

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

November 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 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, 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

Reports from Board Members

- Voting Members

Board members reported on their attendance at Denkmann's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Booster Club Raffle and Dance where the Club netted over \$6,000 and the Veterans Day Celebration at Earl Hanson. Ms. Dothard will be attending the NABSE conference in Indianapolis.

- Student Members

Student members reported on the student food drive that received a total of 31,000 pounds of canned goods collected. Our district had the greatest quality of food collected. Students at the high school are willing to work with the administrators and board to reduce costs and reduce waste.

Updates from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy announced that Channels 4 and 6 covered the assemblies at Earl Hanson and Rock Island Center for Math & Science. A nice article was in the Argus featuring the Illinois Army National Guard who partners with the RICMS. He thanked all veterans in our school district and the community who have made a difference in making our country what it is.

Mr. Loy addressed the H1N1 issue. Our district will host a free vaccination clinic on November 17th at Rock Island High School. He shared an article from the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce talking about Career Cruising. The Chamber is now providing funding opportunities for other Quad City schools. Mr. Loy asked Board members to consider further TAG training with the IASB. He also proposed a 4:00 p.m. tour of the Academy and RICMS.

Action on Routine Matters

- Blanket Motion

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

- VII. That the Board of Education approve Student Expulsion No. 01/11/22.
- VIII. B.1. That the Board of Education approve the transfer of sub-accounts at Frances Willard Elementary School.
- VIII. B.2. That the Board of Education approve the move of the student fund raising accounts at the Rock Island Center for Math & Science.
- VIII. C.1. That the Board of Education award a contract to S.J. Smith, Davenport, IA, in the amount of \$12,338.44 for welders at Rock Island High School.
- VIII. C.2. That the Board of Education award a contract to DEPCO, Pittsburg, KS, in the amount of \$45,100.00 for the Modular Technology Lab at Rock Island High School.
- VIII. C.3. That the Board of Education award a contract to Center Stage, Monmouth, Illinois, in the amount of \$19,890.00 for the replacement of the sound system in the Field House at Rock Island High School.
- VIII. C.4. That the Board of Education contract with Cleaveland Insurance Group for developing bid specifications, bidding, analyzing bids and making a recommendation for the District health insurance program for \$10,900.
- VIII. C.5. That the Board of Education rescind the contract with RK Dixon, Davenport, IA, for switches for the computer network upgrade at Eugene Field, Longfellow and the Primary Academy at a cost of \$10,522.13.
- VIII. C.6. That the Board of Education award a contract to RK Dixon, Davenport, IA, for switches for the computer network upgrade at Eugene Field, Longfellow and the Primary Academy at a cost of \$13,938.22 as presented.
- VIII. C.7. That the Board of Education award a contract to Macintosh Computers in the amount of \$15,778.00 to purchase computers for student use and for four staff members as presented. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*
- VIII. C.8. That the Board of Education award a contract to Dell Computers in the amount of \$21,566.00 to purchase computers for student use at Edison, Washington, Rocky and Thurgood Marshall as presented. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*

- VIII. C.9. That the Board of Education award a contract to Promethean Active Classroom in the amount of \$10,790.00 to purchase five interactive whiteboards for special education classrooms at Earl Hanson, Edison and the Rock Island Center for Math & Science as presented. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*
- VIII. C.10. That the Board of Education award a contract to Dukane Company in the amount of \$4,058.00 to purchase carts to be shared by special education teachers at Thurgood Marshall Center as presented. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*
- VIII. C.11. That the Board of Education award a contract to Advanced Brain Technologies in the amount of \$1,262.00 to purchase listening kits for use with students throughout the District under the direction of our Autism Facilitator as presented. *Pending approval of the ARRA IDEA grant from the Illinois State Board of Education.*
- VIII. D. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated October 30, 2009 in the amount of \$3,262,281.42.
- VIII. D. That the Board of Education approve the 2008-09 Audit as presented at the October 27, 2009 meeting of the Board.

Business/Finance - 2010-2011 Budget

Dr. Oberhaus reviewed details of the 2010-2011 Budget presentation he provided at the October 27, 2009 meeting of the Board. He explained the \$29 million in reserves and how much money the Board has committed to for the Building Excellence projects. Dr. Oberhaus presented the five year projections at the October 27th meeting of the board. The district is projecting a \$4.2 million deficit and would like to build a budget with a deficit no greater than \$2,150,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Earl Strupp and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to direct the administration to construct the 2010-2011 budget with a deficit no greater than \$2,150,000. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

School Improvement Plan Presentations

Gary Flecker and mark Hepner presented the School Improvement Plans for Edison and Washington Jr. High Schools that were approved at the October 27, 2009 meeting of the Board. *Copies of the Plans are kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

SKIP Location

Kay Ingham discussed with the Board the pending recommendation to move SKIP to the Horace Mann location beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.

School Transitions Report

Ken Jaeke presented a brief overview of our District 41 grade transition procedures, activities and protocols. These protocols involve transitions from Pre-K to Kindergarten, 6th grade to Jr. High School, Junior High School to Grade 9 and Grade 12 and beyond.

First Reading of Board Policy Revisions

Cabinet members reviewed the revisions to Board Policies 2:20, 2:40, 2:70E, 2:110, 3:40, 4:40, 4:100, 4:140, 6:340 and 7:190 as recommended by PRESS.

Building Excellence Update

Mike Oberhaus and Ben Hott provided the Building Excellence update, including a presentation from Greg Larrison on the designs for Earl Hanson and discussion of the junior high schools. After much discussion, the Board decided to put on hold the remodeling construction at Edison and Washington Junior High Schools. The \$900,000 cost savings will become part of the \$2.15 million in cuts that will be presented to the Board this winter.

IASB Resolutions

Board members reviewed the IASB Resolutions to be considered at the Triple I Conference November 20-22, 2009. Dr. Oberhaus reviewed the IASB Resolutions with the Board. The Board agreed to support all of IASB's recommendations. Mr. Rockwell volunteered to be the Board's representative at the IASB Resolutions meeting in Chicago on November 21st.

Rock Island Center for Math & Science Plaque

Mr. Loy led a discussion on the plaque to be placed in the Rock Island Center for Math & Science. A separate plaque will be placed on the grounds in honor of the Robinsons. The Board directed the administration to move forward with the plaque by the superintendent (without Robinson Woods). The Board then directed the administration to work with board members Earl Strupp and Dave Rockwell to create an outdoor plaque in honor of the Robinsons (and all Rock Island teachers), placing it in a mutually agreed upon location in Robinson Woods.

Rock Island High School Attendance Incentive and Finals

Robert Mason presented insight into the attendance incentive and finals with regard to the pandemic emergency.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to move to Executive Session to discuss the employment of a specific employee. 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 9:03 p.m.

Open Session

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to return to open session. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting in open session at 9:44 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 9:45 p.m.

Mr. William L. Cleaver, President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk