

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

August 11, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, August 11, 2009 in the Library at Rock Island High School. The Board honored all new employees of District 41 at a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Dothard, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Jerry Tutskey, Mr. Earl Strupp and Mr. Jim Veasey

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

Reports from Board Members

Board members reported on their attendance at the open house at Longfellow as well as visiting the media center at Eugene Field. Ms. Dothard commended the custodial staff for their hard work in preparing the schools for opening day.

Updates from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy updated the Board on enrollment after six days of school compared to last year where we saw an increase with about 50 more students. This year the enrollment is up about 70 students. It looks like we may be moving up over the last two years, which was the goal of our Building Excellence plan.

Mr. Loy reported that the English Language Learners (ELL) enrollment is now close to 300 students compared to 220 last year. Regarding class size at Rock Island High School, Ed Veasey did some research and found that class sizes mirror last year's numbers. Our goal is to get down to 30-31 students per class. He asked the Board to give them another week before this is complete.

Mr. Loy provided copies of the River City Reader that has a feature article on Longfellow's partnership with Augustana. The Illinois Math & Science Academy (IMSA) has moved their field station into the Rock Island Center for Math & Science at Audubon. The programs offered by IMSA are for everyone in the district as well as in the western Illinois region.

Mr. Loy provided a copy of the 2009-10 Board of Education agenda calendar so members know in advance what will be reported and up for approval at each meeting.

August 20th is Eugene Field's ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. The Rock Island City Council is interested in having a joint meeting with the Board, possibly Monday, September 14 or 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Loy congratulated Dr. Bishop on his daughter Kelly's performance at the recent Illinois Long Course Swim Championships.

Blanket Motion

It was moved by Mr. Earl Strupp, seconded by Dr. James E. Bishop and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

- VII. That the Board of Education approve the Police Liaison Detective Agreement between Rock Island School District 41 and the City of Rock Island Police Department in the amount of \$53,825.43.
- VIII. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated July 24 (\$146,883.81) and July 31, 2009 (\$2,336,508.77).

Freshman Academy Report

Kristin Allen provided the Freshman Academy report which is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.

Report on AYP and NCLB Choice

Bill Osborne provided a report on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and NCLB Choice in District 41 which is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.

Building Excellence Update

Dr. Oberhaus provided the Building Excellence update which is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Earl Strupp and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to adjourn. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. William L. Cleaver, President

Dr. Michael J. Oberhaus, Clerk