through Rock Island High School. He sees his son and daughter who he takes very seriously. Mike has seen many things over the years. He can't be more enthusiastic about this appointment.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Mr. William L. Cleaver, President

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Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk