

**Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231**  
**June 8, 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 June 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Superintendent Harper presented the Oath of Office to new board member, Stephanie White.

Upon roll call: Mrs. Jackson- present; Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. Van Hise - present; Mrs. White - present; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Builta - 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 Mr. Zepeda to approve the proposed agenda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "A")

It was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve the May 11, 2021 Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B & C")

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

**Communications:** Superintendent Harper announced that the district was awarded \$81,415 for the Illinois Arts Council Agency Grant Award. This is a competitive grant and will be used toward instructional and curricular purposes, digital curriculum, and professional development.

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

**Consent Agenda:** It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn 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**

### **Employment**

Julie Slack Special Education Teacher at Tilton (Ex. "F")  
Phoebe Hughes 8th Grade Special Education Teacher at RMS (Ex. "G")  
Melissa Gensler Counselor at Tilton (Ex. "H")

### **Transfer**

Cassandra Inman Art Teacher part-time at Central School and May School  
to Art Teacher full-time at Lincoln School

## **II. SUPPORT STAFF**

### **Employment**

Peyton Lumzy SEL Paraprofessional at Tilton School (Ex. "I")  
Betty Henley Cafeteria (Part-time) at Lincoln School  
Enrique Lopez Bilingual Paraprofessional at Central School (Ex. "J")

### **Non-Renewal**

Julie Smith Custodial/Maintenance at Tilton (Ex. "K")

## **III. EXTRACURRICULAR**

### **Employment**

Phoebe Hughes Assistant Volleyball Coach at RMS

4. It was approved to accept the School Treasurer's Bond for 2021-2022.
5. It was approved to accept the End of the Year Action and Resolutions:
  1. Resolution Establishing a Working Cash Fund
  2. Resolution Closing Out the Petty Cash Fund for 2020-2021
  3. Resolution Establishing a Petty Cash Fund for 2021-2022
  4. Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Invest District Funds for the 2021-2022 Year
  5. Authorization to Apply for Federal and State Funds
  6. Title IX - Equal Rights Resolution
  7. Financial Responsibility for the Transportation of our Special Education Students
  8. Approval of the Final 2020-2021 Calendar
  9. Approval of District Risk Management Plan
  10. Approval of SOPPA Technology Agreements

Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "L")

**Action Items:**

1. It was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to amend the 2020-2021 budget as was presented at the regular April 13, 2021 meeting and at the Special Budget Hearing held prior to this meeting. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "M")
2. It was motioned by Mrs. White and was seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to hire WIPFLI of Sterling, IL to perform the 2020-2021 District's audit, not to exceed \$25,000. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.
3. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Van Hise to approve Fearer, Nye and Chadwick of Rochelle for general legal law; Robbins, Schwartz of Chicago for property tax appeals and general school law; Zukowski Law from Peru, IL for TIF district laws for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.
4. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to designate the Central Bank Illinois, Stillman Bank of Rochelle, Holcomb State Bank, First State Bank, and the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund as depositories for our money and investments for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - abstain; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0; Abstain-1. Motion carried.
5. It was motioned by Mr. Van Hise and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to accept the proposed Board of Education meeting dates listed below for the 2021-2022 school year and meet at 7:00 pm in the Lincoln School Cafeteria:

Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
Tuesday, August 10, 2021  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022

In the event of continued COVID19 closures and/or social distancing, the board authorizes the superintendent to host meetings from alternative locations. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0.

Motion carried.

6. Board President Casey appointed Mr. Builta and Mrs. Vaughn to the Ad Hoc Committee to review the closed session minutes before the July school board meeting.
7. It was motioned by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve the milk bid from Prairie Farms for FY2022 as presented. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "N")
8. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. White to approve Jodee Craven to continue to be the HUB Program grant evaluator. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "O")
9. It was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the contracts of Breyann Baiocco, Seth Gittleson, and Roxanna Contreras as HUB program site coordinators for FY22. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "P")
10. Superintendent Harper presented an update on the district's education efforts during the Covid19 pandemic.
  - Superintendent Harper stated "we are all waiting for June 11th to see if we will move into Phase 5."
  - Illinois State Board of Education State Superintendent, Dr. Ayala has been given the powers to execute the guidance of the description of a remote learner.
  - We continue to wait on guidance for next year from ISBE and IDPH.

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

**Executive Session:** It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. White to enter into the Executive Session at 7:22 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: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. White to exit from the Executive Session at 8:58 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

**Action Resulting From Executive Session:** No action resulted from Executive Session.

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: Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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David Casey, Board President

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Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary