

**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes**

**Administration Building
Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mrs. Jude Makulec Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel the Board **hold** an executive session to consider the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; the discipline of students; pending or imminent litigation; collective bargaining matters; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2 (c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Approved: 4-0-3

The Board was in executive session from 5:09 p.m. until 6:54 p.m.

1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:09 p.m.*
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 7:11), Mrs. Jude Makulec Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Absent: None
Mr. Scrivano thanked RPS 205 graduate, Rod Weddle, and Alan Leon who are working behind the scenes to produce the Board's broadcast on Channel 20.
4. Recognition
 - A. Spring State-Level Competitors
IESA Bowling
Flinn Middle School's boys and girls bowling teams both found success in the regular season. Both teams qualified at sectionals to compete in the IESA State Bowling tournament in Joliet in April. Congratulations to teammates Ashley Harkey, Fallon Perry, Leann Severson and Hailey Weeks! The boys' team includes Eli Bowers, Logan Dove, Casey Peters and Carver Villarreal.
IHSA Boys Track & Field
Auburn High School's Syreal Holland was the only RPS 205 student to compete at the IHSA Boys Track & Field Tournament last month. Holland, a junior, qualified to compete in the 100-meter dash.
IHSA Boys Tennis
Auburn High School junior Quinten Nevenhoven finished the IHSA Class 2A state tennis tournament with a 3-2 record.
5. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
There were no speakers.
6. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Seigel thanked Auburn high school graduates and their guests for their patience with technical difficulties that arose. Everyone was very gracious during and after the ceremony.
 - Mr. Scrivano thanked Board members and Administration and Cabinet members for all the work to make Saturday's Strategic meeting a success.
7. *Consent Items
 - A. ~~Meeting Minutes: 05/22/18~~ – pulled by Mr. Escobedo
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts-Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. Construction Bid Request Log

F. Contracts Under \$10,000

G. Travel

8. *Bid Recommendations

A. ~~IFB 18-39 East HS Security Cameras~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel

B. ~~IFB 18-41 Guilford Pole Barn~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

C. ~~IFB 18-51 Interior Painting at Auburn and Guilford High Schools~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

D. ~~IFB 18-53 Pest Control Services~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

E. IFB 18-56 Elevator-Lift Chair Inspections and Maintenance

9. Recurring Contracts

A. Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Therapy Care

B. ~~Rock Valley College Running Start Program~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel

10. *Other Consent

A. Property, Casualty, Student Accident Program Liability Insurance – Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Renewal – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

B. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) Multi-Classroom Leader Model

C. RBMA Contract

D. Freedom of Information Log

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Consent items not pulled.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Consent item pulled 7A, Meeting Minutes 05/22/18.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Abstain: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Escobedo

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Bid Recommendations pulled 8A, IFB 18-30 East HS Security Cameras.

The bid questions were concerning procurement rather than substantive. Concerns were raised regarding the recommendations for IFB 18-41 and IFB 18-51 as only one bid was received for each. Administration was asked for an explanation. A second pre-bid meeting was held for IFB 18-51, as attendance at the first meeting was poor. The project itself is large for painters, but small for general contractors. Generating more bidders is an ongoing process. The winning bid for IFB 18-53 was the same as the budget and was attributed as a coincidence.

Board members have been asked what the District is doing to address security concerns at the schools. The security cameras in Bid 18-39 address the concerns to community members.

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to amend the original motion to include Bid Recommendations pulled 8B-8D, IFB-41 Guilford Pole Barn, IFB 18-52 Interior Painting and Auburn and Guilford High Schools, and IFB 18-53 Pest Control Services.

Approved by voice Vote.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved as Amended Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Recurring Contract pulled 9B, Rock Valley College Running Start Program.

This is a great opportunity for students in the District to take advantage of educational opportunities. Students can earn their associates degree while in high school. Administration requested trend, including how many started the program and completed it. A PDSA process will be in place for the future for all recurring contracts. Ms. French addressed these questions. All students who have started this program have completed their high school diploma and associates degree. Forty students per year have been in the program.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

11. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Pati Strehl as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal at Washington Elementary School

B. Appointment of Candace Cacciatore as 10 Month Assistant Principal K-5 at Gregory Elementary School

C. Appointment of Amish Shah as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Guilford High School

D. Appointment of Stephen Heidel as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Auburn High School

- E. Appointment of Dr. Jennifer Lak-Keilman as 11 month Early Childhood Principal at Summerdale
- F. ~~Resolution for Dismissal of Director of Buildings and Ground – RIF (Non-Certified) – James Kaplanes – pulled by Mr. Connor~~
- G. Resolution Authorizing Notice to Remedy – Nichole Kozeneski
- H. HR Organizational Report & Addendum
- I. Appointment of Amy Croxford as Assistant Principal K-5 at Cherry Valley Elementary

12. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline

“Unless otherwise modified below, the Board adopts and accepts the hearing officer’s findings and recommendations in the following cases in which the students expelled or suspended are prohibited from being on school grounds and school-sponsored activities without the prior written permission of the principal.”

- A. GDM-2036-18 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement through the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- B. GDM-4197-18 – expelled for the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- C. ~~GDM-4198-18~~ – pulled by Administration
- D. GDM-4199-18 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in abeyance Agreement through the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- E. GDM-4200-18 – expelled for the entire 2018-2019 school year and the entire 2019-2020 school year.
- F. GDM-4201-18 – expelled for the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- G. GDM-4202-18 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in abeyance Agreement through the entire 2018-2019 school year.

13. *Closed Session Consent Items – EIAs

- A. GDM-1022-18
- B. GDM-1023-18
- C. GDM-1025-18
- D. GDM-3570-18
- E. GDM-3571-18
- F. GDM-3572-18
- G. GDM-3573-18
- H. GDM-3574-18
- I. GDM-3575-18
- J. GDM-3576-18
- K. GDM-3577-18
- L. GDM-3578-18
- M. GDM-3579-18
- N. GDM-3580-18
- O. GDM-3581-18
- P. GDM-3682-18
- Q. GDM-3583-18
- R. GDM-3584-18
- S. GDM-3585-18

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Closed Session Consent items not pulled.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Closed Session Consent item pulled 11F, Resolution for Dismissal of Director of Buildings and Ground – RIF (James Kaplanes)

Yeas: Mr. Escobedo, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel

Abstain: Mr. Connor,

Approved: 6-0-1

14. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett

- A. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett reiterated his appreciation to Board and Administrative Team members who attended Saturday’s Strategic Planning meeting. There are two requested follow-ups from the meeting.

1. He requested any suggestions on the calendar. There is a suggested report schedule; currently there is a list of thirty-four reports. The goal is to limit this to thirty –four so that there is one report per meeting.

2. Dr. Jarrett encouraged members to review the goals and targets reviewed at the Strategic Planning meeting. Please indicate any suggestions and/or refinements regarding these.

15. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec

The committee has not met since the last meeting and will not be meeting again. Mrs. Makulec thanked community members, Mrs. Christina Peacock, Ms. Martesha Brown, Dr. Joan Kole, and Mr. Ricardo Montoya-Picazzo. The community members were valued members who took a lot of time, asking intelligent questions, and helped the District work through many pieces. Dr. Vosberg and Mrs. Dettman were thanked for the administrative help throughout the past year.

B. Finance Committee – Mr. Rollins

The committee has not met and will not be meeting again as the District is change to the Committee of the Whole.

C. Operations Committee – Mr. Connor

The committee met Tuesday, June 5, 2018. The agenda item was the custodial staff overview and progress with Aramark. Remarks included congratulations to the Administration for the survey, the communication, the regular feedback, focusing on issues, and problem resolution. Mr. Connor thanked community members, Brian Neuses, Glenn Turpoff, Jean Harezlak, Chip Block, and Sunil Puri who came prepared to every meeting, had excellent comments, and provided a valuable community service.

16. *Action Items

There were no items.

17. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

Administration requested the Board suspend the rules in order to ensure the mural is completed by the schools' grand openings.

A. **Consultants Agreement with Mark Adamany for Murals for New Schools – Atty. Lori Hoadley

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **suspend the rules** to consider item 17A, Consultants Agreement with Mark Adamany for Murals for New Schools.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Nays: Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Escobedo

Motion Fails: 4-3-0 (*A super majority is needed to suspend the rules*)

The murals are to memorialize naming the new elementary school Constance B. Lane, and the gym at Cherry Valley Elementary, Leonard B. Keller. Mr. Adamany is a local artist who can create a nice compilation for Cherry Valley Elementary school. He will incorporate various themes including A.C. Thompson who was Winnebago County supervisor, and for whom the school was named, and White Swan named after a location. Administration has gathered a lot of information pertaining to Constance Lane. She was the first African American teacher in the District and hired by Superintendent McIntosh. The contract is for two murals with a fiscal impact of \$19,700. The murals will be on canvas enabling them to be removed if needed. Special lighting is not required. Suggestions included the high school academies competing to create the winning murals.

This will return for a vote at the June 26, 2018 meeting.

B. Special Education Private and Residential Placement Contracts, Thresholds Young Adult Program

The facility is being added to the current list of facilities the District uses to place students in need of services. The fiscal impact is \$16,741.27.

This will return for a vote at the June 26, 2018 meeting.

C. AP Physics Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum

D. ~~Middle School Language Arts Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum~~ – pulled by Administration

E. Middle School Social Science Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum

The AP Physics Resource adoption includes textbooks and six years of digital access platform. The fiscal impact is \$21,587.35. The Middle School Social Science resource adoption includes textbooks and digital access. This will be for sixth through eighth grades. The fiscal impact is \$505,785.00. Both were presented at the May Education Committee meeting and can be viewed by following this link: [Resource Adoption](#).

These will return for a vote at the June 26, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Rollins spoke of how the District changed its wellness vendor and the apparent disruption to employees. He asked for the process in choosing a new vendor, and communications to employees explaining the reasoning.

The District conducted an RFP process for the wellness provider. Interactive Health was late presenting their bid to the District therefore disqualifying them. Employees were told of the change during the twelve open enrollment sessions. This change was explained to all who attended. This change was also discussed to principals at various meetings.

Administration was advised that it would be beneficial to communicate these changes and the reasons to employees.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to **adjourn.**

Adjournment: 8:17 p.m.

Approved: 6/26/18

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/

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