

Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
September 17, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education of Rochelle Community Consolidated School District #231 in Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois met in regular session in the Rochelle Middle School Library Media Center on September 17, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call: Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. Van Hise - present; Mrs. Reif - present; Mr. Builta - present; Mrs. Tess - present; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Casey - absent. Present - 6, Absent - 1.

Superintendent Harper, Business Manager Dale, Principal Adolph, Vice-Principal Dornink, Principal Young, Principal Cox, Principal Derricks, ESL/ELL Coordinator Marin and Hub Program Coordinator Hayden were also present.

It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Van Hise to approve the proposed agenda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "A")

It was motioned by Mr. Zepeda and seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to approve the August 13, 2019 Special Meeting - Budget Workshop Minutes, Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes, and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B", "C", "D")

Communications: No communications were presented.

Audience Comments: No comments were presented.

Special Reports/Updates:

1. Financial Reports - Superintendent Harper stated there is no additional information from what was presented at the Budget Hearing that preceded this meeting.
2. Enrollment Information - In the Board packet was a graph showing the year-to-year data, including Special Ed data. (Ex. "E")
 - a. There are 14 fewer students than last year in Kindergarten through 8th grade.
 - b. In the Board packet is a breakdown by grade level in each building, including by gender.
 - c. The October 1st enrollment data will be used for the Evidence Based Funding (EBF) formula.
3. BPAC Presentation - Idalia Marin with members of the BPAC advisory committee gave a brief presentation and provided a copy of their new 2019 brochure. (Ex. "F")

- The brochure explains what the advisory committee is, their main goals, Mission Statement and objectives.
 - They recently received a \$1,000 donation from Rochelle Rotary.
 - They encourage students to work toward the “Seal of Biliteracy” in which they can receive once they attend high school.
 - The BPAC committee also presents a scholarship to a graduating senior.
4. New teachers were introduced:
- Lianne Abellar - ELL
 - Taylor Aasen - 5th Grade
 - Jocelyn DeLoera - Special Education
 - Jonathon Gehm - 7th Grade Social Studies
 - Jen Gontarek - Art
 - Trace Hippen - 8th Grade Physical Education
 - Caitlin Paxton - Physical Education
 - Kelly Polz - Counselor
 - Irma Rains - 1st Grade
 - Katelin Shiaris - Reading Specialist

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the following Consent Agenda as presented:

1. It was approved to pay the bills as presented by Superintendent Harper. (Ex. “G”)
2. The below Personnel Report was approved as recommended by Superintendent Harper.

PERSONNEL REPORT

I. CERTIFICATED

Employment

None at this time.

II. SUPPORT STAFF

Employment

Skylar Hall	RMS Cafeteria (Ex. “H”)
Karen Smith	Lincoln Cafeteria (Ex. I”)
Victoria Lopez-Perez	Hub Prgm All Purpose Helper at Central (Ex. “J”)
Nancy Kessen	Hub Program (Ex. “K”)
Brandon Braswell	Hub Enrichment (Ex. “L”)

Family Leave Request

Mercedes Barrientos	For 8 weeks (Ex. “M”)
Daisy Belmonte	For 6 weeks (Ex. “N”)

III. EXTRACURRICULAR

Employment

Morgan Sarver

RMS Scholastic Bowl (Ex. "O")

3. It was motioned to approve the Board policies as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Board's Press PLUS as presented. (Ex. "P")

Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the FY20 budget as presented at the August 13, 2019 Budget Workshop and at the Budget Hearing prior to this board meeting. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "Q")
2. It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mrs. Tess to approve the Debt Certificate Refinancing plan as presented, saving the district almost \$230,000 in Education Fund expenses over a nine year period. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "R")
3. It was motioned by Mr. VanHise and seconded by Mrs. Tess to approve the District Improvement Plan as presented by Superintendent Harper. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "S")
4. After some discussion regarding the RMS promotion ceremony proposal, no motion was made. (Ex. "T")
5. It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the participation agreement with the Mendota CCSD #289 Home-Visit Educator Program as presented. This opportunity will provide our community with a teacher for parents with children, birth to age three, in an attempt to educate parents on raising healthy students who are ready for school. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr.

Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye.
Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "U")

Discussion Items: No discussion items were presented.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Tess to enter into Executive Session at 7:42 pm for the purpose of discussing appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and other exceptions to the Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Tess to go out of Executive Session at 8:10 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Action Resulting From Executive Session: No action came out of Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mrs. Reif moved adjournment and it was seconded by Mr. Zepeda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Steve Builta, Board Vice-President

Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary