

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, October 9, 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, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:04), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon 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: 6-0-1

The Board was in executive session from 5:03p.m. until 6:45 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 7:02p.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, Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Absent: None
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. National Merit Semifinalists – Earl Dotson, Jr.
Auburn High School seniors Melis Dik, Gabriel Roethle, Ethan Strombeck and Lael Verace were name semifinalists for the 2010 National Merit Scholarship. They are among the approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship.
 5. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Nancy Gdowski spoke in support of teaching young children the basic skills; reading, writing and arithmetic as well as phonics and spelling to older children.
 6. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Connor complimented the Student Ambassadors who led the tour at Cherry Valley Elementary school.
 - Mr. Escobedo spoke of the District and Board Members being laser focused on academic achievement. He asked parents, administrators and teachers to reach out to members and Administration with feedback and reminded parents to be advocates for their children.
 7. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 09-25-18
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. Construction Bid Request Log
 - F. Contracts Under \$10,000

G. Travel

8. Recurring Contracts

A. ~~Independent Contractor – Christine Morelock~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel

B. ~~Workplace Staffing Contract~~ – pulled by Mr. Escobedo

C. Newsela PRO – Dr. Matthew Vosberg

9. *Other Consent

A. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) After School Activity Coordinator Differential

B. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) Project Lead The Way Differential

C. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled 8A, Independent Contractor – Christine Morelock.

Administration was asked to clarify the variance between RPS 205 and peer districts. Ms. Lawrence will send the information to Board members.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled 8B, The Workplace.

Administration was asked what measures are taken to ensure it is getting value for the contract.

Progress is monitored by the ability to fill vacancies within thirty days of that occurring vacancy.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

10. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. 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-4210-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

B. ~~GDM-4211-19~~ – pulled by Administration

C. GDM-4212-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year through the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

D. GDM-4213-19 – expelled through the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

E. GDM-5005-19 – the five-day suspension is affirmed.

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

A. GDM-1026-19

B. GDM-3608-19

C. GDM-361519

D. GDM-3616-19

E. GDM-3617-19

F. GDM-3618-19

G. GDM-3619-19

H. GDM-3620-19

I. GDM-3621-19

J. GDM-3622-19

K. GDM-3623-19

L. GDM-3624-19

M. GDM-3625-19

N. GDM-3626-19

O. GDM-3627-19

P. GDM-3628-19

Q. GDM-3629-19

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

Approved: Unanimously

13. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

A. Scorecard Overview – Dr. Kelly Monson, Heidi Dettman, Dr. Matthew Vosberg

Jaclyn Vasquez, of the Erickson Institute, gave a short orientation of the program to Board members.

The District will collaborate with Transform Rockford, Alignment Rockford. City of Rockford and

Rockford Education Association to align what is needed in the community. A more in-depth

presentation will take place at the October 16, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting. The full

presentation can be viewed by following this link: [Erickson Institute](#).

Dr. Monson gave a high-level overview of the Strategic Update. The purpose of the scorecard is to

align resources to improve outcomes for students. Review of data will take place weekly, quarterly,

and annually. The scorecard is divided into three areas, seventy percent (70%) quality instruction,

twenty percent (20%) climate and culture, and ten percent (10%) continuous improvement. There are

scorecards for early childhood, elementary, middle school, high school, Montessori, Marshall, Marshall

Elementary, Barbour, and Wilson Aspire. Dr. Vosberg and Mrs. Dettman spoke of using the

scorecards to assess the needs of students. The presentations can be viewed by following this link:

[Scorecard Overview](#).

14. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Rockford Systems LLC Safeguard Donation

Approval of the donation will enable Rockford Systems to safeguard machines in the EMIT program at Guilford High School. The fiscal donation is \$30,000.

This will return for a vote at the 10/23/18 meeting.

B. Board Policy 4.30 Operational Services; Revenue and Investments

The District's authority to invest funds in short term obligations was revised to allow investments and obligations that mature not later than 3 years from date purchase. 30 ILCS 235/2(4).

C. Board Policy 5.120 General Personnel; Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest

The Policy was revised to incorporate Ethics for Illinois Education (adopted by ISBE). Also, language from the school code was added prohibiting an officer or teacher from having an interest in the sale, proceeds or profits of any book used in a school to which the officer or teacher may be connected. In addition, language was added reiterating that sexual harassment violates a conduct standard subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

D. Board Policy 5.190 Professional Personnel; Teacher Qualifications

The Policy was updated to reflect the current Illinois licensure, endorsement and approval requirements. The term "certified" was changed to "license" throughout to align with the regulatory and statutory language.

E. Board Policy 6.150 Instruction; Home and Hospital Instruction

Language was added to clarify that students eligible for special education services may be eligible for home and hospital instruction. Additional language was added indicating a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse may also provide a written statement to document a student's medical condition.

F. Board Policy 7.50 Students; School Admissions and Student Transfers to and From Non-District Schools

Revisions were made as required under the Accelerated Placement Act. 105 ILCS 5/14A-17.

The Policy was further revised to state that the student permanent record shall include basic identifying information, including the student's name, birth date and place, and gender, and evidence required under 325 ILCS 50/5(b)(1). Additional language was added to require one employee act as a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the

legal custody of the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services when enrolling in or changing schools. 105 ILCS 5/10-20.58

G. Board Policy 7.60 Students; Residence

The Policy was revised to require that prior to a hearing, non-resident parents be given notice detailing the specific reasons why the Administration believes that the student is a nonresident of the District.

H. Board Policy 7.100 Students; health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students

The Policy proposed revisions update immunization and health examination requirements 105 ILCS 5/27-8.1. Also, beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, an age-appropriate developmental screening and an age-appropriate social and emotional screening are required parts of each health examination. A student will not be excluded from school due to his or her parent/guardian's failure to obtain a developmental screening or a social and emotional screening.

I. Board Policy 7.185 Students; Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

The definition of teen dating violence was changed to cover a student who is 13 years of age or older. (Previously 13 to 19 years) Additional revisions incorporating and referencing other policies were made.

These will return for a vote at the 10/23/18 meeting.

15. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:47 p.m.

Approved: 10/23/18

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/

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