

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING FOR ROCKDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 84

715 Meadow Avenue Rockdale, Illinois, Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting Conducted Via Telephonically due to Governor's Executive Order 2020-07 and

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

Regular Session Meeting in the Library at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order Regular Meeting:

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockdale School District 84 was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 beginning at 5:37PM.

This meeting was also held telephonically due to the COVID-19 health concerns.

Public Comment was made available through a phone link via Google Meet.

Per governor's order this meeting is being recorded.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Steve Chamblee - Arrived: 6:48P

Jolene Chamblee - Arrived: 6:28P

Also Present

Dr. Paul Schrik
Jeff Peterson
Irene Las

Approximately **5 Guests**

Board President Angie Stadler called to order the regular open session at 5:37PM.
Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Adopt Agenda:

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

Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Closed Session:

Board President Angie Stadler called the closed meeting to order at 5:39PM.

Motion to go into closed session at 5:39PM. was made by Mrs. Wyke and seconded by Mr. Phillips to discuss the following:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Motion to return from the closed session was made at 6:59 PM by Mrs. Wyke and seconded by Mr. Macholz. The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Public Comments:

Receive and Welcome Visitors:

Staff:	S. Mooney - M. Olson
Students:	None
Parents:	None
Guests:	Gary Zabilka - Greg Swanson and Nicholas Poplawski

Recognitions: N/A

Consent Agenda:

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

Member Phillips seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with 5 members voting 'aye'.

One member did not vote

- Approval of Regular Meeting and Closed Meeting Minutes for Board of Education Regular Meeting, December 15, 2021.
- Approval of Financial Report: Treasurer's Report, List of Bills, Check Registry by Type, Funds Balance, Imprest Account, and Activity Account for Month and by Fund.

Communications/Delegation or Reports:

Member Wyke made a motion to approve the Communication Report as presented.

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Dr. Schrik shared with the board the following information:

- a. Solar Project Presentation
- b. PRESS Policy Issue 108 – Second Reading
- c. 2022-2023 Rockdale School Calendar – Second and Final Reading
- d. 2nd Quarterly Fund Revenue/Expenditure Report
- e. Revised 2019-2023 Employee Handbook

Principal's Report:

Member Aich made a motion to approve the Principal's Report/Executive Summary as presented.

Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Executive Summary

Agenda Point:

- Update on Safe Return to In Person Learning Plan
 - Follow state and local guidance in our response and mitigation processes. Continued follow between Rockdale School and the Will County Health Department.
 - Continue to SHIELD Saliva test every Tuesday
 - Some parents have "opted in" for SHIELD testing after declining in August.
 - Our staff has been #ALL IN as we implement more stringent plans. It has been an all hands on deck approach and our Rockdale staff have stepped up, as they always do.
 - Students are spread out six feet for Breakfast in the classroom (1st, 4th, & 5th Grades), cafeteria (2nd Grade), and in the gym (Kindergarten, 3rd Grade, and less than 10 MS students). This eliminates any contact tracing.
 - Students are spread out six feet for Lunch in the cafeteria and/or in the gym as we began using the gym January 4th. Two grade levels eat at each one of our four lunch periods. One grade eats lunch in the cafeteria and one eats in the gym.
- Extra curricular update
 - Game competition was "paused" from January 4-January 12 out of an abundance of caution.
 - Practice continued due to our layered mitigation
 - Game competition was reinstated on Thursday, January 13, 2022.
 - Our Lady Rams Volleyball JV and Varsity played their first game vs. Gompers on Thursday, January 13. JV won 2 matches to 1, but Varsity lost a close 2 matches.
 - Other schools have closed the building to any spectators, home or away, i.e., Fairmont. We continue to limit to two visitors per player, socially distanced six feet, masked, and no visiting spectators, but we stream the game.
- Good News Club request
 - Email communication in late August about starting Good News Club again at Rockdale.
 - Mr. Fox, Ministries Coordinator-CEF of Illinois, Three Rivers Branch
 - It was communicated that we were strictly limiting visitors into the building so we held off on committing to any services. Our focus was in person learning while implementing our mitigation strategies.
 - Recent communication on January 4 is that now they are offering a virtual Good News Club for students. It begins January 18th, but I stated that I wanted to ask the BOE prior to sending this out to parents.
 - Asking for a recommendation from the BOE regarding sharing the "virtual Good News Club information"
- 5Essentials Survey
 - 5Essentials is an important survey that parents, staff, and students participate in each year.
 - Provides important information on how the school, school administration, etc. are performing in various aspects of education at Rockdale School, i.e., Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Involved Families, Supportive Environments, and Ambitious Instruction.

- We need a certain threshold of parents, students, and staff to complete the survey so we can see the results to make changes or celebrate the great things happening at Rockdale.
 - Sent to staff on January 11 when the window opened
 - Typically the window is in the fall, but it was pushed back the past two years
 - On January 14, our 4th-8th Grade teachers received an index card that listed the student's name, ID # and birthdate so they can complete this in class one day soon.
 - Parents will receive an email
- Joliet Chamber of Commerce Essay Scholarship Opportunity
 - Annual event hosted by the Joliet Chamber of Commerce where 2 Rockdale students can receive a \$1,000 Scholarship.
 - Students in 4th-8th Grade who have a GPA of 3.75 and higher are eligible. All students will complete the writing prompt, but only students who meet the criteria will move forward to the next step of the process at Rockdale
 - Mr. Peterson met with our 4th and 5th Grade teachers and Mr. Meister to review expectations and our course of action.
 - Rockdale packet, 3 finalists for 4th and 5th Grade and 3 finalists for 6th-8th Grade, is due to the Chamber on Monday, February 14.
- Hiring Memo-Full Time, Temporary Building Office Clerk
 - Recommendation to hire Fatima Agredano
- Parent Student Handbook 2022-23
 - Look to meet with the Handbook committee in late January
 - Follow updates to legal changes that need to be implemented
 - Striving for first viewing in February and approved in March for registration process

Upcoming events:

- January 4-3rd Quarter starts
- January 10-21-Winter iReady Benchmarking Period
- January 14-2nd Quarter Grades live to Parents via Teacherease
- January 17-No School-Martin Luther King Day
- January 21-SIP Day, 12:30 pm student dismissal
- February 17 & 18-Spring Parent Teacher conferences
- Monday, February 21-No School-Presidents Day

Superintendent's Report:

Member Wyke made a motion to approve the Principal's Report/Executive Summary as presented.

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

- a. COVID-19 Update
- b. First Secure Bank Update

Closed Session: N/A

Board Discussion Items: N/A

Board/Action Items:

Action item: A motion to Approve PRESS Policy Issue 108 for a second reading

Member Wyke made a motion to Approve PRESS Policy Issue 108 for a second reading

Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Approve the 2022-2023 Rockdale School District 84 Public School Calendar for a second and final reading

Member Aich made a Approve the 2022-2023 Rockdale School District 84 Public School Calendar for a second and final reading

Member Phillips seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Approve revisions to the Rockdale School District 84 2019-2023 Employee Handbook for a first reading

Member Aich made a motion to Approve revisions to the Rockdale School District 84 2019-2023 Employee Handbook for a first reading

Member Wyke seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Approve Non-Binding Letter of Intent between Rockdale School District 84 and Renewable Energy Evolution, LLC

Member Aich made a motion to Approve Non-Binding Letter of Intent between Rockdale School District 84 and Renewable Energy Evolution, LLC

Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Approve Fatima Agredano as Temporary Office Clerk

Member Aich made a motion to Approve Fatima Agredano as Temporary Office Clerk

Member Phillips seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Approve Erika Ortiz-Wassenaar's, EL/Bilingual Teacher, request for leave of absence effective January 31st through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Member Aich made a motion to Approve Erika Ortiz-Wassenaar's, EL/Bilingual Teacher, request for leave of absence effective January 31st through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Member Macholz seconded the motion.

The motion was carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Board Comments/Considerations:

Board Secretary Aich - Sandino - N/A

Board Member J. Chamblee - N/A

Board Vice President S. Chamblee - N/A

Board Member Macholz - N/A

Board Member Phillips - N/A

Board Treasurer Wyke - Congrats on the low numbers and school opening.

Board President Stadler -

Steve feel better soon and the rest of the family too. Thanks for everything with our numbers. Staff too they are a big part in helping and going above and beyond in this journey these last two years. Thank you staff for being all in.

Adjournment:

Member Macholz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

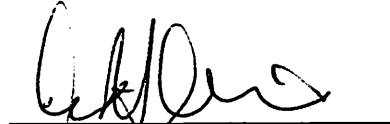
Member Wyke seconded the motion.

The motion was carried on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM



Angela Stadler
President, Board of Education



Ahmed Aich-Sandino
Secretary, Board of Education

Next Board Meeting:

February 16, 2022 at 6:00P in the Media Center - Regular Meeting