

Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
May 11, 2021 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 Lincoln Elementary School Cafeteria on May 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Upon roll call: Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. Van Hise - present; Mrs. Jackson - present; Mr. Builta - present; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 6, Absent - 0.

Superintendent Harper, Assistant Superintendent Doyle, and Business Manager Dale were also present.

It was motioned by Mr. Van Hise and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the proposed agenda with the last minute modification. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - 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 April 13, 2021 Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes and the April 26, 2021 Special Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B & C")

Audience Comments: No comments were presented.

Communications: Superintendent Harper stated "typically in May we recognize retiring staff members. It is a bit of an anomaly, but we do not have any certified staff retiring this year."

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

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Mr. Zepeda 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")
3. The below Personnel Report was approved as recommended by Superintendent Harper:

I. CERTIFICATED

Resignation

Catherine Weden
Jennifer Gontarek

3rd Grade Teacher at Tilton (Ex. "F")
Art Teacher at Central, Lincoln, & Tilton (Ex. "G")

Employment

None

Transfer

Becky Cox Principal at May to Principal at Tilton School

Retirement

Tammy Mellor Effective end of 2022 - 2023 school year (Ex. "H")

Sheri Klindera Effective end of 2023 - 2024 school year (Ex. "I")

II. SUPPORT STAFF

Resignation

Ali Harms Secretary at May School (Ex. "J")

Angie Gillis Health Aide at Central School (Ex. "K")

Elizabeth Sanchez-Turcios Bilingual Paraprofessional at Central (Ex. "L")

Brittany Ludwig Paraprofessional at Tilton (Ex. "M")

Employment

Suzie Gerber Library Aide at Tilton (Part time)

Damaris Hernandez Library Aide at Central (Part time)

Jackleen Potts Paraprofessional

Breynn Baiocco Sub Finder

Arely Hickey Bilingual Paraprofessional at Lincoln School

Reilly Wagner Summer HUB Program (Ex. "N")

Transfer

Stacey Ansteth Health Aide at Tilton to Health Aide at Central

Breynn Baiocco Secretary at Lincoln (Part time) to

Library Aide at Lincoln (Part Time)

Pam Odle Health Aide at May to Health Aide at Tilton

III. EXTRACURRICULAR

Resignation

None

Employment

None

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the district health insurance plan as presented, with a 3% increase. There will be no increase to the

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

2. Superintendent Harper stated at the April 13, 2021 board meeting it was recommended to amend the FY21 budget and put it on display for the required 30 days. At the June 8th meeting we will present the recommended changes as part of the budget hearing at 6:45 pm, prior to the regular June 8th meeting. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0.
3. Superintendent Harper presented an update on the district's education efforts during the Covid19 pandemic.
 - May 26 will be the last day of student attendance.
 - May 27 will be the last day for teachers
 - Summer school will consist of longer days and more days and will be serving more students than we have in the past.
 - Pfizer has a vaccine for 12 - 15 year olds. We will see what the State of Illinois and Ogle County Health Department does. We will not push or mandate a vaccination.
 - The State has not mandated that any student or staff must be vaccinated. We will offer vaccinations, but we will not pressure parents.
 - The Illinois State Board of Education has not given exact guidance on being a remote learner for next school year. The student or a close family member must have a severe documented medical condition and a note from the physician to be shared with us. They will decide if the student must be a remote learner.
 - This year the registration process has started and is online.
 - The parent can state if their student will be a remote learner next school year.
 - Right now the number of complete registration is at 200. This is a small percentage that are complete.

Discussion Items: No discussion items at this time.

Executive Session: It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to enter into the Executive Session at 7:15 pm for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining, pending legal action, student discipline, board vacancy and other exceptions to the Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to exit from the Executive Session at 8:48 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Action Resulting From Executive Session: It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to nominate Stephanie White to fill the open four year board vacancy position. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

David Casey, Board President

Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary