

Rockdale School District 84
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

715 Meadow Avenue Rockdale, Illinois, Monday, June 19, 2023.

Closed Session Meeting in the Media Center at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting in the Media Center at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order Regular Meeting:

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockdale School District 84 was held on Monday, June 19, 2023 beginning at 5:35PM.

Members Present

Angela Stadler
Ahmed Aich-Sandino
Nick Macholz
Geraldyn Wyke
Jolene Chamblee
Steve Chamblee

Members Absent

Gerry Phillips

Also Present

Dr. Michael Merritt
Jeff Peterson
Irene Las

Approximately 4 Guests

Board President Angela Stadler called to order the regular open session at 5:35PM.

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.

Adopt Agenda:

Member Wyke made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Closed Session:

Motion to go into closed session at 5:36PM was made by Mrs. Wyke and seconded by

Mrs. Chamblee to discuss the following:

Board President Angie Stadler called the closed meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

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Mrs. Wyke to discuss the following:

- 2.01 Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- 2.02 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459.
- 2.03 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Motion to return from closed session was made at 6:09PM by Mrs. Wyke and seconded by Mr. Aich.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Return to Open Session:

Mrs. Stadler asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Report on Closed Session:

Mrs. Stadler advised that items mentioned per the agenda were addressed during the closed session.

Receive and Welcome Visitors:

Staff:	C. Puckett
Students:	Approximately 1 Students Attended
Parents:	Approximately 3 Parents Attended
Guests:	N/A

Recognitions:

- 5.01 Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Recipients
Dr. Merritt shared with the board and parents the process of how the students are each chosen. He then called each student up and explained why they were chosen.
- 5.02 Mr. Fadi Masoud
Principal Peterson introduced to the board Mr. Masoud the owner of J & M Food Mart and shared with the board why this community member should be celebrated.
- He continued by sharing that J & M Food Store known to Rockdale as the corner store is filled with very helpful kind staff and a parent of two students that attend Rockdale School. He donated lollipops for our PBIS store, is very generous to our staff, and is always considerate of our students. Mr. Peterson wanted to let the board how very helpful and kind they have been and wanted to celebrate with the board their kindness.
- Mr. Masoud shared that he really appreciated the board and staff and all that they do. He advised that it is his belief that a little kindness can go a long way.

Public Comment: (See Board Policy 2:230)

- 6.01 Veregy, Inc. - Michelle Jmes
Were not able to attend and Dr. Merritt shared with the board the updates on the work being completed at the school. He shared that we are waiting on an update on pricing

for a fence. They will start taking out all of the blacktop in the courtyard. We have been talking to electricians in regards to placement of outlets, etc.

Mr. Chanblee is wondering if we will be able to start the school year on time and if there is a back up plan if there should be a delay?

Dr. Merritt advised that if there is an issue it will be on the completion of the courtyard area. Thus far, Veregy currently believes there will be no delays. For now, the plan is to use the Conference Room as the area to leave incomplete. The reason for this advised the Superintendent is that no one would use this area until we are given the okay for occupancy. The doors will be going in and we can keep things locked easily in this area.

Public Participation: N/A

Consent Agenda:

Member Wyke made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented

Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

7.01 Approval of Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2023, Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2023

7.02 Approval of Financial Report: Treasurer's Report, List of Bills, Check Registry by Type, Funds Balance, and Imprest Account.

Superintendent Merritt shared additional information to the board regarding these bills:

Pg 2, Green Tree Plastics

Bottle caps Picnic table and bench

Pg. 2, Heinemann - Purchased Leveled Book Room with over 51,000 titles

Hoping to place those books in the library closet part of this came from Title I in the amount of \$21,000

Pg. 8, Village of Rockdale Professional Fee Agreement

Will need to have the PFA signed this evening

Superintendent Report:

Member Wyke made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented.

Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Dr. Merritt shared with the board the following information:

8.01 Rockdale Certified Evaluation Plan

Recently we revised the Rockdale Certified Evaluation Plan shared Dr. Merritt. The document remains unchanged from the version provided to you last month with the following exception:

Addition of the Media Specialist Performance Evaluation Rubric beginning on p. 43

Addition of the Social Worker Performance Evaluation Rubric beginning on p. 50

Addition of the NWEA MAP National Norms on pg. 57, which will be used as part of the calculation of the Student Growth component of an educator's summative evaluation

Addition of the Rockdale School District 84 Teacher Evaluation Appeals Process on pg. 58

As mentioned during last month's meeting, we are required by law to meet annually with the Performance Evaluation Review Act (PERA) Joint Committee, continued Dr. Merritt. As a committee we review the plan and discuss any necessary adjustments or changes. Based on recent legislation that allows the district the decision to move evaluations for those certified educators who have earned tenure to every three years. This is a change from the original two-year cycle.

The committee agreed that we would move those educators who have received a proficient or excellent rating to a three-year cycle, which aligns to state legislation. It is important to note that the committee agreed that the administration reserves the right to observe a certified educator more frequently than every three years should the administration believe it to be necessary or if the educator would like to be evaluated more frequently than three years. The other change of note is the calculation of the student growth component of the summative evaluation. As a reminder he shared that an educator's summative rating is based on two factors; performance based on the Danielson Rubric (70%) and student growth (30%). Previously, the student growth component was calculated based on IReady Language Arts scores (20%) and a Curriculum Based Assessment (10%), also known as a Student Learning Objective (SLO) for a total of 30% student growth calculation. The committee has recommended a change to the calculation of the Student Growth rating to be based on IReady Language Arts scores (20%) and a Curriculum Based Assessment (10%).

I am recommending the Board approve the updated Rockdale Certified Evaluation Plan.

8.02 Anticipated Technology Expenditures FY24

As the district continues to address learning gaps and given the federal stimulus money available, the district continues to focus on making responsible and effective use of all revenue, especially as it relates to technology advised the Superintendent. The Technology Services account covers on-site tech support, our e-rate consulting, and the recurring monthly charges for internet hotspots and copiers. Technology supplies include printer ink, batteries, headphones, and any other miscellaneous items. Technology Software has the applications that the staff uses on a daily basis. Curriculum Software includes the programs that the students use every day. The Assessment and Testing programs cover student diagnostics and progress monitoring. Technology Capital Outlay covers the equipment which costs more than \$500 a piece. Under Tech Equipment, Mr. Mooney has the hardware upgrades for the classrooms and replacement parts for the student Chromebooks. This year for the Tech Equipment Grants, we are using ESSER III funds to cover several curriculum software programs and the new student Chromebooks and bags. We are getting 125 new chromebooks this year and will order another 125 next year which will rotate the chromebooks out every five (5) years. ????

Summary of Technology Expenditures Budgeted for 2023-24

	2023-2024	2022-23
Tech Services	\$10,610.00	\$12,410.00
Tech Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Software	\$37,552.25	\$60,535.00
Curriculum Software	\$18,849.00	\$0
Assessment and Testing	\$10,200.00	\$0
Emergency Relief Grant - Tech Equipment	\$0	\$6,300.00
Tech Equipment	\$11,770.00	\$50,900.00
Tech Capital Outlay	\$40,750.00	\$28,000.00
Tech Equipment Grants	\$73,850.00	\$0
Sub Total	\$208,581.25	\$163,145.00
ESSER Grant Funding	-\$73,800.00	-\$40,000.00
Total After Grant Expenditures	\$134,731.25	\$123,145.00

8.03 Anticipated Facilities Projects FY24

As Dr. Merrittl prepares to present the draft budget to the Board in July, Mr. Puckett has provided him with a list of anticipated projects and maintenance services to be included in this year's budget. Please see the list of anticipated projects and maintenance services provide below shared the superintendent:

Project	Estimated 2023-2024 Cost	2022-2023 Cost
Elevator Inspection	\$800.00	\$800.00
Bleacher Inspection	\$1,000.00	\$800.00
Replace HVAC for (2) offices – Tech/SW	\$25,495.00	\$33,745.00
Alarm Testing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fire Extinguisher Testing	\$500.00	\$500.00
Sealing Hallway Floors	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00
Snow Plowing	\$7000.00	\$7,000.00
Tuck Pointing South School Façade – Life Safety	\$0.00	\$49,950.00
Interior Door Replacement (21 Doors) – Life Safety	\$48,100.00	\$49,950.00
Lawn Service	\$6,500.00	\$5,500.00
Sealing Gymnasium Floor	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00
D & I Monitoring (Alarm System)	\$1,200.00	\$1,100.00
Night Custodial and Cleaning Service	\$70,000.00	\$58,350.00
Hall and Locker Refinishing	\$8500.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$176,095.00	\$215,995.00

Mrs. Chamblee asked if we contacted the cleaning company that is in Rockdale?.

Dr. Merritt advised he had not as of yet and asked Chuck to look into it for the next board meeting.

The board also asked about the mulch. We had the blue mulch before, why did we get rid of it? The students were throwing it onto the blacktop. Mr. Peterson advised that the blue mulch is actually a better option as far as safety although more expensive.

Mr. Chamblee questioned the higher cost of the night time custodial positions. Dr. Merritt advised that Chuck received three bids from BMI (our current cleaning service), Coverall, and one additional company. Coverall's bid came in at \$69,440 (\$6,944 per month). This bid is higher than BMI, which came in at \$60,120. The third company, Green Clean, offered a bid of \$109,990. We have not been pleased with BMI's services this year. We have worked with Coverall many years back and understand they provided satisfactory work. Therefore, we would recommend Coverall.

If we spend that much, can we divide the hours by the number of people and maybe offer it in house at the same rate suggested by Mr. Chamblee. Chuck advised that the \$70,000 also includes all of the cleaning supplies and equipment supplied by the company.

8.04 Anticipated Title I, II, and IV Allotments FY24

Below is a summary of the allotments of the Title grants and ASP grant from the State of Illinois for Rockdale SD 84 for the current school year, 2022-23 and for next school year, 2023-24 shared Superintendent Merritt.

8.05 Anticipated ESSER III Budget Projections FY24

The district continues to receive ESSER III funding. The budget page from the district's application with the State Board of Education is included in your packet. In the table below the anticipated budgeted amount for ESSER III is shown for FY 2024 continued the Superintendent..

ESSER III	FY 2024	\$221,387.00
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8.06 Update from Facilities Committee Meeting - June 6, 2023

During its most recent meeting the Facilities Committee discussed and decided on the following Recommendations shared Dr. Merritt:

- As part of the renovation work Veregy is completing, we needed to address the relocation of two fresh air ducts that need to be moved from the courtyard to the front of the building. To minimize any unattractive ventilation openings on the front of the building, Veregy will investigate if they are able to place the fresh air vents on the part of the building which protrudes from the original building on the front right side of Shelli Blenck's first grade classroom. There is a part of that wall that protrudes about 18 to 24 inches; where Veregy hopes they are able to place those new fresh air vents.
- We discussed our plans for next steps after acquiring 1500/1504 Belleview. The committee agreed that we need to move forward with a plan for a preschool facility. As we prepare to apply for the recently released state funding for preschool, we understand that we are in a holding pattern until we know more about the possible funding that will be provided to us from the state, as well as the timing of the preschool project. In the meantime, the committee agreed that we attempt to sell both structures, with the understanding that the buyer of either structure will need to agree to remove the structures off the property and backfill any foundation/hole that remains after the structure has been removed.
- The committee supported the idea to attempt to again publicize the employment posting for our own internal evening cleaning/janitorial services in hopes that we will attract possible candidates. Should we not receive any candidates, the committee supports Chuck Puckett's recommendation to move forward with Coverall, an outside cleaning/janitorial service company, to provide evening cleaning services beginning in August. Chuck received three bids from BMI (our current cleaning service), Coverall,

and one additional company. Coverall's bid came in at \$69,440 (\$6,944 per month). This bid is higher than BMI, which came in at \$60,120. The third company, Green Clean, offered a bid of \$109,990. We have not been pleased with BMI's services this year. We have worked with Coverall many years back and understand they provided satisfactory work. Therefore, we would recommend Coverall.

- The committee discussed the possibility of having our hallway and gym lockers refinished versus having them completely replaced in a future scope of work. The lockers have not been refinished since before Chuck started fourteen years ago. Beth and Jolene believe it may have been back in the 1990s since they were refinished. We have a bid from Advantage Electrostatic Refinishing Company at a total cost of \$8,060 to refinish all lockers. The committee realizes the lockers need some repairs, which Chuck will complete as part of his work this summer, prior to them being refinished. The committee recommends moving forward with repairs and refinishing this summer, with the thought of possibly including full replacement in future years.

- The committee discussed the possible installation of sound panels in the music room. Currently there are no sound panels to keep the sounds from the music room infiltrating into the rooms next to and above the music room (Mrs. Richards new 2nd grade room & JH Science room). We received a quote from Wenger at approximately \$18,000 to install sounds-reducing panels on the walls. The committee agrees that the cost and timeline to install music panels (14 weeks) would hinder us from doing so this summer. However, the committee does recommend installing new sound-reducing ceiling panels. Doing so is much cheaper (approx. \$2500) than installing wall panels. This will also allow us to determine how well the ceiling panels work, in hopes that they may be the only needed solution.

- The committee discussed the possibility of installing a batting cage for the baseball and softball teams on village property by CB Diamond. At this time, the committee does not feel it is in the best interest of the district to spend the estimated \$27,000 (18000 for the batting cage and 9,000 for the fence enclosure) when it will only be used for a small population of our student/athletes. Additionally, there is concern on both the part of the village and administration of the insurance liability that would come with the installation and use of the batting cage.

Board Member Steve Chamblee asked if Dr. Merritt had followed up on the grant for the Preschool he shared previously with him?.

Dr. Merritt updated that he had yet to do so but would be working over vacation. Mr. Chamblee advised that these are grants that have just become available by Governor Pritzker. The state considers us as a Preschool Desert. The grant would allow us to use grant funds to offset costs of the facility and staff. He also believes that the grant will be offering generous amounts of up to \$20 million in this area.. He then suggested Syl's as a possible preschool location. Dr. Merritt advised that could be a possible option depending on the cost but would need to see what would be involved in getting it to code.

8.07 Strategic Planning 2023-2026

As discussed last month, our current [Strategic Plan](#) expires in June of 2023. It is important to have a purposeful and robust Strategic Plan in place that we will use to guide our work over the next three to five years, advised Dr. Merritt.. He has been in contact with Cathie Pezanoski, former Superintendent of Elwood Schools, who has created her own strategic planning consulting firm; Gary Zabilka, who represents Educational Leadership Consultants; and Dr. Natalie Williams-McMahon with the IASB to get more information about the strategic planning process and associated costs. Dr. Pezanoski and Dr. Zabilka have provided us with proposals. You will find their proposals in your packet, which include costs of \$3000 and \$10,100, respectively. Dr. Merritt hopes to receive a proposal from Dr. Williams-McMahon during the week of June 19. We will await more information from IASB, but at this point, he would recommend the most cost-efficient option with Cathie Pezanoski. I will make a recommendation to the Board for approval of a selected provider during the July meeting.

8.08 Fall Registration Update

Dr. Merritt shared with the board the chart below which demonstrates students registered for the fall as of 6/13/2023. It demonstrates completed online registration along with anticipated totals of enrollment for the upcoming school year. Both Irene Las and Claudia Flores have been processing the online registrations and have been sending out emails to remind those that haven't registered yet he continued..

8.09 Crisis Plan Update

The Rockdale School District 84 District Safety Committee met on Friday, May 19 to review and discuss changes to our current Crisis Management Plan, shared Dr. Merritt. The purpose of this committee is to bring together our community's first responders with members of our staff to ensure our safety practices are aligned with updated research as it applies to emergency response and to make necessary adjustments to our Crisis Management Plan where necessary. Members of the District Safety Committee for the 2023-2024 school year include:

NAME	TITLE
Dr. Michael Merritt	Superintendent, Rockdale SD 84
Mr. Raymond Moland	Principal, Rockdale Elementary School
Ms. Hannah Kirk	Student Services Coordinator, Rockdale Elementary
Mr. Chuck Puckett	Director of Buildings and Grounds, Rockdale SD 84
Mrs. Tracy Lorenc	5th Grade Educator, Rockdale Elementary School
Mrs. Allyson Stewart	Social Worker, Rockdale Elementary School
Chief Butch Dykstra	Rockdale Police Department
Sergeant Robert Baikie	Rockdale Police Department
Chief Dave Brady	Rockdale Fire Department
Captain James Amezcua	Rockdale Fire Department

The majority of the document remained the same as its original version. However, the committee agreed to make the following adjustments:

I am recommending the Board approve the updated Rockdale School District 84 Crisis Management Plan as presented.

8.10 Gassensmith and Michalesko LTD. Audit Engagement Letter

Dr. Merritt shared the Audit Engagement Letter provided to Rockdale School District by John Michalesko with Gassensmith and Michalesko LTD. As we prepare to have our audit completed in July, we are required to have this Audit Engagement Letter signed as part of the audit records. The purpose of the letter is to provide a detailed description of what process John will take to complete the audit. The document also confirms that the fees to complete the audit will not exceed \$8,700.00.

I am recommending the Board approve my endorsement of the Gassensmith and Michalesko LTD. Audit Engagement Letter.

8.11 Hall and Gym Locker Refinishing - Advantage Electrostatic Refinishing Company

As mentioned in item 8.06 explained the Superintendent, the Facilities Committee discussed the possibility of having our hallway and gym lockers refinished as it has been many years since they were last refinished. We have a bid from Advantage Electrostatic Refinishing Company at a total cost of \$8,060 to refinish all lockers. As noted in the proposal, Advantage Electrostatic Refinishing Company will wash, wet sand, and rinse all surfaces prior to applying a high-quality urethane coating. Due to the materials used, the lockers are able to remain in place. The company guarantees no overspray or paint fog will leave a film or residue on surfaces close to the lockers. In support of the Facilities Committee,

I am recommending the Board approve Advantage Electrostatic Refinishing Company to complete the refinishing of all hallway and gym locker room lockers.

Board member Chamblee wanted to know if the cost was just for the painting of them?
Dr. Merritt responded that it was and that Chuck will be working on the lower portions of the lockers prior to them being painted.

Principal's Report:

Member Macholz Aich made a motion to approve the Principal's Report as presented.
Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Mr. Peterson shared the following information with the board:

Executive Summary

Agenda Point:

- Celebrations
 - Joliet Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Winners
 - Mr. Masoud, J & M Food Mart owner

- Extra curricular update
 - Baseball and Softball skills camp is scheduled for July 24-27 from 9:00-10:30 am at CB Diamond field. Communication has been sent out to families of student athletes in 5th-8th Grade for the 23-24 school year.
 - Delaying batting cage net project until summer of 2024

- Rockdale staff recognitions
 - At the August 2023 BOE meeting, staff will be recognized for years of service at Rockdale, as well as for those reaching tenure.

- Graduation, Class of 2024
 - Tuesday, May 21, 2024

- Building update
 - Construction began on June 12
 - Administration will keep staff up to date with tentative return to the building date to prepare for the 23-24 school year
 - Acceleration update
 - 4th Grader (22-23), 5th Grader (22-23)
 - 8-10 students will be attending JTHS during zero hour for 8th Grade Honors Math. First time since 2018-19 school year. Huge celebration.
 - October 18 at 5:15 pm-BOE picture with VanGogh

- Thank you to the Rockdale Board of Education, Dr. Merritt, Rockdale Staff, and Rockdale Ram Nation for the distinct honor to hold the title of Rockdale Principal for the past five years.

Board President Angie Stadler advise Mr. Peterson that we appreciate our time with him.

We are sorry to see you leave but understand she continued and even though you feel you were not what we needed. I believed in you five years ago and I still believe in you.

Board Member Steve Chamblee asked again what can we do to keep you here?.

He stated that he was very impressed with Mr Peterson's talent and he changed the lives of so many kids here and that will change their lives forever. Sometimes I had an issue with your timeline but I have learned more and your timeline is stellar. Thank you, so many people will be better for knowing you. I think you will do a wonderful job at Shorewood.

Upcoming Events/Meetings Check with JP

- July 27 - Celebrity Big Wheel Race - Sponsored by ExxonMobil
- August 4, 2023-PSC Back to School Haircut Event, 11-4 pm
- August 5 - 2nd Annual School Supply Giveaway - JP and MM will sponsor
- August 9, 2023-Kindergarten Parent Orientation/Round Up, 5:30-7:00 pm
- August 10, 2023-Kindergarten Screening, 9 am-3 pm
- August 16, 2023-Teacher Institute Day
- August 17, 2023-Teacher Institute Day

- August 16-BOE meeting at 5:30 pm
- August 17, 2023-Meet the Teacher event, 2:00-3:00 pm, staff meeting at 3 pm
- August 18-First Day of School for students (full day)
- August 21-September 8-MAP diagnostic window (Fall)
- August 23 or 30-Curriculum Night, Grades 1-8, 6:00-7:30 pm (set up lost/found table)
- September 4, 2023-No School, Labor Day
- September 8, 2023-SIP Day, 12:30 pm student dismissal
- September 15 or 22 (Rain date)-PTO Fall Movie Night
- September 27, 2023-8th Grade PSAT (online)
- October 12, 2023-Fall School Pictures (VanGogh)
- October 16, 2023-Preschool Screenings (Melanie)
- October 2, 2023-Land of Smiles Presentation, 12:05-12:35 with Nurse Vicky (K-2)
- October 5, 2023-SIP Day, 12:30 pm student dismissal
- October 5, 2023-PT conferences 3:30-7:30
- October 6, 2023-PT conferences 8:30-12:00, no student attendance
- November 16, 2023-Miles of Smile (Conference room with Nurse Vicky)
- November 16, 2023-Fall Picture Retakes (VanGogh)
- December 7, 2023-PSC sponsored "Christmas in Rockdale," Rockdale gym, 6 pm
- January 19, 2024-8th Grade Graduation picture
- January 30, 2024-100th Day of School
- February 15, 2024-SIP Day, 12:30 pm student dismissal
- February 15, 2024-Spring PT conferences 3:30-7:30 pm
- February 16, 2024-Spring PT conferences 8:30-12:00 pm, no student attendance
- April 4, 2024-Fall Picture retake (new or absent students/staff), Sports pictures
- May 21, 2024-8th Grade graduation breakfast, VanGogh picture
- May 21, 2024-8th Grade graduation (Class of 2024), 7 pm

Need to finalize plan-tentative

6th Grade Parent Night-date not scheduled

FLC, Middle, Elementary team meetings-select day of week

PTO meeting dates-confirm with Mrs. Slabaugh (first Tuesday of month?!)

Meet the Principal date, home visits to new students & Kindergarten?

MTSS meeting schedule

Tier III meeting schedule

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The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.
Mr. Phillips was absent

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return from closed session was made at 7:44PM by Mrs. Wyke and seconded by Mrs. Chamblee.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.
Mr. Phillips was absent

Report on Closed Session:

Mrs. Stadler advised that items mentioned per the agenda were addressed during the closed session.

Board Discussion Items: N/A

Board/Action Items:

Action item: Motion to approve the employment of Jaycee Jarocz as Junior High English Language Arts educator beginning Aug, 16, 2023

Member Aich made a Motion to approve the employment of Jaycee Jarocz as Junior High English Language Arts educator beginning Aug, 16, 2023

Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.
Mr. Phillips was absent

Comments:

Action item: Motion to approve the employment of Alana Hamilton as full-time Social Worker beginning Aug, 16, 2023

Member J. Chamblee made a Motion to approve the employment of Alana Hamilton as full-time Social Worker beginning Aug, 16, 2023

Member Machols seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Comments:

Action item: Motion to approve the 2023-2024 wages and salary for Claudia Flores, Vicky Kipilla, Irene Las - the approval for Dr. Michael Merritt has been tabled until July

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Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Comments:

Action item: Motion to approve the updated Rockdale Certified Evaluation Plan

Member Macholz made a Motion to approve the updated Rockdale Certified Evaluation Plan

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Comments:

Action item: Motion to approve the updated Rockdale 84 Crisis Plan

Member J. Chamblee made a Motion to approve the updated Rockdale Crisis Plan

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Comments:

Action item: Motion to approve the Gassensmith and Michalesko LTD Audit Engagement Letter

Member Macholz made a Motion to approve the Gassensmith and Michalesko LTD Audit Engagement Letter

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Comments:

Action item: Motion to approve Advantage Electrostatic Refinishing Company to complete the locker refinishing project

Member Macholz made a Motion to approve Advantage Electrostatic Refinishing Company to complete the locker refinishing project

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Comments:

Board Comments:

Board Member Aich:

Mr. Peterson you've done a great job!

Enjoy your summer if you need anything call me.

Dr. Merritt. have a great time and come back.

Mrs. Las. thank you for all of the conference information

Board Member J. Chamblee:

Ditto as what has been said

Mr. Peterson, enjoy your new role.

Dr. Merritt safe travels.

Board Vice President S. Chamblee:

Enjoying a great summer I hope you do the same.

Florida is now in July going to Pigeon Forge too.

Thank you for all the great work.

I am a little worried about all this work.

Concerned with getting students in and out of the building.

Specifically concerned about plumbing.

Mr. Peterson, good luck. It has been a great honor to work with you.

You are an amazing guy!

Board Member Macholz:

I feel the same as the others

Board Member Phillips:

Board Treasurer Wyke:

Anxious to see this project started. It is past time.

Mr. Peterson - Good luck.

Dr. Meerritt - have a good vacation.

Board President Stadler:

Already said everything earlier.

Enjoy your summers with your families. The summer will be over before you know it.

Thank you for everything

Dr. Merritt: N/A

Mr. Peterson:

If you need me I will continue to be an advocate for Rockdale.

Thank you for everything. Please feel free to reach out to me whenever you need

Adjournment:

Member Wyke made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all six (6) members voting 'aye'.

Mr. Phillips was absent

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM

Angela Stadler
President, Board of Education

Nicholas Macholz
Secretary, Board of Education

Next Board Meeting:

6:00PM, Wednesday, July 19, 2023, Media Center

