

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
September 10, 2019

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: Mr. Anthony Dixon

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins that the Board **hold** an executive session consider the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; student disciplinary cases; the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; collective bargaining matters; security procedures, school building safety and security; the purchase, sale or lease of real property; 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 5:30 p.m. to 6:51 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 Jude Makulec, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford
Absent: Mr. Anthony Dixon
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. Petition & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines
 - Mr. Kevin Ryan thanked the IT Department for their knowledge and professionalism and asked that staff receive more information about the computer issues.
 5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Rollins acknowledged the hard work by building and administrative staff. Teachers could not access lesson plans and spent the weekend find ways to work around the issues. He also spoke of the need of discretion when speaking of the District technical issues.
 - Mr. Connor reminded community, Board, and Administration members that Wednesday is the eighteenth anniversary of September 11. It is a special day and asked everyone to honor First Responders and Military. We cannot forget this and lessons of 9/11 continue to be taught.
 - Mrs. Makulec commented on calls she received from teachers on how students are following cell-phone policy. She thanked teachers and administrators for the concerted efforts.
 - Mr. Scrivano thanked Mrs. Makulec for being the champion of the new cell phone policy. He also commented on the IT issues by stating his disgust there are criminals who would attack a public school system and disrupt the teaching of children.
 6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 8/27/19
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. Contracts under \$10,000
 - F. Travel

7. *Bid Recommendations
 - A. IFB 20-04 Administration Building Roofing Project
 - B. IFB 20-05 Operation Support Center Parking Lot
8. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. Consolidated Contracts (Recurring Contracts for PowerSchool Group, LLC and Kirtley Technology Corp.
 - B. Consolidated Contracts (Personnel Services) – Jennifer Lawrence, Director of Special Education
 - C. News to You – ULS, Symbol Stix and News to You
9. *Other Consent
 - A. ~~Facility Rental Fee Waiver – LadiWorkz~~ – pulled by Administration
 - B. 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, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

10. *Closed Session Consent Items
 - A. Appointment of Melinda Cattell as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Auburn High School
 - B. HR Organization Report & Addendum
11. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs
 - A. GDM-1069-19

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, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

12. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett agreed with Board member comments and complimented Mr. Barthel and his staff for the work during the technology crisis. He also thanked faculty and staff members who stepped up to the challenge of working without technology ensuring the students receive a quality learning environment. He also gave a shout-out to Human Resources and the Professional Development Team for their great efforts with Teacher Institute days. They put in a great deal of effort to improve the quality of Teacher Institute days for the beginning of the school year.

13. *Action Items
 - A. Academic Approach – Essay Assessment

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** item 13A, Academic Approach – Essay Assessment. Board member comments included; this is an opportunity for students to have an objective person review essays and provide feedback so the teacher and student can discuss and learn from it. Students will do this three years in a row before they take the SAT. This is an extraordinary bargain for District students to have the opportunity for creating essays.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Scrivano

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

14. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

Administration is requesting the Board suspend the rules to consider item 14A, IT Security Consolidated Contracts. Palo Alto, Sophos, and Veeam have licensing that is due to expire prior to the next board meeting. This item was scheduled to be presented at the September 3rd Committee of the Whole for first read; however, the meeting was canceled.

- A. ****IT Security Consolidated Contracts**

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **suspend the rules** to consider item 14A, IT Consolidated Contracts.

Yeas: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

These contracts include the renewal of the anti-virus, firewall, and back up with annual licenses. This consolidated contracts also include an IT implementation awareness platform for District employees. The fiscal cost is split over the timeframe of the contracts. Board members are asked to approve the total dollar amount.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 14A, IT Consolidated Contracts.

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

Administration is requesting the Board suspend the rules to consider item 14B, Premier Technologies Infrastructure Audit as the District has experienced technology outages that have negatively impacted its daily operations.

B. ****Premier Technologies Infrastructure Audit – Jason Barthel, Executive Director of Technology**

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to suspend the rules to consider item 14B, Premier Technologies Infrastructure Audit.

Yeas: Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 14B, Premier Technologies.

This agreement is to further the implementation of network assessing that started in July, as well as a network administrator from Premier Technologies to fill one of the two vacant network administrator positions.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

C. MOU – Winnebago Health Department

The Winnebago County Health Department under the guidance of the Illinois Department of Human Services has been awarded a grant to provide education to teens in the Rockford area on the topic of teen pregnancy prevention. Partners in this grant include Rockford Public Schools, K-FACT, Youth Services Network (YSN), and YMCA. The Winnebago County Health Department will partner with counselors at Lincoln and Kennedy Middle Schools to determine which students will participate.

This will return for a vote at the September 24, 2019 meeting.

15. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

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