

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

September 18, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, September 18, 2007 in the Library at Rock Island High School. President Steve Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Steve Clark, Mr. Earl Strupp, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Russel Kennel, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Jim Veasey

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

Approval of Board of Education Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2007 (*including Executive Session Minutes to be kept on file as confidential*) and Retreat of September 4, 2007 (*including Executive Session Minutes to be kept on file as confidential*), as presented. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Reports from Board Members

Mr. Clark congratulated Mr. Loy on the 12th annual State of the Schools Address on September 11, 2007. He also complimented Jim Gremanis and the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation for the Awards Dinner following the Address. He congratulated the newly inducted "Rock Island Legends" and "Founders Circle."

Report from the Superintendent

Mr. Loy reminded Board members of the Triple I conference in November. Mr. Loy provided a handout referring to the state budget and a public hearing on September 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rock Island County Courthouse. Mr. Loy requested that the Executive Session be removed from this evening's agenda.

Report from R.I.E.A. Representative

Ms. Sandy Hovonick spoke about the proposed Building Excellence changes and stated that the association will carefully monitor the process to be sure the teacher's contract is upheld.

Action on Routine Matters**• Approve Agenda Deletion**

A motion was made by Ms. Linda Dothard and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to approve the deletion of Executive Session. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

• Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to approve the agenda as amended, including the addenda items. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

• Blanket Motion

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

- VI. A. That the Board of Education adopt the revised Board Policy 6:160 English Language Learners.
- VI. C. That the Board of Education approve the September Fundraiser Requests.
- VII. A. 1. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of the Destiny Resource Management Solution Library Circulation software for a total cost of \$52,201.88.
- VII. A. 2. That the Board of Education approve the purchase of computer equipment from Dell Computers in the amount of \$16,944.63.
- VII. A. 3. That the Board of Education approve the Contract for Services with the Robert Young Center in the amount of \$28,762.50.
- VII. A. 4. That the Board of Education approve the Contract for Service for Western Illinois University in the amount of \$6,568.00 for the Externally Funded Assistantship Agreement for graduate students.
- VII. A. 5. That the Board of Education approve the Contract for Service for Nora Rodriguez in the estimated amount of \$30,435.00 as the HOSTS Coordinator at the Rock Island Primary Academy.
- VII. B. That the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Sale by Sealed Bids of Approximately 1.033 Acres Improved with a Two-Story Masonry Building located at 2103 Fifth Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

VII. C. That the Board of Education acknowledge the following donations:

Terry & Sue Helmers - \$50.00 for Student Reward Program at Washington
Jeff & Cheryl McClendon - \$25.00 for Student Reward Program at Washington
Angela & Gus Kachevas - \$50.00 for Student Reward Program at Washington
Stephen & Nancy Walker - \$100.00 for Student Reward Program at Washington
Al Nesseler - \$300.00 for Coloring Books, Batteries and Banner for SKIP
Brad Yeager - \$700.00 value - Piano for Auditorium at Rock Island High School

VII. D. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated September 7, 2007 in the amount of \$2,407,575.89.

VIII. A. That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Appointment:

Chad Wickard - Multiage 5-6/Frances Willard Elementary School/Salary \$28,230.34 (based on 157 days with a base salary of \$32,166.00)

VIII. B. That the Board of Education rescind the resignation of **Stephanie Smith**, P.E. Teacher at the Rock Island Primary Academy.

VIII. C. That the Board of Education approve the following Certified Rehire:

Maureen Moeller - Counselor/District/3 days per week/Salary \$331.74 per day

VIII. D. That the Board of Education approve the following Non-Certified Appointment:

Jana Campbell - Intern/District/Salary \$8,000.00
Michael Carton - Reading Paraprofessional/Eugene Field Elementary School/Salary \$9,677.25 (based on 153 days with a base salary of \$11,385.00)
Jarrett Daugherty - Special Education Paraprofessional/Washington Jr. High School/Salary \$12,012.00 (based on 156 days with a base salary of \$13,860.00)
Sofia Hicks - Nurse/Edison Jr. High School/Salary \$19,535.39 (based on 149 days with a base salary of \$23,206.47)
Craig Sharp - LOFL Enrichment Coordinator/Rock Island High School/Salary \$20.00 an hour

VIII. E. That the Board of Education accept the Non-Certified Resignation of **Cathy Gingerich**, Nurse at Edison and Longfellow, effective July 27, 2007.

Operations - Applications for Recognition of Schools

Mr. Kennel asked for further details on this process. Mr. Loy clarified that this is an application we must fill out online through the Illinois State Board of Education. The application verifies that our schools are living up to many different specific stipulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Ms. Linda Dothard to approve the 2007-08 Applications for Recognition of Schools for all schools in District 41. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.

Special Item - Building Excellence

Superintendent Loy made the following recommendation to the Board of Education on the repositioning of schools in District 41:

- New School: Build a new elementary Magnet school at the old Villa de Chantal property. The Magnet school will focus on math and science, with a carefully designed curriculum that will create opportunities for students to participate in hands-on learning experiences. This will serve as a catalyst for improving math and science instruction in all of our elementary schools.
- Close Audubon. Audubon students will merge with Eugene Field and the new Magnet school at the Villa. Some students will also have an option to attend the repurposed Longfellow School.
- Close Horace Mann. Horace Mann students will attend the new Magnet school at the Villa. The new school will maintain some of the original Horace Mann components such as multiage and mandatory parent involvement. The educational focus will be math and science.
- Merge Primary and Intermediate Academies, closing the Intermediate Academy site. Some students will attend the new Magnet school and/or the repurposed Longfellow school.
- A potential partnership between Longfellow School and Augustana College may create an innovative lab school that could include emphasis on a liberal arts curriculum. This will be an open enrollment school, allowing up to 250 students.
- New Construction
 - Add new wings to Eugene Field and Primary Academy.
 - Additional space to Frances Willard, Earl Hanson, Longfellow, Ridgewood, Thomas Jefferson, Denkmann, Edison and Washington. Could include building separate cafeterias or gymnasiums, additional office, counseling and small group instructional spaces, and in some cases, additional classrooms.
- Tentative timeline:
 - September 25, 2007: Community Forum, Rock Island High School Library at 6:30 p.m.
 - October 2, 2007: Board of Education Votes on Recommendation
 - February 5, 2008: Tentative Referendum
 - August 1, 2009: Implementation of Building Excellence Recommendation

Board members discussed the proposed changes and asked questions of Mr. Loy. Mr. Clark reminded the Board and audience of the public forum on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Rock Island High School.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Russ Kennel and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Stephen Clark, President

Michael Oberhaus, Clerk