

Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
July 13, 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 July 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Upon roll call: Mrs. White - present; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. Van Hise- present; Mr. Builta - present; Mrs. Jackson - 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. Vaughn to approve the proposed agenda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "A")

It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the June 8, 2021 Special Meeting - Amended Budget Hearing Minutes, the Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B, C & D")

Audience Comments:

- Cosme Becerra, co-president of REEA:
 1. Welcomed the new board members to the board.
 2. Expressed frustrations:
 - a. They are starting the year with no contract.
 - b. Having to do 17 training courses, but then notified by Administration to hold off until further notice.
 - c. Wondering how teachers that had to move to a new classroom are going to unpack, set up the classroom, and be ready to start day one.
 3. Thankful for the invite from Superintendent Harper, for he and the other co-president to meet regarding the guidance.

- The following people spoke regarding their concerns of wearing masks at school:

○ Colleen Esterday	Jackie Ramsey
○ Brad Schabacker	Shelly Laughton
○ Annie Ward	Amber Mickley
○ Kristi Gonzales	Nicole King
○ Maribel Ortiz	Melissa
○ Cole Thomas	

Communications: No communications were presented.

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

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Mr. Van Hise and seconded by Mr. Bulta to approve the following Consent Agenda as presented:

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

I. CERTIFICATED

Resignation

Marissa DeVlieger Speech Language Pathologist (Ex. "G")

Employment

Stacey Horstmeier 3rd Grade Teacher at Central School (Ex. "H")

Heather Sweeney Art/PE Teacher (Part-time) at Lincoln School (Ex. "I")

II. SUPPORT STAFF

Resignation

Barbara Meador Paraprofessional at Tilton (Ex. "J")

Retirement

Bonnie Bernardin Paraprofessional at RMS (Ex. "K")

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

Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Bulta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion Carried.

Action Items:

1. After reviewing the Executive Session minutes it was motioned by Mr. Bulta and seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to have the Executive Session minutes remain closed. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Bulta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.
2. It was motioned by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. White to approve placing the tentative budget on display for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise -

aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "M")

3. Superintendent Harper presented the first reading of the Board Policy Manual updates, Press Plus 107 edits. These changes are the result of the School Code Statutory or Legislative changes. No action was taken as these updates must lay on the Board table for the required one month and be placed on the August agenda for adoption. (Ex. "N")
4. Superintendent Harper presented an update regarding relevant state guidance regarding the start of the 2021-2022 school year.
 - We hope to get new guidance by the end of this week.
 - No action is happening tonight.
 - He thanked the audience for coming out and letting their voices be heard.
 - Our Board is committed to getting our students back to school and providing the best education possible.

Discussion Items: No discussion items were presented.

Executive Session: It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to enter into the Executive Session at 7:45 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. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to exit from the Executive Session at 9:25 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - 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. Builta moved adjournment and it was seconded by Mr. Van Hise. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

David Casey, Board President

Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary