

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

**Administration Building  
Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

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

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec (arr. 5:01 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel

Absent: Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

**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 5:01 p.m. until 6:56 p.m.

1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m.*
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call  
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. David Seigel  
Absent: Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. Jaime Escobedo  
*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. Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2018-2019  
There were not speakers
5. Recognition
  - A. Spring State-Level Competitors  
**IHSA Girls Track and Field**  
The following girls participated in the IHSA Class 3A Track and Field State Tournament:  
Guilford High School sophomore Shaniah Johnson competed in the Triple Jump  
East High School senior Mysha Stapleton competed in the 100 meter dash  
Auburn High School senior Gabrielle Maculan competed in the 300 meter low hurdles.
  - IESA Girls & Boys Track and Field**  
Flinn Middle School  
Paige Alms won fifth place in the 100-meter dash, and 11<sup>th</sup> place in the 200-meter dash.  
Michelle Gasmund took 12<sup>th</sup> place in the 800-meter run, and 11<sup>th</sup> place in the 1600-meter run.  
The team of Paige Alms, Nadia Bolden, Tiondra Henry, Olivia Robinson took 12<sup>th</sup> in the 4x100-meter relay.  
The team of Paige Alms, Michelle Gasmund, Tiondra Henry, Olivia Robinson, Nadia Bolden also competed at state in the 4X400-meter relay.  
Rasheed Johnson took 11<sup>th</sup> in the 200-meter dash.  
Juan Del Real competed in the 1600-meter run.  
The team of Adrian Agee, Camren Bigel, Jayden Green and Rasheed Johnson took sixth in the 4x100-meter relay.  
The team of Adrian Agee, Camren Bigel, De'Eric Chapman, Rasheed Johnson, Jayden Green competed in the 4x400-meter relay.  
The team of Laki Fulgiam, Zaire Sherman, Jeremiah Crawford, DJ Jefferson, Johnathon Grant took 10th in the 4x100-meter relay.  
The team of Leo Bueno, Felipe Gelacio, Shamar Holt, Ricky Valerio, Angel Reyes-Delgado competed in the 4x200-meter relay.

### Kennedy Middle School

Julius Purifoy competed in the 100-meter dash and also took 13<sup>th</sup> place in the 200-meter dash.

The team of De'vonte Ashens, Quintin Eiland, Markquez Gray, Jacob Holliman and Julius Purifoy took eighth in the 4x100-meter relay.

Quintin Eiland competed in shot put.

### Eisenhower Middle School

Owen Dahlberg competed in the 400-meter dash

### West Middle School

Malik Gordon qualified for State in the long jump, and Brandon Ferguson competed in the 110 meter hurdles.

### **IHSA Journalism**

Three East High School students and five Guilford High School students qualified for the #IHSA Journalism State Tournament after placing in the top three at the IHSA Journalism sectional at Northern Illinois University in April.

Guilford High School's Marie Burns took fifth place at the State Tournament in feature writing after taking second place at sectionals.

Also from Guilford: Jonathan Jurgens competed in broadcast news, Riley DeBoer competed in headline writing, Kaitlyn Albrecht competed in yearbook copy writing, and Milica Samoukovic competed in editorial writing.

Guilford students Jacob Morgan, Charles "CJ" Larson and Olivia Hagerty also went to state to participate in a pilot event for video broadcasting.

From East: Brooklyn Guntermann competed in copy editing after placing first at sectionals. Morgan Pease competed in yearbook caption writing, and Maddie Taylor competed in broadcast news.

### **State Science Olympiad**

Guilford High School's Science Olympiad team competed in the state tournament earlier this month at the University of Illinois. The Vikings medaled in the following events:

Andrew Albers and Nick Albers took fifth in Chemistry Lab

Syed Ahmad and Andrew Albers took fifth place in Forensics

Rashad Ahmad and Josh Albers took third place in Hovercraft

Rashad Ahmad and Syed Ahmad took first place in Thermodynamics the State Science Olympiad tournament.

The team also performed well in the following events: Anatomy & Physiology, Ecology, Experimental Design, Game On, Material Science, Microbe Mission, Mission Possible, Towers, and Density.

### **Outstanding Physics Students**

Three Auburn High School students were named Outstanding Physics Students and received an award from their teacher, Marianna Ruggiero, through the American Association of Physics Teachers. Association members are invited to select the top three physics students for the award, and Ms. Ruggiero chose Emily Calgaro, Rachel Corzine and Kaylee Knott. Emily received a Rockford Promise scholarship and will attend Rock Valley College, then plans to transfer to the University of Illinois – Chicago to study physics. Rachel will attend Knox College and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in physics. Kaylee received a full ride to the Illinois Institute of Technology, which includes a research stipend. She plans to focus on astrophysics.

### **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards**

More than 2,800 students across the country have been recognized by the nonprofit Alliance for Young Artists and Writers in 2018. The awards are the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7–12. This honor opens doors for students by providing access to future scholarship programs and workshops, the ability to have work publically displayed.

The Awards include 29 categories;poetry, photography, sculpture, humor, editorial cartoons, and video game design. Students from four RPS 205 schools were recognized with the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

Some students received more than one award, so you may hear several names more than once.

### **Gold Key Award Winners**

Auburn High School: Sydney Fields, Drew Iversen, Lily Johnson, Esther Veitch. Ty Kiatathikom and Olivia Lenz each won two Gold Key Awards.

Jefferson High School: Zaria Chandler. Symone Joyce won two Gold Key Awards; Katherine Martinez won four Gold Key Awards.

Thurgood Marshall School: Nam Pham.

### **Silver Key Award Winners**

Auburn High School: Arjanne Arreola, Ty Kiatathikom, Elah Mana, Brady Peterson, Esther Sales.

Jefferson High School: Katherine Martinez, Alixandra Nunez.

RESA Middle School: Madilyn Zingre.

### **Honorable Mention**

Auburn High School: Fiona Bingley, Sydney Fields, Drew Iversen, Jack Johnson, Stephanie Romero, Diana Sanchez-Arrieta. Esther Veitch and Olivia Lenz each receive two honorable mentions; Paloma Velasco received three honorable mentions.

Jefferson High School: Symone Joyce, Alixandra Nunez, Laura Velazquez. Zaria Chandler and Joanna Drake each received three honorable mentions.

RESA Middle School: Amaria Goldsmith, Makenzie McClintock, Jazmin Nayeem.

Thurgood Marshall School: Giulyana Gamero, Ryuto Thew

### 6. **Petitions & Communications**

*Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.*

- Brandi Brown spoke of her frustrations with her daughter's student discipline issues.
- Penny Deverueawax spoke of due process concerns regarding her granddaughter.
- Reverend Derrick Shelby spoke of his unhappiness with the school district.
- Britney Cotton spoke of a bus accident involving her daughter.

### 7. **Board Member Comments**

- Mr. Seigel spoke of attending the graduation ceremony at Roosevelt. The students and teachers were extraordinary as were the administrators and families.

### 8. **\*Consent Items**

- A. Meeting Minutes: 05/08/18
- B. Payroll
- C. Accounts-Payable
- D. Purchase Orders
- E. Construction Bid Request Log
- F. Contracts Under \$10,000
- G. Travel

### 9. **\*Bid Recommendations**

- A. IFB 18-42 Rubber Mulch
- B. IFB 18-52 West MS Asbestos Abatement

### 10. **Recurring Contracts**

- A. PowerSchool Special Education System Addendum
- B. Allied Benefit Systems, Inc. 7-1-18 Contract Renewal, Retiree Plan Administrator
- C. Chromebook Lease (US Bank)
- D. Advanced Planning Technologies – Update NetRequest for Recent Additions, Site Changes and New School – Kevin Behling, Executive Director of Design & Construction
- E. Forecast5 Analytics, Inc. – Data Analytics Program and License Agreements – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

### 11. **\*Other Consent**

- A. Monthly Investment Report-April 1028 – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA-Chief Financial Officer
- B. Financial Results: April 2018 – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
- C. Builders' Risk Insurance Annual Renewal – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
- D. Resolution Designating Custodian of Employer-Sponsored Code 403(b) Plan – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
- E. New School Construction Change Order Logs – Kevin Behling, Executive Director of Design & Construction
- F. RPS Managed Work Change Order Logs - Kevin Behling, Executive Director of Design & Construction
- G. Facility Rental Fee Waiver – Rockford Police Department
- H. Freedom of Information Log

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

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

**Absent:** Mr. Dixon, Mr. Escobedo

**Approved: 5-0-2**

12. \*Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Joshua Rollins as 10 Month Elementary Dean at Marshall Elementary School
- B. Appointment of Kelly Kerchner as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal at Swan Hillman Elementary School
- C. Appointment of Blake Hand as 11 Month Elementary Principal at Welsh Elementary School
- D. Salary Adjustment for Director of Payroll
- E. Resolution Authorizing Notice of Charges and Dismissal of a Tenured Teach Marcel Chiu
- F. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

13. \*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-2035-18 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year through April 13, 2019.
- B. GDM-4190-18 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year through the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- C. GDM-4191-18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, the entire 2018-2019 school year through the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.
- D. GDM-4192-18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year through the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year.
- E. GDM-4194-18 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- F. GDM-4195-18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year through the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- G. GDM-4196-18 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and the entire 2018-2019 school year.

14. \*Closed Session Consent Items – EIAs

- A. GDM-1019-18
- B. GDM-1020-18
- C. GDM-1021-18
- D. GDM-3541-18
- E. GDM-3542-18
- F. GDM-3549-18
- G. GDM-3551-18
- H. GDM-3552-18
- I. GDM-3553-18
- J. GDM-3554-18
- K. GDM-3555-18
- L. GDM-3556-18
- M. GDM-3557-18
- N. GDM-3558-18
- O. GDM-3559-18
- P. GDM-3650-18
- Q. GDM-3561-18
- R. GDM-3562-18
- S. GDM-3563-18
- T. GDM-3564-15
- U. GDM-3565-18
- V. GDM-3566-18
- W. GDM-3567-18
- X. GDM-3568-18
- Y. GDM-3569-18

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

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

**Absent:** Mr. Dixon, Mr. Escobedo

**Approved:** 5-0-2

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded BY Mr. Seigel to **approve** Closed Session Consent item pulled 12A, Appointment of 10 Month Elementary Dean.

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

**Abstain:** Mr. Rollins,

**Absent:** Mr. Dixon, Mr. Escobedo

**Approved:** 4-0-1-1

15. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett spoke of the celebratory time of year with two graduation ceremonies. Two students were honored at Wilson Aspire for completing the program. Roosevelt's graduation ceremony took place on May 22nd. Graduation ceremonies for the four traditional high schools will take place May 23 and May 24. The Academic All Stars event took place recognizing the top 125 high school students, as well as top ten students at the District's middle schools and the top five in special programs.

The District had the opportunity to renew its commitment to high school academies. The Academy Awards recognized the outstanding high school performers in all four key academy areas as well as the two District-wide special programs. Dr. Jarrett ended his report by giving a shout-out to Maria Montessori at Marsh. Dr. Jarrett and Mr. Earl Dotson, Jr. were challenged in a 32 team book bracket mirroring the NCAA Tournament. Dr. Jarrett and Mr. Dotson, Jr. had the opportunity to read the winning book. The book is Refugee.

16. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec

The committee met Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Agenda included Instructional Resource Adoption for 6-8 ELA, 6-8 Social Science, and AP Science. Pearson *MyPerspectives English Language Arts* was recommended for purchase with a fiscal impact of \$545,213.15, which includes ten days of professional development. The recommended resource for sixth grade social studies is *History Alive! The Ancient World* (TCI). The seventh and eighth grade recommendation is *History Alive! The United States Through Modern Times* (TCI). The fiscal impact is \$505,785.00 and includes textbooks and six year of digital access platform. The third recommendation is *College Physics a Strategic Approach* by Knight, Jones, and Field (Publisher: Pearson). The fiscal impact is \$21,587.35 and includes textbooks and 6 years of digital access platform. The recommendations are budgeted in the FY19 budget. The presentation can be viewed by clicking on this link: [Resource Adoption](#). Two additional updates were made, Bilingual and Charter Schools. Mrs. Dettman gave an in-depth review of the Bilingual update. The full update can be viewed by following this link: [Bilingual Update](#). The Title I update was the third update for committee members. The District is transitioning from No Child Left Behind (NCLB) to ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). The transition should be complete in July 2018. The complete update can be viewed by clicking on the link: [Title I](#). Charter Schools were the last discussion item for the committee. Currently there are three charter schools in the District. Dr. Jarrett has requested stronger framework for accountability in advance of charter renewals. Internal capacity for charter management needs to be strengthened. Legacy and Galapagos charters are up for renewal in June 2019 and Jackson Charter is due in June 2020. The full report may be seen by following this link: [Charter Schools](#). The committee will meet Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

B. Finance Committee – Mr. Rollins

The committee met Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Agenda items included an update on the FY2017 Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plans. Ms. Jahr reviewed these with committee members. Process Improvements Update. A PowerPoint presentation was given reviewing Financial Services processes. Processes include software and payroll posting. Discussion included expanding the inventory system to include more items. There was discussion about the InTouch cash receiving software. Problems with the software are getting resolved. Some of the software initiatives include budget position control module, implement Accounts Receivable module, and upgrade to the timekeeping system. The final discussion item was the FY19 budget which is on the current agenda. The presentations may be viewed by clicking on this link: [Finance Committee](#). The committee will meet Monday, June 4, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Operations Committee – Mr. Connor

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting. It will meet Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

17. \*Action Items

A. Board Policy 2.150 Board of Education; Committees – Atty. Hoadley

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 17A, Board Policy 2.150 Board of Education; Committees – Atty. Hoadley

Comments included continuing to involve community members in some capacity.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Dixon, Mr. Escobedo

**Approved: 5-0-2**

B. Naming of the Cherry Valley Gymnasium for Leonard B. Keller – Dr. Ehren Jarrett

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 17B, Naming of the Cherry Valley Gymnasium for Leonard B. Keller. His daughters, Nicole Siccardi, Jakki Mitchell, and Cherry Valley principal Carolyn Timm came up to the podium to accept the honor.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Dixon, Mr. Escobedo

**Approved: 5-0-2**

C. 2018-2019 Student Code of Conduct – Mrs. Angela Hite-Carter, Executive Director of Student Services and Alternative Learning

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 17C, 2018-2019 Student Code of Conduct.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Dixon, Mr. Escobedo

**Approved: 5-0-2**

D. Facilities Master Plan/Deferred Maintenance Plan Revision – Atty. Hoadley, Mr. Todd Schmidt, Mr. Kevin Behling

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 17D, Facilities Master Plan/Deferred Maintenance Plan Revision.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Dixon, Mr. Escobedo

**Approved: 5-0-2**

18.

Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Resolution to Adopt 2018-2019 Budget – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, Chief Financial Officer, and Ms. Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget

Michele Slater, Executive Director of Budget, gave a presentation that included the budgeting process for FY19. These included:

- 1% reduction in Administration costs were required.
- Cabinet members presented their individual budgets to the Finance Committee throughout the cycle.
- Budget workshops were held at Cabinet level to prioritize reinvestment of funds from the reductions.
- The FY19 Preliminary Consolidated Budget was presented to the Finance Committee.

Board approved capital projects total \$3,769,539.00. Additional funds requested total \$1,025,500 and capital outlay of \$26,849.71,

Budget assumptions :

- Enrollment budgeted flat per trends
- 2017 Property Tax levy
  - 50% of property tax revenue EAV increase of 2.09%
  - 5.9 million new property EAV
  - 99% collection rate
  - Tax rate decrease of .28%
- 2018 Property Tax Levy:
  - 50% of property tax revenue
  - EAV estimated to increase 2%
  - \$6.0 million estimated new property EAV
  - 99% collection rate
- Corporate Personal Property Tax (CPPRT)
  - Budgeted flat at FY18 funding levels
  - \$2.5 million earmarked to fund the Capital Fund Series 2016 Bond payment
- State Revenue

- Evidence Based Funding – 6% increase based on lower range of 5 year historical trend of approximately \$7.4 million
- Categorical Aid Payments – 4 payments expected to mirror FY18
- State grants expected to mirror
- FY 18 Federal Revenue
  - Increase in National Free Breakfast and Lunch Program of \$1.3 million due to anticipated increase in participation
  - Federal grants expected to mirror FY18

Potential Risks:

- Flat tax levy
- Evidence Based Funding increase assumption of 6%
- Increase salary costs due to expiring contracts
- Healthcare claims could exceed assumptions of 4%

The Administration team was commended for the one percent (1%) reduction. The presentation was easy to follow. To view the complete presentation, please click on this link: [Proposed FY19 Budget Presentation](#).

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

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

Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

*Approved: 06/12/18*

***President; Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/***

***Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/***

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