

**Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
August 10, 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 August 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Upon roll call: Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mrs. White - present; Mr. Builta - present; Mr. Zepeda - absent; Mrs. Jackson - present; Mr. Van Hise - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 6, Absent - 1.

Superintendent Harper, Assistant Superintendent Doyle, Business Manager Dale, Principal Adolph, Principal Canfield, Principal Cox, Principal Young, Assistant Principal Dornink, and Hub Program Director Hayden were also present.

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

It was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve the July 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B, C & D")

Audience Comments:

- The following people spoke regarding their concerns of wearing masks at school:
 - Cole Thomas Jamie Stinnett
 - Jacob Waddle Mike Hayes
 - Tricia Goodwin Ms. Martinez
 - Amber Mickley Jason Goodwin
 - Colleen Esterday Ethan Goodwin
 - Allen Stultz Vicki Pemberton

Communications: No Communications were presented

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

Consent Agenda: It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta 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

Shannon McGraw	4th Teacher at Tilton (Ex. "G")
Veronica Garcia Martinez	6th Grade ELL Teacher at RMS (Ex. "H")
Noelle Brown	5th Grade at Tilton (Ex. "I")

Employment

Sarah Lavieri	Speech Language Pathologist
Jeannette Mingus	4th Grade Teacher at Tilton (Ex. "J")
Jessica Hickey	6th Grade ESL Teacher at RMS (Ex. "K")

II. SUPPORT STAFF

Resignation

Marisol Belmonte	Bilingual Paraprofessional (Ex. "L")
Leticia (Aby) Guerrero	Parent as Teacher Coordinator (Ex. "M")
Skylar Hall	Cafeteria (Ex. "N")
Mychala Hurst	Cheer Coach at RMS (Ex. "O")

Employment

Susan King	Paraprofessional at Central School (Ex. "P")
Daniella Eglund	SEL Paraprofessional at Central School (Ex. "Q")
Tiffany Williams	Paraprofessional at Central School (Ex. "R")
Belinda Hartline	Cafeteria at RMS
Azeneth Milan	Bilingual Paraprofessional at Tilton School (Ex. "S")

Transfer

Richard Sarabia	Paraprofessional from Central to RMS
Jane Saenz	Paraprofessional from Tilton to Central School

III. EXTRACURRICULAR

Resignation

None

Employment

Jessica Hickey	Assistant Cross Country Coach (Ex. "T")
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4. Student handbooks for the upcoming year for each building were approved as presented. (Ex. "U")
5. Tuition reimbursement and repayment agreements were approved for Vanessa Belmonte, Elizabeth Medina, and Marisol Garcia. (Ex. "V")
6. Approve Statements of Compliance for Temporary Facilities

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

Action Items:

1. After lying on the table for one month it was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. White to approve the latest board policy manual updates provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards Press Plus 107 edits. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "W")
2. It was motioned by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to approve Superintendent Harper's recommendation to increase the non-certified staff salary by a minimum of \$.45 per hour or to January 1, 2022 minimum wage requirement of \$12 per hour. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.
3. Superintendent Harper presented the school reopening plan for 2021-2022 and tried to answer some of the public's questions. He also presented the letter that was sent out today.

D212/D231 2021-2022 In Person Learning Parental Letter Update - August 10, 2021

Recommend to adhere to the Governor's universal mask mandate to wear a mask while in school and on the bus.

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 8:54 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. Vaughn - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to exit from the Executive Session at 10:51 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Action Resulting From Executive Session: It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve the school reopening plan as presented for 2021-2022 with the following considerations:

- We direct Superintendent Harper to correct the out of date guidance regarding lunch differentiation in regards to vaccination status.

- We also direct Superintendent Harper to make personal contact with the Durand superintendent.
- We direct Superintendent Harper to follow the ongoing legal case at Breese Elementary School where a parent is suing the governor over this issue.
- We also direct Superintendent Harper to verify procedures for the loss of insurance including a timeline of what our risk would be if we go against the Governor's mandate.
- We will hold a special board meeting on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 7:00 pm to further discuss this issue or earlier if presented with additional information.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 pm.

David Casey, Board President

Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary