

**ROCK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

April 8, 2008

The regular meeting and committee of the whole of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in the Library at Rock Island High School. President Steve Clark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting began with a reception to honor the Metro Youth Program adult leaders and Rock Island High School student Jerome Dehnel.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Steve Clark, Mr. Earl Strupp, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Russ Kennel, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Jim Veasey and Student Members Spencer Brooks and Ashley Dean

Member Absent: Student Member Shaneeka Evans

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

Presentation of Certificates

The Board presented Certificates of Recognition to Rock Island High School student Jerome Dehnel for being named to the Illinois Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association AA First Team All-State Team; and to the Metro Youth Program adult leaders for their commitment to the progress of the youth in Rock Island and the Quad City area.

Resignation of Board President

Mr. Steve Clark read a statement that announced his resignation from the Board of Education. He has accepted a position with the Illinois Association of School Boards that does not allow him to serve on a local Board of Education. He thanked our community for allowing him the opportunity to serve over these many years and his fellow board members to allow him the opportunity to serve as its president. It has been an honor and privilege.

Updates from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy provided a list of upcoming events for Board members to sign up for. Mr. Loy stated that at the next Board meeting we will recognize our six all state students from the Speech Team. He referred to the survey from the IASB, and asked everyone to take the time to fill it out and send directly to the state or hand to Kim Colson for mailing.

Mr. Loy gave an update on the progress of the Thurgood Marshall Center principal search. Five finalists have been chosen and will be interview the week of April 14th and the interview committee will bring the candidate to the board on May 22nd.

The District received a Certificate of Financial Recognition for the 2007 year from the Illinois State Board of Education. Mr. Loy recognized Associate Superintendent Mike Oberhaus and his team for the District's financial soundness.

Reports from Student Members

Ashley Dean announced that the symphonic and chamber choirs from Rock Island High School will go to Geneseo this weekend for a competition. Spencer Brooks announced that the speech team traveled to Springfield where they finished 4th in the state.

Blanket Motion

It was moved by Mr. Russ Kennel, seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey and unanimously carried by a roll call vote that the following items be approved as a blanket motion:

- VII. A. That the Board of Education approve the Head Start Grant Application.
- VII. B. That the Board of Education approve the Overnight Field Trip requests for Rock Island High School students to attend the Environthon Competition in Monticello, Illinois and the Earl Hanson Elementary School students to attend the state Scholastic Bowl competition in Chester, Illinois.
- VII. C. That the Board of Education approve Student Expulsion No's. 02/03/03, 02/01/20, 01/09/18, 04/18/23 and 02/03/13.
- VIII. A.1. That the Board of Education approve a contact with Shive Hattery for the demolition of the buildings at the Villa site at a cost of \$20,400 plus reimbursables as presented.
- VIII. A.2. That the Board of Education approve the Life Safety Amendments for Rock Island High School (\$97,080) and Edison Jr. High School (\$191,070) as presented.
- VIII. A.3. That the Board of Education approve contracts with Missman Stanley & Associates P.C. for Rock Island High School (\$11,000) and Edison Jr. High School (\$6,000) as presented.
- VIII. A.4. That the Board of Education award a contract to Ragan Mechanical, Inc., Davenport, Iowa, in the amount of \$16,481.94 for air conditioning cleaning and start-up in all district buildings as presented.
- VIII. A.5. That the Board of Education award a contract to Quint Co., Inc., Moline, Illinois, in the amount of \$21,510.00 for boiler cleaning and inspection in all district buildings as presented.
- VIII. A.6. That the Board of Education award a contract to Layer Brothers, Milan, Illinois, in the amount of \$385.00 per hour for snow removal throughout the district as presented.

- VIII. A.7. That the Board of Education award a contract to Allied Waste, Bettendorf, Iowa in the amount of \$22,048.50 for trash removal throughout the district as presented.
- VIII. A.8. That the Board of Education award a contract to McClure Engineering Associates, Inc., East Moline, IL, in the amount of \$9,500.00 for Civil Engineering Site Design at the Primary Academy.
- VIII. B. That the Board of Education approve the February Financial Statements as presented.
- VIII. C. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated March 20, 2008 (\$3,114,074.45) and April 4, 2008 (\$2,320,415.80).

Bidding Policy Review

It was recommended that the Board of Education appoint the superintendent to form a committee to work on possible revisions to purchasing policy and procedures. Mr. Loy would like two Board members on this committee. Russ Kennel, Earl Strupp and Jerry Tutskey volunteered for this committee. , Mr. Clark stated that we should contact the IASB Resolutions Committee since they had a proposal to allow a 2% leigh way for local vendors. He also suggested having Vic Boblett serve on the committee.

Board Travel Review

Board members reviewed a Board Travel Request spreadsheet that would help in preparing the budget for next school year. Mr. Kennel suggested a quarterly review of each member's travel expenses to keep track of what we are doing.

If you have any changes to the current policy, please contact Earl Strupp or Rick Loy.

Committee to Name New School

Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown reviewed the procedures to form a committee to name the new school at the Villa Site. Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown, Principal of the New Magnet School and also current Principal of Denkmann Elementary, told the board that she is in the process of forming a committee to propose a name for the new school.

School Board Goals

Board members reviewed current goals and discussed any possible changes or modifications for the 2008-09 school year. The Board identified their goals for the 08-09 school year and decided that there will be no major changes until they were satisfied with the District's Scorecard data. Amid the restructuring over the last year, the focus should remain steady.

Building Excellence

Mike Oberhaus provided an update on the Building Excellence plan. The city council approved the new magnet school zoning at the meeting Monday, April 7, and the University of Illinois has completed work on the recordation and archeological surveys on the property and are preparing the information for the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency. The District will wait to hear from the agency to move ahead with demolition. Bids for asbestos abatement and demolition went out and are expected back next week. The construction bid is due back on May 6th. At this stage, the priority/tier one projects are the new school, Primary Academy, Eugene Field and Longfellow.

Operations - Board Vacancy

The Board is soliciting names of community members who may be interested in serving on the Board from May 2008 to April 2009 (next election). Interested parties need to fill out an application and turn it in by April 23rd. Applications are available on our web site or by contacting Kim Colson at the Administrative Center.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to move to Executive Session to discuss Negotiations. All members present voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting in Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Open Session

A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to return to open session. All members present voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting in open session at 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Steve Clark and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Stephen Clark, President

Michael Oberhaus, Clerk