

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

November 24, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in the library at Rock Island High School. President William L. Cleaver called the meeting to order at 5:35 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, Xavier 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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Ms. Linda Dothard 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 5:35 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 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 Mr. Jerry Tutskey to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of October 27 and November 10, 2009 as presented. All members present voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

Reports from Board Members

- Voting Members

Board members reported on their attendance at the Triple I Joint Annual Conference held in Chicago November 19-22, 2009. They highlighted special sessions along with the Chicago Schools tour of the Agricultural Science school. Ms. Dothard reported on her attendance at the National Alliance of Black School Educators in Indianapolis, IN. Board members received a lot of materials from these conferences and will distribute them upon request.

- Student Members

Zavier Clark reported on the girls' and boys' basketball seasons that are underway. He also announced that the PTSA is holding a Post-Prom event on Monday, November 30th with free admission.

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy spoke about an article on Myths of Poverty; Reality for Students. Call him or each other to discuss it. He received a postcard from Sally O'Donnell regarding last week's free H1N1 flu shot clinic held at Rock Island High School. Over 300 students received the vaccine. He referred to a newsletter from Thurgood Marshall that highlights the many positive things happening in that school. Principal Phil Ambrose informed him that five students are qualified to graduate from Rock Island High School at the end of this school year. Mr. Loy reminded Board members of the holiday programs beginning next week with the last ones taking place at Ridgewood and SKIP on December 18th.

Action on Routine Matters

- Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Earl Strupp 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 blanked motion:

- X. F. That the Board of Education approve Student Expulsion No. 05/01/20.
- X. G. That the Board of Education approve the November Fund Raiser requests.
- XI. C. That the Board of Education approve the execution of contracts with Supplemental Educational Services Providers as presented. Total expenditures per student not to exceed \$2,065.05. Title I funds will be used as required by NCLB.
- XI. D. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Discover Intensive Phonics and Reading Horizons programs as presented for a cost of \$158,362 as presented. Title I ARRA funds and IDEA ARRA funds (when approved) will be used.
- XI. E. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of 150 MacBook laptop computers for student use with the Reading Horizons program for a cost not to exceed \$164,850. Title I ARRA funds will be used.

- XI. F. That the Board of Education approve the contract with the Holiday Inn, Rock Island, Illinois, for the 2010 Medal of Honor Banquet. Cost is covered by donations from local agencies and attendees of the banquet.
- XI. G. That the Board of Education acknowledge the following Donations:
- BP Fabric of America Fund/Patricia Parker** - \$250 to be decided by Ridgewood
Lisa Montgomery Lofgren - \$100.00 for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families at the Rock Island Center for Math & Science
Robert E. Lee - \$100.00 for supplies for Tera McCormick Skinner's classroom at the Rock Island Center for Math & Science
- XI. H. That the Board of Education approve the October Financial Statements.
- XI. I. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated November 15, 2009 (\$2,757,749.00) and November 16, 2009 (\$549.80).
- XII. B. That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Appointments:
- Danielle Hansen** - Speech Pathologist/Thomas Jefferson/Salary \$32,711.80 (117 days with a base salary of \$50,885.00)
Laura Hotle - Multiage 1-2/Rock Island Center for Math & Science/Salary \$21,335.38 (112 days with a base salary of \$34,670.00)
- XII. C. That the Board of Education accept the Non-Certified Resignation of **Jevon Robinson** effective October 30, 2009.

Special Items - Hearings

- **Property Tax Levy**

President Cleaver called three times for anyone wishing to address the Board of Education regarding the Property Tax Levy. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

- **Administrative Cost Limitations Waiver**

President Cleaver called three times for anyone wishing to address the Board of Education regarding the Administrative Cost Limitations Waiver. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

Education - School Improvement Plans

Deb Taber and Lucille McCorkle presented the School Improvement Plans for Earl Hanson and the Academies, which 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.*

Education - PBIS Update

Diane LaMaster provided an update on the PBIS initiatives in District 41. *A copy of the report is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

Operations - Revised Website Presentation

Mike Breidenstein and Holly Sparkman presented the revised district website. If all goes well, the site should be up by next week.

Operations - TAG Sessions

Board members determined that they will split the TAG session into two separate sessions. The first will be held December 15, 2009 with the second to be determined at a later date.

Operations - Second Reading of Revised Board Policies

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

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to approve the revisions to Board Policies 2:20, 2:40, 2:70E, 2:110, 3:40, 4:40, 4:100, 4:110, 4:140, 6:340 and 7:190 as recommended by PRESS. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Operations - First Reading of Revised Board Policies

Cabinet members will review 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.

Operations - Enrollment Projections

Dr. Mike Oberhaus presented the Enrollment Projections from 2010-2011 through 2014-2015. *A copy of the report is kept on file in the Finance Department at the Administration Center.*

Business/Finance - Property Tax Levy

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Ms. Linda Dothard to approve the Property Tax Levy as presented. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Business/Finance - Administrative Cost Limitations Waiver

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to approve the Administrative Cost Limitations Waiver as presented. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Personnel – Certified Resignation Due to Retirement

Mr. Loy read the following letter to the Board dated November 24, 2009:

It is with mixed emotions that I have decided to submit my letter of resignation as superintendent of Rock Island - Milan School District #41, effective June 30, 2010. I plan to retire at that time. Please know that I will continue to work diligently for the betterment of our schools until such time.

I feel blessed to have been able to work for 24 years, 18 as a principal at three schools and the last 6 as superintendent in this prodigious school system and community. It truly has been a wonderfully rich and rewarding experience.

What a great way to spend your life... working with an outstanding Board and administration; collaborating with hundreds of compassionate teachers who excel at educating children; and the parents and community, so committed to our deserving students.

The time has passed in a blink of the eye, 35 years of working with children, of believing in, and living by my core value... Kids First.

Thank you Rock Island - Milan Schools and community.

I wish you well,

Rick Loy

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to accept the Certified Resignation due to Retirement for Richard A. Loy, Superintendent, effective June 30, 2010. A roll call vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Earl Strupp and seconded by Ms. Linda Dothard to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. William L. Cleaver, President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk