

**Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231**  
**July 14, 2020, 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 Elementary School Cafeteria on July 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call: Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. VanHise - present; Mrs. Reif - present; Mr. Builta - present; Mrs. Tess - absent; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 6; Absent - 1.

Superintendent Harper, Business Manager Dale, Principal Adolph, Principal Canfield, Principal Cox, and Principal Derricks were also present.

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

It was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mr. VanHise to approve the June 9, 2020 Board of Education Monthly Meeting minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B")

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

**Communications:** Superintendent Harper announced that long time employee Mrs. Diane McBride recently passed away, after almost 20 years of service with the district. Superintendent Harper requested a moment of silence be observed.

**Special Reports/Updates:** No special reports or updates were presented.

**Consent Agenda:** It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mrs. Vaughn 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**

Idalia Marin

Bilingual Program Coordinator (Ex. "E")

**Employment**

None

**II. SUPPORT STAFF**

**Resignation**

Margaret McCaslin Cafeteria (Ex. "F")  
Laura Vanous Paraprofessional (Ex. "G")

**Retirement**

Larry Wallace Cafeteria/Playground (Ex. "H")

**Employment**

Onessa Hueramo Shared District Business Administrative Assistant (Ex. "I")

**III. EXTRACURRICULAR**

**Resignation**

Laura Vanous Assistant 7th Grade Track Coach

**Employment**

Kailyn Willis Assistant 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach

4. Approved the resolution designating the district's hazardous crossing locations continue to be hazardous crossings. (Ex. "J")

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

**Action Items:**

1. After reviewing the Executive Session minutes it was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mrs. Vaughn for the Executive Session minutes to remain closed. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.
2. It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the milk bid from Muller Pinehurst Dairy/Prairie Farms for FY2021 as presented. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "K")

3. Business Manager Dale stated we have a tentative budget on display for the 2020-2021 year. We must have the budget on display for 30 days prior to the official hearing and adoption. He informed the Board that a general overview of the tentative budget will be provided at our regular August Board meeting. A public Budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:45 pm at the Rochelle Middle School and adopt the budget at the regular September 8, 2020 meeting.
4. It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the extended Intergovernmental Agreement Between Oregon Community Unit School District #220 and Rochelle Community Consolidated School District #231 Relating to Professional Services to more fully train and support the food service director that was hired in January. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "L")
5. Superintendent Harper presented a recommendation for reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school taking into account the state guidelines, local resources, survey results and needs of students and staff.

The plan is for Phase 4 in which we can do in person learning with restrictions. We feel strongly that we need our students back in the classroom. The plan is a byproduct of a lot of collaboration work. It is a unified plan for both districts in Rochelle following the guidelines of the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health.

- We have 5 buildings with different sizes of classrooms.
  - We don't have the space nor personnel to social distance per the IDPH guidelines.
- Everyone, including students and staff, must wear a mask to help mitigate risks.
  - The only exception is a physician's note.
- All students will have a chromebook.
- We want to give our parents their first choice of in-person or opt out and do remote learning. We ask parents to try to make a commitment for the first trimester.
- If 75% of our parents choose in person:
  - The day will end at 12:30 pm
  - Students will be given a grab-n-go lunch..
  - We need to provide time in the day for our teachers to have time with our students that choose remote learning and we still comply with the contractual period.
- If 90% of our parents choose in person:
  - We will have to do alternating days:

- Monday/Wednesday
- Tuesday/Thursday
- Students and staff will have their temperature checked upon entering the school.
- We ask parents to self certify.
  - It is okay to hold a student back for illness.
  - If a student stays home for quarantine, the student will be moved into remote learning.

Registration is July 27 and 28. This will provide us a better understanding of the number of parents that choose to opt in and those that choose to opt out and do remote learning.

There is a tremendous amount of details to still cover.

**Discussion Items:** No discussion items were presented.

**Executive Session:**

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Bulta to enter into Executive Session at 7:42 pm for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining, pending legal action, student discipline, and other exceptions to the Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Bulta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Bulta to go out of Executive Session at 8:35 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Bulta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

**Action Resulting From Executive Session:**

Item 1: It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Reif to approve the reopening plans for Rochelle District 231 reopening plans for 2020-2021 school year as presented. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Bulta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Item 2: It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement Memorandum of Understanding for a one year roll over contract for certified employees. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda -

aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Item 3: It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the non-certified personnel compensation as presented. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Item 4: It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the Administrative compensation as presented. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Item 5: It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to appoint Celeste Canfield as the District ELL Director as presented by Superintendent Harper. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Item 6: It was motioned Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Reif to transfer Kim Lumzy to ELL Support Coordinator. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

After several questions from the public, it was moved by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mr. VanHise to reconvene to regular session at 8:51 pm. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Jake Waddle asked several questions in regards to reopening the schools. Many of his questions were related to special programs; i.e, dual language, ELL, special education, students with a 504, etc.

He also asked how the school is paying for the masks and shields and about the hygiene of them.

Superintendent Harper answered all of the questions.

Another member of the public addressed his concerns for the health safety of his child and other children.

Superintendent Harper stated “We have the duty and obligation to follow the ISBE and IDPH guidelines. We have taken very seriously every decision that is made for all students and staff.”

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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David Casey, Board President

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Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary