

**Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
October 8, 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 October 8, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call: Mrs. Reif - present; Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. Van Hise - present; Mrs. Tess - absent; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Builta - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 6, Absent - 1.

Superintendent Harper, Assistant Superintendent Doyle, Business Manager Dale, Principal Adolph, Principal Canfield, Principal Cox, Principal Derricks, and ESL/ELL Coordinator Marin were also present.

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

It was motioned by Mr. Zepeda and seconded by Mr. Van Hise to approve the September 17, 2019 Special Meeting - Budget Hearing Minutes, Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes, and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Vaughn -aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey -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:

The Auditor from WIPFLI had not arrived yet. Moved on to the other Special Reports and will come back to the audit presentation before the Action Items,

2. The principals gave a brief overview of their Building School Improvement Plans. (Ex. "E")

Principal Canfield presented for Central School

- Improve academic performance of ELL and non-ELL students.
 - First grade has already implemented the dual language program.
 - Second grade is in the first year of implementation.
 - Planning for third grade next year.
- This year we are collaborating with the Lincoln staff for next year's kindergarten.

Principal Adolph presented for Lincoln School

- Begin kindergarten dual language for FY21

- Collaborating with Central staff.
- K1 at GLAD training this week
- Recruitment is ongoing.

Principal Derricks presented for Tilton School

- Will implement ALICE training exercises and drills with students and staff.
- Implement a whole-school SEL program/strategies.
- Implement Growth Mindset journal curriculum

Principal Cox presented for May School

- Will work to improve the social emotional performance of all students.
- Growth Mindset journal curriculum every day
- Will implement ALICE training exercises and drills with students and staff.

Superintendent Harper stated "all our elementary schools staff are working on Social Emotional Learning (SEL)" Not just Rochelle or Illinois, but educational staff are seeing higher numbers with students that have more intense needs.

Superintendent Harper presented Rochelle Middle School

- Doing a book study "*Grading Smarter Not Harder*", by Myron Dueck.
- Staff will participate in professional development that focuses on instructional strategies which meet the academic challenges of all students.
- Alice training drills and exercises

3. Superintendent Harper recognized that Stepping Stones Pre School has been awarded the Gold Circle recognition. This is a state level recognition and is awarded based on high standards for:

Learning Environment
Teaching/Administration
Training in Education

We are proud of the work our teachers and staff have done.. (Ex. "F")

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

1. It was approved to pay the bills as presented by Superintendent Harper. (Ex. "G")
2. It was approved to accept this month's financial reports as presented by Superintendent Harper. (Ex. "H")
3. The below Personnel Report was approved as recommended by Superintendent Harper.

PERSONNEL REPORT

I. CERTIFICATED

Family Leave Request

Carmen Vogeler For up to six weeks (Ex. "I")

II. SUPPORT STAFF

Employment

Amy McLachlan Substitute Paraprofessional (Ex. "J")

Vicki Pemberton Substitute Health Aide

Resignation

Wendy Thomas Food Service Cook at RMS (Ex. "K")

Michelle Antolik Paraprofessional at Lincoln School effective 10/25/2019
(Ex. "L")

4. It was approved to appoint Kevin Zilm, Karen Gardell and Leroy Shoemaker to two year terms on the David Crawford Foundation Board of Directors as recommended by Superintendent Harper.

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

Special Reports/Updates (Continued):

1. The auditor from WIPFLI was unable to attend. Therefore, Business Manager Dale presented the FY2019 audit findings. (Ex. "M")

Other Action Items:

1. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to accept the FY19 audit as was prepared by WIPFLI and presented by Business Manager Dale. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Vaughn -aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey -aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.
2. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Van Hise to approve the District Risk Management Plan as presented by Superintendent Harper. This plan will help mitigate risk exposure and liability throughout the district. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Vaughn -aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey -aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "N")

Discussion Items: Superintendent Harper presented a brief preliminary levy discussion.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to enter into Executive Session at 7:38 pm for the purpose of discussing appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, pending litigation, collective bargaining and other exceptions to the Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Vaughn -aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey -aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to go out of Executive Session at 8:17 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Vaughn -aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey -aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

David Casey, Board President

Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary