

**ROCKDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #84
SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Meadow Avenue Rockdale, Illinois, Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Closed Session in Media Center at 5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order Regular Meeting:

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Rockdale School District 84 was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Media Center of Rockdale School at 715 Meadow Avenue in Rockdale, Illinois.

Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum:

Members Present

Angela Stadler
Steve Chamblee
Stephanie Gordon
Geraldyn Wyke
Jolene Chamblee
Ahmed Aich-Sandino

Members Absent

Also Present

Dr. Paul Schrik
Jeff Peterson
Irene Las

Approximately 7 Guests

Board President Angela Stadler called to order the regular open session at 5:30PM.

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Adopt Agenda:

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

Member Wyke seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Board President Ms. Stadler called the closed meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Motion to go into closed session at 5:32 PM was made by Mrs. Wyke and seconded by Mr. A. Aich to discuss the following:

- Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees 5 Il-CS 120/2(c)(1).
- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. 5 Il-CS 120/2(c)(2).

The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Motion to return from closed session was made at 6:15 PM by Mr. Chamblee and seconded by Mrs. Wyke. The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Report on the closed session was given.

Public Comments: [Hannah Kirk introduced herself and shared with the board the details of this years 8th grade service project.](#)

Receive and Welcome Visitors:

Staff: Two staff members

Students: Two students

Parents: Two parents

Guests: One guest

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[Dr. Schrik introduced Mr. J. Michalesko who presented to the board their findings for the audit.](#)

Recognitions: [Students of the Month were introduced to the board by Principal Peterson..](#)

- [This month, October, we will be recognizing our Students of the Month who display above and beyond character, #rockdalePRIDE, during the month of August/September.](#)

Consent Agenda:

Member S. Chamblee made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented

Member Wyke seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

- **Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2019 and Closed Session minutes Thursday, September 19, 2019.**
- **Approval of Financial Report: Treasurer's Report, Monthly Cumulative, List of Bills, Check Registry by Type, Funds Balance, Imprest Account and Activity Account for Month and by Fund.**

Communications/Delegation or Reports:

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

Member Wyke seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Dr. Schrik shared with the board the following information:

a. 2019 Audit

Dr. Schrik advised that the Rockdale School District 84 Audit is complete and he introduced John Michaleski, CPA with Gassensmith and Michalesko, LTD who presented the audit to the board. They found that the audit had no major findings and it demonstrates the district's financial picture is beginning to improve as the district moves from having a financial profile of "Warning" from the 2018 audit to the highest rating of "Recognition " for the 2019 audit. Dr. Schrik recommends that the 2019 audit be approved.

b. Facilities Committee Report

The committee met today for the first time. They toured the facility and put together a list of things that they would like to address. It is there recommendation to meet at least one more time maybe sometime in January for about an hour and a half outside of board meeting night. They did not have a chance to go through the inside the building. Today was spent on the outside of the building advised Dr. Schrik.

c. 2019 Preliminary Levy

The superintendent shared with the board that he attended a free seminar presented by the IASBO/PMA in reference to developing the 2019 Levy. Attendees were provided with many legal updates for the upcoming levy process. In addition access to a document designed to assist with the development of the 2019 levy was provided.

He continued to share with the board his preliminary documentation showing

his calculations for the 2019 levy. He anticipates new money equaling \$38,582.47 and proceeded to show the board the various differences from this year and last year.

At this time he plans to bring a tentative levy in November to the board.

d. **Apptegy Presentation**

Dr. Schrik shared with the board that while at the 2018 Board Convention he met with Casey Mikula from Apptegy. Apptegy is a company that makes an app for schools. They focus on making an app that is user friendly thus only needing a few clicks to get where you want to be. They also provide schools a tool to tell their story and get valuable and timely information out to the public. They have a means to quickly get emergency/important information out to the public.

Both the superintendent and Mr. Peterson have spoken with the gentleman from Apptegy and would like to set up a presentation for the board on this product. Dr. Schrik would like to recommend that the board approve the purchase of this product. It is under the threshold for Board Policy but he wanted to make the Board aware of his intentions. Furthermore, should the board move forward with the Apptegy program then it will no longer be necessary for the district to use Blackboard Connect, which will come at a savings.

Dr. Schrik suggested to the board to put together questions that can be addressed when we see them at the conference in Chicago in November and we can revisit this in December.

e. **Employee Handbook**

This was brought to the board for a first reading. It has been approved by our Attorneys stated the superintendent. It sites administrative procedures that should be followed that might not be part of the contract. This will eventually be posted on the website.

f. **Social Work Job Description**

This position was updated in August by the Board of Education. However, Dr. Schrik shared that it became necessary to bring another update to the board as the Essential Duties and Responsibilities section needed more of an overhaul to include additional relevant language. The new language is being recommended for a first and final reading for the Board of Education explained the superintendent.

g. **Update on Healthy Community Investment Grant/FUEL**

The state has yet to make decisions on the appropriations of this grant. They are approximately 90 days beyond . This means that the FUEL activities can not get started completely explained Dr. Schrik. They will use part of the grant from STEM activities to get this started.

h. Update on NSLP Equipment Grant

Chuck plans to work with the group that helped us to put together a Quote shared the superintendent.

i. Canon Solutions of America Proposal

Following the Board's decision to table this recommendation to move to Canon Solutions of America for its copier lease until Dr. Schrik met with our current lease company Proven Technologies shared the following update. As of Monday, October 7th, he had not received a proposed lease agreement with Canon Solutions of America. Dr. Schrik advised the board that Canon has met every requirement that our law firm referenced in the lease and subsequent particulars. The superintendent also shared an email from Mr. Mooney our Director of Technology , that specifies the advantage he sees in using Canon copiers.

Principal's Report:

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

Member Aich seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Executive Summary

Agenda Point:

- This month, October, we will be recognizing our Students of the Month who display above and beyond character, #rockdalePRIDE, during the month of August/September.

Agenda Point:

- Follow up discussion item-allow students to ride bikes to school
 - Received parent feedback
 - Rules and expectations on bike safety and storing at school
 - Have Secretary of State come to speak about bike safety-elementary students

- Reached out to other schools who have bike racks and based off of consensus they have not sent a letter in the past, but I would like to communicate this.
- Researched prices, \$149 for 9 bikes, \$138 for 10 bikes and double sided
- Looking for a spring implementation

Agenda Point:

- Hiring memo-Theresa Denson
 - Crossing Guard position
 - Been subbing in role since October 1.

Agenda Point:

- Working with ExxonMobil again this year
 - December 6-Secrets in Science for the middle school
 - Spring-school wide opportunity
 - Worked with Mr. Olson to have Bill back to work with a couple middle school grades similar to the early fall field trip out to the Marsellies hydro-plant and dam

Agenda Point:

- Joliet Chamber Great Teacher Award
 - Received one nomination form as of October 8, which was the deadline

Upcoming events:

- 10/17--Fall Family Fun Night-6:30-7:30 pm
- 10/18--End of 1st Quarter
- 10/23--McDonald's fundraiser event-5:00-7:00 pm
- 10/25--Grades live to parents via Teacherease

Per the passing of the referendum and as we reinstate extracurriculars, clubs, etc., the list below demonstrates the individuals we have serving in either a coach or sponsor capacity for various extracurricular, clubs, etc. for the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

Fall/Winter Sports

Girls Basketball- Ms. Stec

Boys Basketball- , Jared Domenico -assistant
Girls Volleyball-
Boys Volleyball-

Student Council-yearlong

-Mrs. Vallera (anticipated-extending deadline due to low interest-will follow up in October)

Entrepreneurship

No interest despite multiple written/verbal attempts

Hosting various parent information nights for the extracurriculars, clubs, etc. to review expectations, general information as it relates to the specific focus of the activity, The date and time of this meeting will be set by the Athletic Director and/or sponsor.

Still actively searching for coaches and/or sponsors for winter sports and/or other previously approved clubs. I will bring recommendations

New information - Michelle Lewandowski has given her letter of resignation for the lunchroom supervisor position.

Superintendent's Report:

Member S. Chamblee made a motion to approve the Superintendent Report//Executive Summary as presented. Member Wyke seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

a. Rockdale 2019 School Report Card Designation

**We received a score of commendable.
This is based on 50%student growth.
Then 25% is based on achievement.
It is lower but increased over the previous year.
Our staff did well on this report.**

b. IASB 2019 Resolutions Committee Report

c. Board Pictures 11/20/19

Board pictures will be set up in the media center and if a closed session is needed that will take place in Media Center at 6:00PM.

One of the board members suggest the possibility we using the picture that was taken last year. Mrs. Las will look into this for the board.

Closed Session:

Board President Ms. Stadler called the closed meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

Motion to go into closed session at 7:52 PM was made by Mr. S Chamblee and seconded by Mrs. Wyke to discuss the following:

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The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Motion to return from closed session was made at 8:15 PM by Mr. Chamblee and seconded by Mrs. Wyke. The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Board Discussion Items:

The board shared the following information and concerns:

Dr. Schrik shared with the board that we have had four (4) disputes in regards to the accessed taxes. This means we will need to have a special board meeting to pass a resolution. Megan will look into this but suggested that the sooner the better to get started on this process. The board decided Monday at 6:00PM would be an acceptable day to meet.

Board/Action Items:

Action item: A motion to Approve 2019 Audit

Member S. Chamblee made a motion to Approve 2019 Audit

Member Gordon seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Approve Lease Agreement with Canon Solutions of America and Rockdale SD 84

Member Aich made a motion to Approve Lease Agreement with Canon Solutions of America and Rockdale SD 84

Member J. Chamblee seconded the motion.
The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Approve the Rockdale School District Employee Handbook for a first reading

Member J. Chamblee made a motion to Approve the Rockdale School District Employee Handbook for a first reading

Member Gordon seconded the motion.
The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Approve the revised Social Work Job Description for a first and final reading

Member Gordon made a motion to a motion to Approve the revised Social Work Job Description for a first and final reading

Member Aich seconded the motion.
The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Action item: A motion to Approve Theresa Denson as Crossing Guard

Member S. Chamblee made a motion to Approve Theresa Denson as Crossing Guard

Member Gordon seconded the motion.
The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Action item: A motion to Adoption of Teacher Notice to Remedy

Member Gordon made a motion to Adoption of Teacher Notice to Remedy

Member Wyke seconded the motion.

The motion carried with all members voting 'aye'.

Comments:

Board Comments/Considerations:

Keep up the good work and stay healthy!

Adjournment:

Member S. Chamblee made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Member Gordon seconded the motion.

The motion was carried on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM

Secretary, Board of Education

Next Board Meeting:

November 20, 2019 at 6:00P in the Media Center - Regular Meeting