

**Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231**  
**March 10, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Education of Rochelle Community Consolidated School District #231 in Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois met for the regular session in the Lincoln School Teacher's Lounge on March 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call: Mrs. Reif - absent; Mr. Zepeda - absent; Mr. Van Hise - present; Mrs. Tess - present; Mrs. Vaughn - absent; Mr. Builta - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 4, Absent - 3.

Superintendent Harper, Business Manager Dale, 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. Van Hise and seconded by Mrs. Tess to approve the proposed agenda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-4; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "A")

It was motioned by Mrs. Tess and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the February 11, 2020 Board of Education Monthly Meeting minutes and the Executive Session Meeting minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-4; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B" and "C")

**Communications:** No communication was presented.

**Audience Comments:** No comments were presented.

**Special Reports/Updates:**

1. The Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) has awarded the District a grant of \$31,500 for Arts & Foreign Language Planning Assistance fund. This money will go towards ongoing support for the district's transition to dual language programming. It will go to fund professional development, planning time, and materials needed for classrooms. Thank you to Mrs. Marin for leading this grant team consisting of Mr. Doyle, Ms. Hayden, Mr. Adolph, and Mrs. Canfield.
2. Superintendent Harper stated we are aware of the coronavirus concerns in the community. A letter was sent out last week and posted on Facebook to let the public know the things we are doing. We continue to communicate regularly with parents, staff, students, community, and the Ogle County Health Department and the Illinois Department of Health to follow their guidelines. We also continue to interface with ISBE and the superintendents around us. In the meantime, we continue to focus on disinfecting our buildings, practicing appropriate sanitary/hygiene habits with our students.

3. Business Manager Dale provided an update on the financial status of the district. At the beginning of the year we proposed a deficit budget of -\$1,257,608. We are now  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the way through the year. We have received 58.83% of our estimated revenue and will see what comes in at the end of June. We have expended 64.43% of our budgeted expenditures. If we continue on this trend we will remain on target for our original projected deficit. Of that projected deficit \$733,519 is coming from the HLS work that we are doing this summer and \$161,563 budgeted from the O&M fund for a total building/maintenance project deficit of \$895,082.

We were awarded a \$50,000 matching grant from the Building Maintenance Grant. It will go toward offsetting some of the Health Life Safety work being done this summer at RMS, May and Tilton schools.

**Consent Agenda:** It was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mr. Van Hise 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")

**Action Items:**

1. It was motioned by Mrs. Tess and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the resignation of Patti Bond, Kindergarten teacher at May School. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-4; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "F")
2. It was motioned by Mr. Van Hise and seconded by Mrs. Tess to approve the resolution regarding non-renewal of certified staff contracts for the 2020-20221 school year for:

Sarah Flower	4th Grade at Tilton (Ex. "G")
Breanna Moon	4th Grade at May (Ex. "H")
Katelin Shiaras	Reading at May (Ex. "I")

Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-4; Nay-0. Motion carried.

3. It was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mr. Van Hise to approve the following Personnel Report as was recommended by Superintendent Harper:

**I. CERTIFICATED**

**Resignation**

Haylee Roush	8th Grade Science at RMS (Ex. "J")
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## **Re-Employment**

### **Rehire First Year Teachers**

Taylor Aasen	5th Grade at Lincoln
Jonathon Gehm	7th Grade Social Studies at RMS
Kelly Polz	Counselor at Central and Lincoln
Lianne Abellar	ESL at Lincoln
Jocelyn DeLoera	Special Education at Lincoln
Trace Hippen	8th Grade Physical Education at RMS
Jennifer Gontarek	Art at Tilton and Lincoln
Irma Rains	1st Grade at Lincoln

### **Rehire Second Year Teachers**

Karissa Dobson	4th Grade at Central
Lisa Friday	3rd Grade at Lincoln
Julia Harding	Literature/Social Science at RMS
Lisa Sutton	Resource at May
Anthony Wyatt	Literature/Social Science at RMS

### **Rehire Third Year Teachers**

Brooke Freeman	ESL at RMS
Cathy Larkin	ESL at RMS
Shannon McGraw	4th Grade at Tilton
Ruby Nambo	Bilingual 2nd Grade at Central
Christine Underwood	Counselor at RMS
Catherine Weden	3rd Grade at Tilton

### **Rehire Third Year Teachers for Tenure Beginning 2020-2021**

John Loggins	PE at Central and Tilton
Yazmin Nambo	Special Education at Central

### **Rehire Fourth Year Teachers for Tenure Beginning 2020-2021**

Arely Hickey	Bilingual 1st Grade at Central
Hayley Robinson	Chorus at RMS

### **Non-Tenured, Part-Time Teachers**

Cassie Inman	Art at Central and May
Caitlin Paxton	PE at May and Tilton
Meredith Weber	Music at May and Tilton

### **Transfers**

Kristen Kida	2nd Grade Lincoln to May
Heidi Mann	3rd Grade to ESL Lincoln
Will McKinney	4th Grade Lincoln to Tilton
Lianne Abellar	ESL to 4th Grade at Lincoln

## II. SUPPORT STAFF

### Resignation

Danielle Kaecker Paraprofessional at May (Ex. "K")  
Yensy Garcia Hub Site Project Coordinator at Central effective 6/30/2020  
(Ex. "L")

### Employment

Julia Harris Paraprofessional at May (Ex. "M")  
Roxanna Contreras Hub Site Project Coordinator at Central for 2020-2021  
(Ex. "N")

Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-4; Nay-0. Motion carried.

4. It was motioned by Mrs. Tess and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the corrected 2020-2021 district calendar which reflects Thursday, March 4, 2021 as no longer a SIP half day. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-4; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "O")
5. It was motioned by Mr. Van Hise and seconded by Mrs. Tess to approve the \$31,969 bid from Prescott Ford to purchase a new 2020 Ford F350 maintenance truck. We will take the new plow from the old truck and put it on the new truck. We will also keep the old truck for summer work and things that don't require a heavy load. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-4; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "P")

**Discussion Items:** This past Saturday was the David Crawford Foundation Annual Breakfast. RMS along with the PTO held a craft show simultaneously with the breakfast. It also included a book vendor. It was very well organized. Thank you to all that was involved!

**Executive Session:** No Executive Session was held.

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: Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Tess - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-4; Nay-0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

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David Casey, Board President

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Steve Builta, Board Vice-President