

Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
April 14, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education of Rochelle Community Consolidated School District #231 in Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois met via virtual meeting participation for the regular session on April 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. This virtual meeting was held due to Covid19 Illinois Executive Order No 8. Upon roll call: Mrs. Tess - present; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. VanHise - present; Mr. Builta - present; Mrs. Reif - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 7, Absent - 0.

Superintendent Harper, Assistant Superintendent Doyle and Business Manager Dale 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: Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "A")

It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the March 10, 2020 Board of Education Monthly Meeting minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B")

Communications: Superintendent Harper reminded the Board that the Statement of Economic Interest forms are due to the Ogle County Clerk by May 1st..

Audience Comments: No audience was present due to the virtual meeting.

Special Reports/Updates: No Special Reports were presented.

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Tess to approve the following Consent Agenda as presented:

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

I. CERTIFICATED

Resignation

Irma Rains

Bilingual Teacher at Lincoln (Ex. "E")

Transfer

Chelsey Stolte 8th Grade Social Studies to 8th Grade Science at RMS
Melissa Deutsch Special Education from RMS to Special Education at Central

Family Leave Request

Amber Kreiser Six weeks - Returning around September 28th (Ex. "F")
Carmen Vogeler Revised Leave Request (Ex. "G")

II. SUPPORT STAFF

None at this time.

III. EXTRACURRICULAR

Transfer

Chelsey Stolte Social Studies Curriculum Chair to Science Curriculum Chair
Sheri Klindera Science Curriculum Chair to Social Studies Curriculum Chair

Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Action Items:

1. It was motioned by Mr. Zepeda and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the land cash rental agreement extension with Mr. James Gensler for the 14 tillable acres at \$230 per acre. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "H")
2. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Tess to create a universal preschool fee and raise the Early Childhood registration fee from \$19.25 to \$20, keeping both the Early Childhood and PreKindergarten programs at the same fee. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: Superintendent Harper presented:

1. Update on the alternative learning process since the school closures.
 - Stayed in-line with the Governor's transition to remote learning
 - Copied packets the first two weeks of remote learning.
 - RMS is using Google Classroom for grades 6-8. The same as RTHS and several feeder schools.
 - PreKindergarten through 5th grade are using Seesaw, a very user friendly software package that can be used on a smartphone or computer.
 - All are to do only essential learning standards for the next two weeks.

- Mr. Doyle has led the food distribution.
 - Handed out many meals. Our largest day was nearly 3,000 meals on March 30th.
 - Last Wednesday, 8 days of meals were distributed.
 - On April 20, we will distribute 5 days of meals.
 - We are trying to mitigate our exposure and our potential of spreading this virus accidentally by bringing the distribution day to 1 day a week.
- We are still asking our teachers and principals for options for low tech learning opportunities for those that might not have a device or limited access to a device at home, or no internet connection.
- We continue to plan for the rest of the year to be under closure. We don't know what that means for the end of the year events.
- We have to plan for summer school, Hub Program and Migrant Program. We don't know what will happen, but we will continue to work on this as we know more information along the way.

Board members made several positive comments on the smooth food distribution, great communication and leadership, and are proud of what the District has done.

Superintendent Harper stated “We have been trying to push good communication. This has been very much a great team effort.”

Executive Session: No Executive Sessions was held.

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

There being no further business, Mr. Van Hise moved adjournment and it was seconded by Mr. Zepeda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Tess - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

David Casey, Board President

Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary