

ROCKPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
August 26, 2009

Chairman Carl Engel called the regular meeting of the Rockport School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. in the MS/HS library. Members present were Melissa Tingley, Brian Sullivan, Nancy Mears, and Michael Kelley. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Susan M. King and Recording Secretary Ingrid Keating.

- I. A. Motion: Melissa Tingley motioned to accept the Regular minutes of June 17, 2009.
Seconded: Nancy Mears seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

- B. Personnel Actions N/A

- II. Community Participation N/A

- A. RHS Student Advisory Council Representative N/A

- B. Public Participation N/A

- III. Discussion and Recommended Actions

- A. Cafeteria Update

Director of Food Services Jan Jenkins reported that she has met with students to inform them about what foods can and can not be offered under federal regulations. Mrs. Jenkins will be reconfiguring the food serving area for maximum efficiency. School lunches will cost the same amount, but she will be offering more options, such as sandwiches and wraps at \$3.75 to \$4.00, a “Sub Shop” at \$3.50, and a salad bar with a different theme each week. Mrs. Jenkins reported that she purchases locally when ever available. She will try to offer the “Sub Shop” in the elementary school. A freezer compressor broke this summer and quite a bit of food was lost. Mrs. Jenkins will be filing an insurance claim. She would like to start a breakfast club and a “grab and go” to promote the breakfast program. Mrs. Jenkins is the regional delegate for the local food services association. The Rockport schools do not have a high percentage of “free and reduced” to qualify for federal money and programs. After some discussion, it was decided that Mrs. Jenkins will set some goals to be reviewed by the superintendent and will report back to the committee at a later date. Dr. King will be talking with Elementary School Principal Shawn Maguire about how to lengthen the 15 minute lunches.

- B. Rockport Schools Community Connection N/A

- C. Hallmarks of Success

The Hallmarks of Success document was discussed. Melissa Tingley feels that all students should have some type of awareness of their health and physical being regardless of whether or not they are sports oriented. The committee felt that the intent of the hallmarks is to measure and to help market the schools. The committee agrees that Hallmarks is a work in progress and will concentrate on including all students in its intent.

- D. Health Policy Review – third reading

Vice-chairman Brian Sullivan read the third reading of both Health Policies JLCA and JCLA-1.

Motion: Nancy Mears motioned to accept revised Health Policy JLCA.
Seconded: Melissa Tingley seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Motion: Brian Sullivan motioned to adopt Health Policy JLCA-1.
Seconded: Nancy Mears seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

- E. School District Development Plan

Dr. King will present this plan at the next school committee meeting, September 9, 2009.

- F. Update N/A

IV. Information and Proposals

A. School Council Update N/A

B. Donations

Parents Donna Lomond and Mary Porter donated and planted flowers around the elementary trees at the front entrance.

V. Correspondence

VI. Other

Dr. King requested that the November 4, 2009 school committee meeting be changed to November 3, 2009 as she will be out of the district to attend the Suburban School Superintendent's Annual Conference. The committee secretary will post that change.

Brian Sullivan passed out information on school liability during field trips for the other members to read. He will research this further and come back to the committee at a later date.

VI. Future Agenda Items

A. Long-Range Plan Update (Hallmarks of Success/Facilities Committee)

B. Fieldtrip forms

C. Essex Agricultural School and NSVTHS Merger – Mark Small (9/23/09)

D. Spotlight On Our Schools (9/23/09)

Motion: Nancy Mears motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Seconded: Melissa Tingley seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. King, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools