

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr: 5:05 p.m.),
Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Jaime Escobedo (arr: 5:05 p.m.)

Absent: Vice President Tim Rollins

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 5:02 p.m. until 6:56 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 7:05 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. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel
Absent: Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers and RPS 205 graduate Rod Weddle who are working behind the scenes to produce the Board's broadcast on Channel 20.
 4. Recognition
A. State Competitors – Earl Dotson, Jr.
The following students were recognized for their achievements:
CROSS COUNTRY
Five RPS 205 students competed in the IESA State Cross Country race in Normal. Thurgood Marshall School's Mikayla Durkin and Ekaterina Dmetrieva competed in the girls Class 2A race, and Marshall's Nino Fulbright competed in the boys Class 2A race. In Class 3A, Maria Montessori's Madison Harmsen and Flinn Middle School's Michelle Gasmund compete in the girls race.
GIRLS GOLF
Lincoln Middle School's Isabella Pettersen placed fourth in the IESA State Girls Golf Tournament in Peoria, and Eisenhower Middle School's Kayla Sayyalinh placed fifth.. At the high school level, Guilford High School's Katelyn Sayyalinh represented the RPS 205 golf Co-op at the IHSA Girls State Finals in Decatur.
GIRLS TENNIS
Five RPS 205 students – four sophomores and a junior – qualified to compete in the IHSA State Class 2A Girls Tennis Tournament in Buffalo Grove.
Auburn's Belen Nevenhoven won the singles title at sectionals, while Auburn's Paris Thompson placed third and Guilford's Kasey Aucutt placed fourth, all qualifying for state. In doubles play, Melanie Martinovic and Phuong Pham took third place at sectionals to qualify for the state tournament.
Belen Nevenhoven had the most success at State and won her first three rounds and her quarterfinal match. She ultimately went on to a fourth-place finish in the tournament. According to the Register Star, she's only the seventh local state girls tennis medalist in history – and she's only a sophomore.
Mr. Dotson, Jr. read a resolution, proclaiming November 15, 2018 School Board Members Day.
Mrs. Makulec spoke of how families and staff members support their students in their activities, and the importance of thanking them and showing gratitude.
Mr. Seigel spoke of his experience of being on the Board of Education. He also spoke of the school district in Robeson County, North Carolina, similar to RPS 205 in demographics, etc. that has been closed since September 11, 2018 due to the hurricanes and recently reopening. The District is fortunate, as it does not have to contend with Mother Nature.

5. Petitions & Communications

Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines

- Kierson Eiland spoke of his frustration with the school registration process and fees.

6. Board Member Comments

- Mr. Connor belatedly spoke of Veterans Day on November 11, 2018. He thanked all the veterans, specifically Mr. Dotson Jr., a Navy veteran, and Tim Rollins, an Army veteran. He also spoke of his son who served from 2001-2008 in the Marines.
- Mr. Scrivano thanked Mr. Seigel as they spent three hours on Friday, November 9, 2018 at the Ready to Learn Pilot Team kick-off; which is the Erikson Institute project. This is being co-chaired by Heidi Dettman and Anisha Grimmelt of Alignment Rockford.
- Mrs. Makulec, followed Mr. Connor's content and spoke of her son being promoted to Captain in the Army.

7. *Consent Items

- A. ~~Meeting Minutes: 10/23/18~~ – 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. ~~RFP 19-07 Window Replacement at Froberg and Hillman Elementary Schools~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel

9. *Recurring Contracts

- A. Insurance Plan Administrator Renewal – Reliance Standard Long Term Disability Insurance
- B. Cumberland, The Stepping Stones Group, Contracted Teacher

10. *Other Consent

- A. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement – MK
- B. Resolution Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2018 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 (Qualified School Construction Bonds) – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, Chief Financial Officer
- C. Freedom of Information Log

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

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

Absent: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Seigel to **approve** Consent item pulled 7A, Meeting Minutes: 10/23/18.

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

Abstain: Mr. Escobedo

Absent: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 5-1-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Bid Recommendation pulled 8A, 19-07 Window Replacement at Froberg and Hillman Elementary Schools.

Administration was complimented as the bid showed good thought and the project was \$100,000 under budget. Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 6-0-1

11. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

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 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-4219-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- B. GDM-4220-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year through the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

- C. GDM-4222-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- D. GDM-4223-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- E. GDM-4224-19 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- F. GDM-4225-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- G. GDM-4226-10 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

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

- A. GDM-1027-19
- B. GDM-1028-19
- C. GDM-1029-19
- D. GDM-1030-19
- E. GDM-3637-19
- F. GDM-3638-19
- G. GDM-3639-19
- H. GDM-3640-19
- I. GDM-3641-19
- J. GDM-3642-19
- K. GDM-3643-19
- L. GDM-3644-19
- M. Gdm-3645-19
- N. GDM-3646-19
- O. GDM-3647-19
- P. GDM-3648-19
- Q. GDM-3649-19
- R. GDM-3650-19
- S. GDM-3651-19
- T. GDM-3652-19
- U. GDM-3653-19
- V. GDM-3655-19
- W. GDM-3656-19
- X. GDM-3657-19
- Y. GDM-3658-19
- Z. GDM-3659-19
- AA. GDM-3660-19
- BB. GDM-3661-19
- CC. GDM-3662-19
- DD. GDM-3663-19
- EE. GDM-3664-19
- FF. GDM-3665-19
- GG. GDM-3667-19
- HH. GDM-3668-19
- II. GDM-3669-19
- JJ. GDM-3670-19
- KK. GDM-3671-19
- LL. GDM-3672-19
- MM. GDM-3673-19
- NN. GDM-3674-19
- OO. GDM-3676-19
- PP. GDM-3677-19
- QQ. GDM-3678-19
- RR. GDM-3679-19
- SS. GDM-3680-19

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

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

Absent: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 6-0-1

14. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

A. Superintendent's Report -Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett, on behalf of the Administration team and him, offered his thank you to Board members for their service. Board members are very dedicated, and focused on improving the outcomes of students and providing a first choice school for the District. He personally thanked members for their service and the excellent leadership they provide.

15. *Action Items

A. Donation from Class of 1953 ERABs

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15A, Donation from Class of 1953 ERABs

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

Absent: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 6-0-1

B. Illinois Association of School Administrators

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15B, Illinois Association of School Administrators.

C. Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockford Park District

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15C, Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockford Park District

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

Absent: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 6-0-1

D. Reading Horizons Elevate Pilot

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15D, Reading Horizons Elevate Pilot

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

Absent: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 6-0-1

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Extended Day Programing – 21st Century Community Learning Centers Model – Dr. Woulfe

This is an addition to the current Extended Day Programming at RESA Middle School. Staff from NIU will collaborate with District staff to provide support to students. The total fiscal impact for this agreement is \$18,882.

Dr. Woulfe will provide Board members with the 21st CCLC Grants report

This will return for a vote at the 11/27/18 meeting.

B. Board Policy 6.300 Instruction; Graduation Requirements

The District's approved course sequences in math, social science, and science are changed to align with Illinois State Standards.

This will return for a vote at the 11/27/18 meeting.

Mr. Scrivano added an additional item.

Saturday, November 17, 2018, the Illinois Association of School Boards delegation assembly will be voting on the following non-binding resolution.

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Illinois Association of School Boards shall support and advocate legislation which provides local school boards the option of developing Student Safety and Protection Plans which may include administrators, faculty, and/or other staff who have successfully completed a training course approved by the school board and who have also passed the multiple background checks and qualifications for and have a current Illinois concealed carry license or a carry license issued under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act to be an active and armed part of the Student Safety and Protection Plan, upon being granted board approval."

Mr. Scrivano stated this option could enable school boards to arm teachers, which he does not support. He asked board members and guests to voice their opinions.

The following people stated they do not support this resolution: Superintendent Dr. Jarrett, REA President Dawn Granath, Board Member David Seigel, and Director of Security Fred Diehl. Auburn student Michael stated he did not support the resolution, as he, as a student, would not feel safe with armed teachers.

Mr. Earl Dotson, Jr. spoke of his program with Mr. Diehl, in which a person from the security company, Per Mar, is sent into school buildings to see if they can enter without being detected. So far, this has taken place at five District facilities without any security breaches. The data will be shared at a future meeting.

17. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:56 p.m.

Approved: 11/27/18

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/

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