

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

**April 22, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Tuesday, April 22, 2008 in the Library at Rock Island High School. President Earl Strupp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Mr. Earl Strupp, Ms. Linda Dothard, Mr. Russel Kennel, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Jerry Tutskey and Mr. Jim Veasey and Student Members Spencer Brooks and Shaneeka Evans

Members Absent: Student Member Ashley Dean

Staff Present: Mr. Rick Loy, 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. Jim Veasey to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2008 and April 8, 2008 (*including Executive Session minutes to be kept on file as confidential*) and special meeting of Marcy 18, 2008 as presented. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

**Special Item - Presentation of Certificates**

The Board of Education recognized resigning member Steve Clark for his 32 years of dedicated service.

The Board presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the 2007-08 Speech Team: Mari Alvarado-Rosales, Spencer Brooks, Brittany Carton, Alyssa Clevenstine, Ben Simkins, Tara Vandygriff, Julia Anders, Michelle Bower and Jenna Hull. Coach Rino Dellavedova was also recognized and spoke about the team's successful season.

**Special Item - Election of Vice President**

Mr. Tutskey nominated Mr. Russ Kennel; Mr. Veasey nominated Ms. Linda Dothard. A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to close the nominations. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the nominations closed.

**A roll call vote was called showing the following members voting for Mr. Russ Kennel: Mr. Jerry Tutskey, Mr. Dave Rockwell, Mr. Russ Kennel and Mr. Earl Strupp. The following members voted for Ms. Linda Dothard: Mr. Jim Veasey and Ms. Linda Dothard. The President declared that Mr. Russ Kennel will be the Vice President.**

**Reports from Board Members**

- Voting Members

Mr. Veasey attended the Head Start Policy Council meeting who will have visits with kids' parents this month. The Head Start Banquet is May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Milan Community Center at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Tutskey attended the Employee/Employer breakfast at the Milan Community Center last week.

Ms. Dothard attended the spring choir concert last week at the high school. She also attended an Illinois Liquid Asset Fund meeting.

Mr. Strupp reported that the chess program is now in seven classes with the age range being second graders up to sixth grade.

- Students

Shaneeka Evans announced that the juniors will take the PSAE tomorrow and the next day. The choir had a concert last week. Spencer Brooks reported that Chick Fillet will have coupons that will support the after prom on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Report from the Superintendent**

Mr. Loy handed out an updated calendar of events that the Board is invited to attend. He has added May 7<sup>th</sup> which is the MJTIP banquet. He also spoke about the possibility of looking at new and different ways of determining the budget and Board travel expenses. He provided a handout and asked Board members to look it over and come prepared at the May meeting to update it.

**Action on Routine Matters**

- Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Jerry Tutskey 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

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

VII. B. That the Board of Education approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for Earl Hanson Elementary School students to Loud Thunder Boy Scout Camp in Illinois City, Illinois.

- VIII. C. That the Board of Education approve the Executive Session Minutes recommendation as presented.
- VIII. G. That the Board of Education approve the April Fundraiser requests.
- IX. B. 1. That the Board of Education award a contract to Angel Abatement, Chicago Heights, Illinois, in the amount of \$39,000 for asbestos abatement at the Villa site.
- IX. B. 2. That the Board of Education award a contract to Construction Partners, Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of \$356,140 for the demolition of the Villa site.
- IX. C. That the Board of Education approve the membership renewal to the IHSA for the 2008-09 school year at no cost to the district.
- IX. E. That the Board of Education approve the Investment report for quarter ended March 31, 2008.
- IX. F. That the Board of Education approve the additional activity account at the Rock Island Intermediate Academy.
- IX. G. That the Board of Education acknowledge the following List of Donations:
- Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation - \$500.00 for Ballet Residency at Frances Willard  
Augustana Reading/Writing Ctr. - \$750.00 (est.) for Books for students at Longfellow  
Susan Rohm - \$27.50 to send a student in financial need to Chicago from Longfellow  
RI-Milan Boosters - \$750.00 for Ballet Residency at Frances Willard  
United Way - \$221.90 for Classroom needs at SKIP  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mandle - \$25.00 for the Student Reward program at Washington  
Major & Mrs. Scott Whitman - \$25.00 for the Student Reward program at Washington  
Evy White - \$350 value - Viola for the music department in District 41
- IX. H. That the Board of Education authorize Bills for Payment dated April 18, 2008 in the amount of \$2,574,083.37.
- X. A. That the Board of Education accept the Certified Resignation of Elizabeth Broadbent, effective July 31, 2008.
- X. B. That the Board of Education approve the following Non-Certified Appointment:
- Benjamin Hott** - Construction Project Manager/Administration Center/Salary \$14,019.23 (based on 81 days with a base salary of \$45,000)
- X. C. That the Board of Education accept the following Non-Certified Resignations:
- Gena Garcia** - Secretary/Dean's Complex/Rock Island High School/Effective April 11, 2008

**Donita Gibbs** – Secretary/Thurgood Marshall Center/Effective June 11, 2008

**Shawn Stolnacke** – Special Ed. Para./Audubon/Effective April 11, 2008

X. D. That the Board of Education approve the non-reemployment of the following Non-Certified Employees:

1. Derrick Anderson/Special Education Para./Rock Island High School
2. Carol Bentsen/Special Education Para./Edison Jr. High School
3. Jarrett Daugherty/Special Education Para./Washington Jr. High School
4. Jennifer Reed/Special Education Para./Thurgood Marshall Center
5. Sarah Bentsen/Title I Para./Audubon Elementary School
6. Steve Cravens/Title I Para./Audubon Elementary School
7. Rose Wilson/Classroom Para./Audubon Elementary School
8. Julie Samuelson/Classroom Para./Denkmann Elementary School
9. Stephanie Sherrod/Special Education Para./Earl Hanson Elementary School
10. Michael Carton/Reading Para./Eugene Field Elementary School
11. Mike Atkins-Jacobs/title I Para./Frances Willard Elementary School
12. Meloney Brasmer/Classroom Para./Frances Willard Elementary School
13. Kara Hurst/Special Education Para./R.I. Intermediate Academy
14. Natoshia Johnson/Special Education Para./R.I. Intermediate Academy
15. Stacey Starkell/Special Education Para./R.I. Intermediate Academy
16. Tammy Scharff/Classroom Para./Longfellow Elementary School
17. Elise Dunn/Classroom Para./R.I. Primary Academy
18. Patricia Gallegos/Special Education Para./R.I. Primary Academy
19. Kristopher Peters/Special Education Para./R.I. Primary Academy
20. Cynthia Heimbeck/Special Education Para./SKIP
21. Tausha Knowlin/Special Education Para./SKIP
22. Ashley McCreight/Classroom Para./Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

### **Education – Rock Island High School Restructuring Plan**

Georgia Kouris and Ken Jaeke presented information on the restructuring plan for Rock Island High School. *A copy of the information is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

**A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jim Veasey to approve the Rock Island High School Restructuring Plan as presented. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.**

### **Operations – Board Vacancy Process and Timeline**

Mr. Loy gave a quick review of the process of accepting applications for the Board Vacancy. Applications will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2008. Board members will receive all applications via e-mail prior to this meeting. The Board will discuss all the candidates and determine who to interview. We will try to set May 12, 2008 for candidates to interview with the Board. This will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Center.

**Board Member Leaves**

Mr. Russ Kennel left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**Operations - Board Policy Revisions**

The PRESS of IASB has recommended 18 policies with revisions for Board approval. The Administration is recommending that 15 be approved as is. Two are recommended with changes. One is not being recommended for adoption.

**Operations - Community Survey Results**

Holly Sparkman and Jennifer Fowler presented the community survey results. *A copy of the report is kept on file with the official minutes at the Administration Center.*

**Operations - Building Excellence Update**

Mr. Oberhaus reported that the Illinois Historic Preservation Society recommended that the school district move forward with their plan since the archeological survey was unfounded. Mr. Oberhaus hopes to receive their memo of so we can move forward. We will hopefully begin work at the site very soon.

**Operations - Joint Agreement with the Regional Office of Education**

Mr. Kennel had asked if this was a new agreement or renewal. It is a renewal.

**A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell to approve the Joint Agreement Between the Rock Island County Regional Office of Education and Rock Island School District 41 to provide Alternative/Optional Education Program through the Illinois Regional Safe Schools Program as presented. A voice vote was called showing all members present voting "Aye." No "Nay" votes being cast, the President declared the motion carried.**

**Business/Finance - Rock Island High School Field/Stadium Grant Proposal**

Jim Gremanis and Gary Miner asked for the Board's blessing for applying for a grant to help fund the stadium and baseball field projects. A sketch of the proposal was provided to the Board. The grant funder will more than likely ask for naming rites to the project. The Board of Education directed the gentlemen to go ahead with the grant proposal.

**Business/Finance - March Financial Statements**

**A motion was made by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to approve the March Financial Statements 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.**

**Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Dave Rockwell to move to Executive Session to discuss Negotiations. 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 8:40 p.m.**

**Open Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey 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 9:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Jim Veasey and seconded by Mr. Jerry Tutskey to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Mr. Earl L. Strupp, Jr., President

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Michael Oberhaus, Clerk