

**Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
November 12, 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 November 12, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call: Mrs. Tess - present; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. Van Hise - absent; Mr. Builta - present; Mrs. Reif - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 6, Absent - 1.

Superintendent Harper, Assistant Superintendent Doyle, Business Manager Dale, Principal Adolph, Principal Cox, Principal Derricks, ESL/ELL Coordinator Marin, HUB Program Director Hayden, Assistant Principal Dornink, Principal Young and Principal Canfield 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. Tess -aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "A")

It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mrs. Tess to approve the October 8, 2019 Special Meeting - David Crawford Foundation Minutes, Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes, and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess -aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B", "C", "D")

Communications: Superintendent Harper and Mr. Dale provided Triple I information for those that are attending the conference. Mr. Dale stated that everything is included in their envelope except the tickets from IASBO as they are not here yet.

Audience Comments: No comments were presented.

Special Reports/Updates:

1. HUB Program Director, Amy Hayden presented an update on the HUB program. (Ex. "E")
 - Enrollment is up significantly from last year.
 - We have had the program 8 years now.
 - We offered the Dual Language Hub Program at Central.
 - Parents are more interested in getting extra practice opportunities for their students.
 - Staffing is similar to the past.
 - HUB employs 62 people.
 - 95% of them are current district employees.
 - One of the biggest things we have tried to do is connect back to Administrators on what we know regarding students for their Social Emotional Learning (SEL) goals.
 - HUB students need SEL support.
 - We know this is an area we don't have as much staff for, as we do for academic support.

- We have been working closely with our guidance counselors to help provide some extra support.
 - The goal is to get students more face time with their counselors.
 - We have been working with HOPE. They contacted us, creating a liaison to meet with students.
 - This is a free service to the HUB program.
 - Between HOPE, HUB and Sinnissippi we are exploring coming up with a parent education program in the spring.
 - We are hoping to have a family night around the trauma based practices that we do at school on a parent level.
 - This will let parents get more information on how their backgrounds affect students emotionally.
2. Superintendent Harper presented an update on the Dual Language Enrollment:
- Next year we are expanding Central School from Kindergarten - grade 2 to grade 3.
 - It will be our first year at Lincoln School.
 - Enrollment numbers have been very strong.
 - Around 68 have applied and have several students left to screen.
 - We think our number will be in the low 90's.
 - After tonight's meeting we will be putting requests on a waiting list. (Ex. "F")

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn 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

Retirement

Robert Donovan Retire at the end of the 2021-2022 school year (Ex. "I")

Family Leave

Idalia Marin For up to six weeks (Ex. "J")

II. SUPPORT STAFF

Employment

Jonathan Drilling Hub Program Assistant at Lincoln (Ex. "K")

Julia Harris Substitute Paraprofessional

Diana Singleton Cafeteria Worker (Ex. "L")

Nephertiti Valle Substitute HUB Teacher (Ex. "M")

Family Leave Request

Annette Chu For up to six weeks

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Superintendent Harper stated that the district completed a parental survey regarding a potential decision to change the district's eighth grade graduation ceremony. After receiving over 120 replies the parent opinion was strongly in favor of keeping our formal, evening ceremony. No action was needed. (Ex. "N")

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Superintendent Harper and Business Manager Dale presented a levy proposal for this year's levy. (Ex. "O")

Business Manager Dale stated some highlights:

We want to base our levy upon the EAV number we received from the assessor at \$311M+ before tax appeals. The total EAV is up from the 2018 rate setting EAV at about a 9.60% increase from year to year.

We want to ask for the maximum rate knowing that in past history the EAV usually drops. We are looking at 11.59% increase based solely on the EAV increase. Since it is over 5% we have to hold a Truth and Taxation Hearing prior to the regular December board meeting.

We are going to ask for a combined tax rate of 3.2747, based on the EAV we were given. This is basically the same rate that we asked for last year.

We are levying Health Life Safety because we have 10-year projects & summer projects coming.

The biggest increase assessments went up in Ogle County at 10% and Lee County went up 5%.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to enter into Executive Session at 7:26 pm for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining, pending legal action, and other exceptions to the Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess -aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - 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 7:35 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess -aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Action Resulting From Executive Session: It was motioned by Mrs. Tess and seconded by Mr. Builta to accept Mark Papke's request to retire at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess -aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

David Casey, Board President

Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary