

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

October 27, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, October 27, 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, Zavier Clark and Jasmine Taylor

Staff Present: Mr. Jim Andrews, Ms. Kay Ingham, 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. Earl Strupp to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2009 and special meeting of September 29, 2009 as presented. All members present voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

Special Items

- Recognition of National Merit Commended Scholars

The Board recognized the 2009 National Merit Commended Scholars Allison Brown and Deborah Newcomb.

- Seating of Student Members

The board officially seated newly elected student members Kelly Bishop, Zavier Clark and Jasmine Taylor.

Reports from Board Members

- Voting Members

Mr. Veasey reported on his attendance at the Head Start Policy Council meeting. Ms. Dothard represented the district at the Illinois Liquid Asset Board meeting in Naperville. Mr. Rockwell attended the awards dinner hosted by the Community Caring Conference where student Chasson Randle and teacher Cheryl Gipson were recognized for their work in the community. He congratulated Geneseo Schools who hosted the IASB Blackhawk Division dinner and meeting. The school provided entertainment by various talented students. He reminded everyone of the Booster Club raffle to be held on November 7, 2009. Lastly, Mr. Rockwell credited Jill Doak, Ed Hanna and Holly Sparkman for their work with the School Community Task Force.

- Student Members

Jasmine Taylor reported on the St. Ambrose College Fair that she attended. Zavier Clark reported that the Interact Club attended the Rotary lunch today where they gave two checks to the shelter box and polio fund raiser. Kelly Bishop announced that Rocky's Academic Team will have its first varsity competition at Rocky on November 21, 2009. Volunteers are needed for this event. Contact Vanessa Taylor or Emily Bowling at the high school if interested.

Reports from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy recognized Mike Russell who received a 2009 National Distinguished Principal of the Year. He was honored in Washington, D.C. as the Illinois Elementary Principal of the Year. Mr. Loy reported on the H1N1 national pandemic that has hit our country. Our student attendance is strong after the two-week break. The district is following board policy in this situation. We are sending home fliers next week to our elementary students for seasonal flu shots. School nurses have arranged for our adults to receive the flu shot as well.

Mr. Loy stated that this year was the 25th anniversary of the Rock Island Labor Day Parade. Schools and organizations received special recognition, including Rocky's marching band, Denkmann, Rock Island Center for Math & Science and Earl Hanson. Denkmann's Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be held Tuesday, November 3rd 4:00 p.m. In partnership with the City and Parks, the Learn to Swim program began last Wednesday with 20 1st and 2nd grade students in first of eight weekly swim lessons. These lessons are free to our students due to a grant from the Rock Island Community Foundation to provide transportation for these students.

Nomination of Future Agenda Items

- Rock Island High School attendance incentive and finals with regard to the pandemic emergency.
- Plaque for the Rock Island Center for Math & Science

Action on Routine Matters

- Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dothard 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

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 blanked motion:

- VII. A. That the Board of Education approve the School Improvement Plans for Rock Island High School, Edison and Washington Jr. High Schools, Earl Hanson Elementary School and the Rock Island Academy.
- VIII. B. That the Board of Education approve the following minutes to be open to the public:

July 21, 2008	July 22, 2008	June 16, 2009	June 23, 2009
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And the following minutes be kept on file as confidential:

May 12, 2009	May 26, 2009	June 9, 2009	September 8, 2009
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- VIII. C. That the Board of Education approve the Resolution Naming Depositories as presented.
- VIII. D. That the Board of Education approve the BHASED 2009-10 Budget.
- VIII. F. That the Board of Education approve the October Fund Raisers.
- IX. C. That the Board of Education approve the Statement of Completion for Health/Life Safety Amendment for Rock Island High School.
- IX. D. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of a variety of student and teacher materials used in reading, math and spelling instruction in special education classrooms throughout the district in K-8 classrooms. Total cost of the purchase is \$194,437.00 from SRA McGraw-Hill. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*
- IX. E. That the Board of Education approve the license extension for the SkillsTutor program at Edison, Washington, Rocky and Thurgood Marshall Center at a cost of \$26,375.00. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*
- IX. F. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Discreet Trial Trainer Special & Regular Education program from Acceleration Educational Software in the amount of \$9,515.00. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*
- IX. G. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of Enhanced Secondary Library Student program from PLATO Learning in the amount of \$69,316.00. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*
- IX. H. That the Board of Education approve the contract with RK Dixon, Davenport, IA, for switches for the computer network upgrade at Eugene Field, Longfellow and the Primary Academy due to the expansion of rooms at a cost of \$10,522.13.

- IX. I. That the Board of Education approve the Rooftop Lease with Option Agreement between the Rock Island School District and Iowa Wireless Services, LLC. The District will receive \$900.00 per month for granting the use of the roof at Thurgood Marshall Center for array antennas and portion of the site for the equipment.
- IX. J. That the Board of Education acknowledge the following donations:
- David Douglas** - \$1,500.00 to assist in teaching about water resources and alternative energy at Thurgood Marshall
Charles Dix & Mary Dodd - \$20.00 for the Student Rewards program at Washington
Rock Island Rotary - \$750.00 for the Student Rewards program at Washington
- IX. K. That the Board of Education approve the Investment Report for quarter ended September 30, 2009.
- IX. L. That the Board of Education approve the August and September Financial Statements.
- IX. M. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated September 30, 2009 (\$3,091,300.70 and October 15, 2009 (\$4,212,901.79.
- X. B. That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Appointment:
- Susan Martinez** - ELL/District/Salary \$25,526.33 (based on 134 days with a base salary of \$34,670.00
- X. C. That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Rehire:
- Janice Watts** - Reading/Half-time/Thurgood Marshall/Salary \$16,913.41
- X. D. That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Unpaid Leave of Absence due to child care beginning January 4, 2010 (second semester) for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year:
- Toni Chisholm** - Multiage 1-2/Rock Island Center for Math & Science
- X. E. That the Board of Education approve the following Non-Certified Appointments:
- Jayne Nies** - Special Ed. Para./SKIP/Salary \$10,524.69 (based on 142 days with a base salary of \$13,341.24)
Temia Rice - Special Ed. Para./Rock Island Intermediate Academy/Salary \$11,310.98 (based on 135 days with a base salary of \$15,081.30)
Brandon Terronez - Special Ed. Para./Thurgood Marshall Center/Salary \$9,547.88 (based on 135 days with a base salary of \$12,730.50

Jennifer Upton – Special Ed. Para./SKIP/Salary \$10,113.68 (based on 143 days with a base salary of \$12,730.50)

Heather Wangler – LPH/Rock Island Center for Math & Science/Salary \$10,383.04 (based on 142 days with a base salary of \$12,942.34)

Education – District Report Card Update

Bill Osborne presented the 2009 District Report Card, highlighting data relating to student demographics and test scores.

Operations – Score Card Updates

Members of the Cabinet provided score card updates. *A copy of the updated score card is provided with the official minutes kept on file at the Administration Center.*

Operations – Youth Build Agreement

Kay Ingham provided the Board with a quick update regarding changes in the Youth Build program. The program has been part of our district for seven years. Students built their first house and over the years have had three different directors and a variety of contractors. The Day Foundation has been a wonderful source as well as John Deere and United Way. These sources have been less able to support the program. This program has provided a positive impact on the lives of the kids at the Marshall Center. George Guy and the Housing Authority have offered to take over the administrative and financial aspects of the program. As a result the housing authority makes a great connection with houses to be rebuilt. This is an opportunity to move forward. Mr. Ambrose will take a more active role in this process. Meetings will begin next week to talk about what this will look like. It will be on hiatus' for a month to get organized and be back building in January.

Business/Finance – Property Tax Levy

Dr. Oberhaus presented the preliminary property tax levy information. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Business/Finance – Five-Year Financial Projections

Dr. Oberhaus presented the five-year financial projections. *A copy of the presentation is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Personnel – Administrative Salaries Compensation Report

In compliance with Public Act 96-034, Dr. Oberhaus presented the Administrative Salaries Compensation report. This report has been filed with the ROE and ISBE and is posted on our website. This will also be presented with teacher salaries in the spring of 2010. *A copy of the presentation 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 Dr. James E. Bishop to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. William L. Cleaver, President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk