

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

**Administration Building  
Tuesday, August 14, 2018**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:37 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mr. David Seigel

Absent: Mrs. Jude Makulec, 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 5:31 p.m. until 6:44 p.m.

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1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:00p.m.*
  2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Roll Call  
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mr. David Seigel  
Absent: Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. Jaime Escobedo  
*Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers who are working behind the scenes to produce the Board's broadcast on Channel 20.*
  4. Petitions & Communications  
*There were no speakers.*
  5. Board Member Comments
    - Board members and Administration recognized and sang in celebration of Mrs. Dettman's "special" day.
    - Mr. Connor reminded everyone of the ribbon cutting at the new Cherry Valley Elementary School Friday, August 17, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
  6. \*Consent Items
    - A. Meeting Minutes: 07-10-18
    - B. Payroll
    - C. Accounts Payable
    - D. Purchase Orders
    - E. Construction Bid Request Log – July Special Check Run
    - F. Construction Bid Request Log
    - G. Contracts Under \$10,000
    - H. Travel
  7. \*Bid Recommendations
    - A. RFP 18-60 Technology Services Compensation Analysis
    - B. IFB 19-02 Pizza
    - C. IFB 19-03 Bus Oil
  8. Recurring Contracts
    - A. Telesolutions Consultants
    - B. The Center/IRC Resources for Teaching and Learning
    - C. AT&T Network Connectivity – Dennis School
    - D. Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) Contract
    - E. Sunbelt/Vocovision Certified Speech Language Pathologist
    - F. Therapeutic Day Contracts
  9. \*Other Consent
    - A. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement – CH
    - B. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement – CL

- C. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement – CKW
- D. Resolution Authorizing and Directing Preparation of Tentative 2019-2020 Budget – Ms. Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget
- E. ~~Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Grant Acceptance~~ – pulled by Administration
- F. Freedom of Information Log

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

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

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Other Consent item pulled 11E, Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Grant Acceptance.

Board members requested clarification on local contributions. This is calculated by using the District average of the number of teachers funded locally. Teachers' salaries vary due to experience. In addition, average salaries for para-professionals is used.

Mr. Scrivano called the vote.

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

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

10. \*Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Jason Ware as 10 Month Certified Dean at Eisenhower Middle School
- B. Appointment of Carlee Siggeman as 10 Month Certified Dean at Beyer Elementary School
- C. Appointment of Samuel Kloppmann as 10 Month Certified Dean at Guilford High School
- D. Appointment of Katie Meersman as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal at Bloom Elementary School
- E. Appointment of Brad Smith as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal at Conklin Elementary School
- F. Appointment of Gregory Hodges as 11 Month Principal at Barbour Two-Way Immersion
- G. Appointment of Ann DeLang as 12 Month Director of Operations
- H. Appointment of Jason Barthel as 12 Month Executive Director of Technology
- I. Appointment of Amy Galvan as 12 Month Certified Director of Special Education
- J. Appointment of Ashley Cameron as 12 Month Assistant Principal at Guilford High School
- K. Appointment of Yashekia Simpkins as Deputy General Counsel
- L. Open Enrollment Benefits Appeal
- M. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

11. \*\*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 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-4204-18 is expelled for the entire 2018-2019 school year.

12. \*Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline (EIAs)

- A. GDM-3403-18

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

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

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

13. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

- A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett's comments included Friday's ribbon cutting at Cherry Valley Elementary School. He commended the Administration team for the outstanding work for institute day. The event is well designed to provide professional development in three key areas; improving student achievement through teacher and learning, focus on using continuous improvement in the class, and many opportunities to learn about climate and culture with a specific emphasis on social emotional learning.

14. \*Action Items

- A. Certified School Psychologist – Callie Dixon

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 14A, Certified School Psychologist, Callie Dixon.

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

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

B. Instrument Donation from Rockford Symphony Orchestra

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 14B, Instrument Donation from Rockford Symphony Orchestra.

Board members thanked Rockford Symphony Orchestra and Band Grandpa Dr. Arnie Rosen.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

C. LEGO Education Partnership

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 14C, LEGO Education Partnership.

**Yeas:** Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

D. Follett Resource Manager – Michelle Jahr

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 14D, Follett Resource Manager.

**Yeas:** Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Rollin, Mr. Scrivano

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

E. Danielson Consulting Group Contract – Institute Days

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 14E, Danielson Consulting Group Contract-Institute Days

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

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

F. Schoology Learning Management System

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 14F, Schoology Learning Management System.

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

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

**Approved: 4-0-3**

15. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

*Attorney Hoadley presented the following items.*

A. Easement for Traffic Signal Installation-525 Pierpont Avenue

The easement is to add a traffic signal at the intersection of Auburn and Pierpont streets.

B. Board Policy 2.30 Board of Education; Board of Education Elections

*Language was added to this Policy to indicate that any petition for the submission of a public question to referendum must be filed with the local election official. 10 ILCS 5/28-6. The Board Secretary is the local election official. 105 ILCS 5/9-2 and 10 ILCS 5/1-3*

C. Board Policy 2.70 Board of Education; Vacancies on Board of Education- Filling Vacancies

*This Policy was revised to further indicate that if a Board vacancy occurs less than 88 days before the next regularly scheduled election the person appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term and no election to fill the vacancy shall be held. 105 ILCS 5/10-10.*

D. Board Policy 2.120 Board of Education; Board Member Development

*This Policy was updated to mirror the Board member training language in SB100. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6 (c-5).*

E. Board Policy 2.150; Board of Education; Committees

*This Policy was updated at a Board member's request to reflect language similar to the City of Rockford's petitions and communications. This is only applicable to the Committee of the Whole.*

Attorney Hoadley was asked to clarify the verbiage on paragraph six (6) regarding current committees.

F. Board Policy 2.260 Board of Education; Uniform Grievance Procedure

*The Policy and legal references are updated:*

- *In response to 105 ILCS 5/20.60, added by P.A. 100-29, requiring districts to follow a written grievance procedure for complaints regarding breastfeeding accommodations for students.*

- *In response to 5 ILCS 430/70-5(a), amended by P.A. 100-554. New language in the **Filing a Complaint** subsection clarifies that for any complaint filed under this Policy which alleges harassment in violation of Policy 5.20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited, the Complaint Manager shall process and review the complaint according to both policies.*

Attorney Hoadley was asked to correct the duplicate entry "Employee Credit Privacy Act."

G. Board Policy 6.130 Instruction; Program for the Gifted

*Policy language added to clarify the program is administered under the District's policies and procedures governing Special Programs. The footnotes and Cross References are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/14A, amended by P.A. 100-421.*

H. Board Policy 6.135 Instruction; Accelerated Placement Program

*This is a new Policy drafted to meet the requirement that districts adopt a policy that includes specific components set forth in the Accelerated Placement Act. 105 ILCS 5/14A, amended by P.A.100-421. Accelerated placement is the placement of a child in an educational setting with curriculum that is usually reserved for children who are older or in higher grades than the child.*

I. Board Policy 7.55 Students; Special Programs

*Policy was revised and updated to require Special Program entrance criteria, program expectations and supports are implemented in conformance with the District's policies ensuring nondiscrimination and equal educational opportunities for all.*

J. Board Policy 7.110 Students; Student Transfers

*The Administration is asking this Policy be rescinded. The content of Policy 7.110 Students; Student Transfers is included in Policy 7.50 and its implementing regulations. Policy 7.50 Students; School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools, additionally, has more current practice language in regard to the prohibition of attendance by transfer students with a disciplinary consequence not yet fully served.*

K. Board Policy 7.265 Students; Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

*Language added to align Policy with the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act, 105 ILCS 5/22-80, amended by P.A. 100-309, which permits advanced practice nurses and physician assistants (in addition to physicians and athletic trainers working under physicians' supervision) to clear students who have suffered a concussion to return to play. It was also amended to require athletic trainers complete and submit a monthly report to IHSA on student-athletes who have sustained a concussion. 105 ILCS 25/1.20, added by P.A. 99-831.*

L. Board Policy 7.300 Students; Co-Curricular Activities

*Amended to clarify the requirements of the Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act. 105 ILCS 5/22-80.*

Attorney Hoadley was asked to change the title to Co-Curricular Activities.

These items will return for a vote at the August 28, 2018 meeting

16.

Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:23 p.m.

Approved: 8/28/18

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

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

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