

**Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
February 11, 2020 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 February 11, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call: Mr. Builta - present; Mrs. Reif - present; Mrs. Tess - absent; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. VanHise - present; Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 6, Absent - 1.

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

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

It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the January 14, 2020 Board of Education Monthly Meeting minutes and the Executive Session Meeting minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B" and "C")

Communications: The Crawford Foundation Annual Pancake Day will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 7:00 am until noon at the Rochelle Middle School. This year RMS will also co-host a craft fair at the same time as the Crawford Foundation fundraiser.

Audience Comments: No comments were presented.

Special Reports/Updates:

1. Our Second Building School Improvement Plan Updates for the Year:

Mrs. Canfield, Central School Principal stated:

- This is our third year of Dual Language program.
- We are now preparing for 3rd graders for next year.
- Meeting with Sherry Klindera. She is helping with the ELA side and Idalia Marin is helping with the spanish side.
- Second grade is having meetings to review what worked well this year and what we can change for the upcoming year.
- Idalia Marin applied for a grant for additional professional development to provide for our teachers and give them other opportunities.

Mr. Adolph, Lincoln School Principal stated:

- We are starting to work on our kindergarten. It is more organization right now, than curriculum.
- Mr. Adolph and Ms. Hayden observed a pre-k program in Berwyn. Their pre-k program is very well developed.
- Enrollment numbers look really good for Kindergarten.
- We are just getting started on Pre-K and trying to recruit.

Ms. Hayden, Hub Program/Early Childhood stated:

- We have room for about 80 students in the morning and afternoon.
- Right now we have about 35.
- Most of our current dual language families are going to enroll in the dual pre-K program. A lot of other families are interested in it too.
- Pre-K in the other classrooms are in the single digits.
- Our dual numbers are trending for Pre-K the same as our kindergarten.
- We are getting a really strong response from our current dual language families at Central, along with some new families.
- We really need more native Spanish speakers.

Ms. Derricks, Tilton School Principal stated:

- The majority of the ALICE safety goal has been completed.
- The major components of the Social Emotional Learning goal is completed
- Erin Strouss, Counselor, has moved from monthly sessions to now providing more individual and group counseling support.
- We will continue the Growth Mindset journals the rest of this year
- Narrowed down some SEL tier 1 curriculum that we can use next year
- This upcoming SIP day we are going to talk about general classroom practices that can promote positive social/emotional experience for students.

Ms. Cox, May School Principal stated:

- Majority of the ALICE goals are completed.
- We continue Social Emotional Learning tier 1 mindset and screener.
- Continue to work on resource binders.
- More positive office referrals.
- Look for more opportunities for counselors in the classrooms.

Mr. Young, RMS Principal stated:

- Standards Based Grading - This year we did a book study
 - District handbook for Standards Based Grading
- Differentiation mindset
 - Several speakers came in and spoke to the staff.
- RMS staff bring back and share what they have learned and find at various professional developments and provide peer support.
- Completed the ALICE goal and revisit them every year.

Superintendent Harper added:

- Social Emotional Learning is being talked about from Pre-K through 8th grade.
- Handling our mandates with ALICE safety.

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Mr. Builta 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. “D”)
2. It was approved to accept this month’s financial reports as presented by Superintendent Harper. (Ex. “E”)
3. The below Personnel Report was approved as recommended by Superintendent Harper.

I. CERTIFICATED

Retirement

Heidi Mann

Retire at the end of the 2021 - 2022 school year
(Ex. “F”)

II. SUPPORT STAFF

Employment

Leticia (Aby) Guerrero

Parent as Teacher (Ex. “G”)

Emilie VanHaelst

Playground and Cafeteria Supervision at Tilton
(Ex. “H”)

Transfer

Julie Smith

Playground to Custodian at Tilton (Ex. “I”)

III. EXTRACURRICULAR

Employment

Mychaela Hurst

Head Cheerleading Coach (Ex. “J”)

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

Action Items:

1. Superintendent Harper proposed the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. The first day of the regular year will be Friday, August 14th and the end of the regular year will be Friday, May 21st with five emergency days built in after that. Two days have been scheduled for Teachers’ Institute at the beginning of the school year.

It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Van Hise to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Zepeda -

aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "K")

2. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the alternate #5 bid as part of the Health Life Safety bid package that was presented last month as this was determined that we probably cannot save the existing roof flashing and fascia. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.
3. It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Builta for the district to move forward with ISBE's new maintenance grant process, where ISBE will match up to \$50K of building work. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: No discussion items were presented.

Executive Session:

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to enter into Executive Session at 7:28 pm for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining, pending legal action, student discipline, land acquisition and other exceptions to the Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Zepeda - 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 8:16 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Action Resulting From Executive Session: No action was taken from Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mr. VanHise moved adjournment and it was seconded by Mrs. Vaughn. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Zepeda - 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