

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, August 13, 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. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connors 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: 7-0-0

The Board was in executive session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:55 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 7:10p.m.
 2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford
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. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Mr. Mel Gilfillan, Rockford Education Association President, updated board members on the transition of officers. He spoke of being impressed with the collaborative efforts and looks forward to working with Board members.
 - Mr. Chad Anderson, Rockford Education Association Vice President, spoke of looking forward to partnering with Board members.
 5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Seigel spoke of spending time at Constance Lane Elementary School as an ambassador for Erikson Institute. He spoke of his excitement of the school's opening, watching the families entering and being led on a tour of the school by student ambassadors.
 - Mr. Dixon was at Auburn High School for their registration and commented on the excellent customer service. Staff deescalated a situation that could have been difficult. He gave a shout-out to Auburn.
 - Mr. Scrivano commented regarding the School District and City of Rockford attendance at the End Racism breakfast. This is included presentations of recruiting employees with diverse backgrounds. He complimented Mr. Zediker for the presentation of the District's statistics. There was a lot of positive feedback at Mr. Scrivano's table. Mr. Scrivano thanked Mr. Zediker, Dr. Jarrett, the City of Rockford for participating and to Reverend Board for organizing the event.
 6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 7/9/19
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. ~~Contracts Under \$10,000~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel
 - F. Construction Bid Request Log – July Special Check Run
 - G. Construction Bid Request Log
 - H. Travel
 7. *Bid Recommendation
 - A. ~~IFB 20-01 Security Cameras at Auburn H.S. and Guilford H.S.~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor

B. IFB 20-03 Athletic Turf and Maintenance Weed Controls

8. *Recurring Contracts

- A. Recurring Contracts for Extended Day Programming – Dr. Woulfe
- B. Recurring Contract with SchoolWorks for Charter-Related Services – Dr. Woulfe
- C. Midwest District Network
- D. Marco Technologies Copier Lease and Service Renewal
- E. Allied Benefits Systems, Inc. – Claims Administrator for Retiree Supplement Insurance Plans
- F. Alignment Rockford – Dr. Ehren Jarrett and Ms. Anisha Grimmert
- G. Star Autism Support, Inc. and RPS 205 – Brett Vosburgh
- H. Independent Hearing Interpreter Contract Extension
- I. Center for Sight & hearing Impaired – Jennifer Lawrence, Executive Director of Special Education
- J. Consolidated Contracts (Personnel Services) – Jennifer Lawrence, Executive Director of Special Education
- K. Consolidated Contracts (Therapeutic Day) – Jennifer Lawrence, Executive Director of Special Education
- L. Consolidated Contracts (Recurring Contracts) – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent

9. *Other Consent

- A. Resolution Authorizing and Directing Preparation of Tentative 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget – Ms. Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget
- B. New School Construction Change Order Logs
- C. RPS Managed Work Change Order
- D. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Consent item pulled 6C, Accounts Payable

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

Abstain: Mr. Seigel

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Bid Recommendations pulled 7A, IFB 20-01 Security Cameras at Auburn H.S. and Guilford H.S.

Safety is a top priority of the District and adding security cameras is a good way to go.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

10. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Talanie Bilharz as 10 Month Elementary Dean
- B. Appointment of Tamara Butler as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Lincoln Middle School
- C. Appointment of Jason Ware as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Eisenhower Middle School
- D. Appointment of Joshua Rappuhn as Curriculum Dean of Science
- E. Appointment of Raven Szalkowski as Dean of Secondary Mathematics
- F. Appointment of Vicky Hamilton as 12 Month Director of Teacher Effectiveness
- G. Salary Adjustment for Daniel Holder, 12 Month Director of Special Education
- H. ~~HR Organizational Report & Addendum~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Closed Session Consent item pulled 10H, HR Organizational Report & Addendum

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

Abstain: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 6-0-1

11. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett spoke of attending registration events. A detailed report of all back to school processes, onboarding employee groups, registration, teacher institute will be presented to members. This is an exciting time for the District and an opportunity to welcome students, parents, and staff.

12. *Action Items

- A. INCubator EDU Grant Acceptance

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 12A, INCubator EDU Grant Acceptance.

Approved: Unanimously

B. Consolidated Contracts (Part 1) – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 12B, Consolidated Contracts (Part 1).

Approved: Unanimously

C. Consolidated Contracts (Part 2) – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 12C, Consolidated Contracts (Part 2).

Approved: Unanimously

D. BoardDocs Agreement – Dr. Ehren Jarrett, Superintendent
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 12D, BoardDocs Agreement.

Approved: Unanimously

E. AT&T - Firstnet Mobile Service Transition

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 12E, AT&T Firstnet Mobile Service Transition.
Comments included that a lot of preparation to place with this recommendation and that it was vetted at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

F. Physical Security Software Licensing

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 12F, Physical Security Software Licensing.
Kudos were given to staff for ensuring security and safety for the District.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

G. Illinois Principals Association New Principal/AP Mentoring – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 12G, Illinois Principals Association New Principal/AP Mentoring.

Approved: Unanimously

H. PTO Donation to Marshall Elementary School – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 12H, PTO Donation to Marshall Elementary School.

Approved: Unanimously

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

The Administration is requesting the Board suspend the rules to consider item 13A, Email Archiver Replacement – Intradyn, as the antiquated e-mail archiver failed on 7/24/19 as a result of being targeted by ransomware. The e-mail archiver is an integral system for responding to FOIA requests.

A. **Email Archiver Replacement – Intradyn – Jason Barthel, Executive Director of Technology

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to suspend the rules to consider item 13A, Email Archiver Replacement – Intradyn.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Anthony to approve item 13A, Email Archiver Replacement – Intradyn.

The previous archiver, Quest, was antiquated and under review for replacement in this fiscal year. The archiver failed after being targeted by ransomware. The archiver was reaching capacity as e-mails could not be off-loaded. Intradyn was reviewed by IT and Legal. The system offers automatic redaction features with FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) which Quest could not do. The fiscal impact is \$44,758.50.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

B. Vans for Instructional Purposes – Bridget French, Executive Director of College & Career Readiness

C. Resource Adoption: College & Career Readiness Textbooks – Bridget French, Executive Director of College & Career Readiness

Currently, students are transported via school bus to work based learning experiences. These include Academy Expo, site visits, job shadow, and internship. The proposal consists of purchasing a truck for Guilford High School's construction program. The school was using a truck from Facilities as well as the instructor's truck. Schools also used the District buses and many times there were one or two students per bus. The proposal is to purchase five vans for a fiscal impact of \$23,3270 for each van, a total of \$116,850. CEANCI is donating the truck. Ancillary costs are approximately \$1,950 annually for each vehicle for a total cost of \$9,750. The full presentation may be viewed by clicking on this link: [Vans for Instructional Purpose](#).

The resource adoption is to replace textbooks currently used in Freshman Seminar. The proposed resource is needed to support curriculum that addresses language in the PostSecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. The College & Career Readiness Curriculum team approved a new text, "College and Career Readiness" published by Pearson. The purchase includes teacher edition binders, digital access, professional development and coaching days for teacher.

The fiscal impact is \$42,913.21 for three classroom sets for each school. The full presentation may be viewed by clicking on this link: [Resource Adoption - College & Career Readiness](#).

These will return for a vote at the August 27, 2019 meeting.

- Mr. Rollins thanked Dr. Jarrett, Mayor Thomas McNamara, for guest bartending at an event to raise money to offset the deductibles for the burnt playgrounds and the cost of security cameras. The event raised \$13,500. District administrators volunteered and they were thanked.

14. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Approved: 08/27/19

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

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