

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, March 13, 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 Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. Tim Rollins, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Absent: Secretary Michael Connor

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Dixon that 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 5:00 p.m. until 6:52 p.m.

1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:07 p.m.*
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. Tim Rollins, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Absent: Secretary Michael Connor
Mr. Scrivano thanked RPS 205 graduate, Rod Weddle, for volunteering his time and his assistance in running the cameras for the Board Meeting.
4. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Estelle Black spoke in support of naming the new elementary school at Kishwaukee Constance Renick Lane Elementary School and commending the Board for making this possible.
 - Carol Jambor-Smith spoke in support of naming the new elementary school Constance Renick Lane Elementary School. Constance Lane represented all that is good in public schools.
5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Dixon thanked staff at Kishwaukee Elementary School as he participated in their Dr. Seuss Café.
6. *Consent Items
 - A. Payroll
 - B. Accounts-Payable
 - C. Purchase Orders
 - D. Construction Bid Request Log
 - E. Contracts Under \$10,000
 - F. Travel
7. *Bid Recommendations
 - A. IFB 18-23 Re-Pointing at Brookview, Nashold, Guilford and Flinn
 - B. IFB 18-23 Flinn HVAC, Lighting and ADA Renovations
8. Recurring Contracts
 - A. Windstream – Amendment to Services Agreement – Todd Schmidt, Chief Operations Officer
 - B. AT&T Local and Long Distance Telephone Service – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
 - C. AT&T Master Service Agreement – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
9. *Other Consent
 - A. ~~STEAM Academy at Haskell 2018-2019 Calendar Alignment to RPS 205 2018-2019 Academic Calendar~~ – pulled by Administration
 - B. Freedom of Information Log

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

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** Recurring Contracts pulled 8B and 8C, AT&T Local and Long Distance Telephone Service, AT&T Master Service Agreement.

The District is required to have analog lines for elevators, alarm panels, and gas meters. As a business customer the District is charged a per minute charge although the majority of phone lines have been moved to digital service.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

10. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of Probationary Teachers
- B. Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of Temporary/Part-Time Teachers
- C. ~~Resolution Authorizing Dismissal on Non-Tenured Administrators~~ – pulled by Administration
- D. Resolution Authorization Authorizing Reclassification of Certified District Administrators
- E. 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 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-2029-18 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year through the second trimester of the 2018-2019 school year.
- B. GDM-4159-18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year through the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year.
- C. GDM-4161-18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- D. GDM-4162-18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and the entire 2018-2019 school year.
- E. GDM-4163-18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
- F. GDM-4164-18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and the entire 2018-2019 school year.

12. *Closed Session Consent Items – EIAs

- A. GDM-1015-18
- B. GDM-3472-18
- C. GDM-3474-18
- D. GDM-3475-18
- E. GDM-3476-18
- F. GDM-3477-18
- G. GDM-3479-18
- H. GDM-3480-18
- I. GDM-3482-18
- J. ~~GDM-3483-18~~ – pulled by Administration
- K. GDM-3484-18
- L. GDM-3485-18
- M. GDM-3486-18
- N. GDM-3488-18
- O. GDM-3489-18
- P. GDM-3490-18

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

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

13. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett spoke of encouraging news with the REA ratifying the contract. This will be brought forward for a vote at the 3/20/18 meeting. He was appreciative of all the work done for the process. The District continues to work to improve student achievement. A robust Education Committee meeting took place; reviewing Special Education Services and five separate text book adoptions. Dr. Jarrett also complimented the District's student athletes and Fine Arts representatives as it was strong winter season.

14. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec

The committee met Monday, March 12, 2018. Agenda items included a Special Education Update and Instruction Resource Adoption. The Special Education Update was an in-depth report of how services are provided, the number of students served, graduation rates, and department reorganization. This was a comprehensive report and may be viewed by following this link: [Special Education Update](#). The second agenda item was a presentation of instructional resource adoption for Integrated Literacy, ESL Integrated Literacy, Integrated Math and Global Studies. The total fiscal impact \$1,094,806.88. The presentation may be viewed by clicking on this link: [Instructional Resource Adoption](#).

B. Finance Committee – Mr. Rollins

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting. It will meet Monday, March 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Operations Committee – Mr. Connor

The committee report will be presented at the 3/20/18 Board meeting.

15. *Action Items

A. Naming/Renaming of Facilities – Dr. Jarrett

The recommendation from Administration is to name Elementary School #2 serving Nelson and Kishwaukee Elementary Schools be named the Constance Lane Elementary School.

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** item 15A, Naming/Renaming of Facilities.

Comments included setting aside funds to create a presentation, memorial, and/or display in the school about Constance Renick Lane. Suggestions also included involving students and interviewing those persons who knew Ms. Lane.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

B. TransFinder – Michael Slife, Executive Director of Transportation

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** item 15B, TransFinder.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

C. Unite Private Network – Bill Hull, Technology Services Coordinator

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** item 15C, Unite Private Network.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Contract with Newsela for Online Subscription Services – Dr. Woulfe

Newsela is an online service for teachers bringing current high interest literacy resources across curricular areas. The fiscal impact is \$8,200 and is budgeted.

This will return for a vote at the March 20, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Dixon to **adjourn.**
Adjournment: 7:49 p.m.

Approved: 04/10/18

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/

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