

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

**Administration Building**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:17 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel (arr. 5: 12 p.m.), Mr. Michael Connor

Absent: None

**Motion** by Mr. Connors seconded by Mr. Rollins 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: 5-0-2**

The Board was in executive session from 5:01 p.m. to 7:08 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 7:23 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. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor  
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  
There were no speakers.
  5. Board Member Comments
    - Mr. Connor spoke of the notice in the newspaper regarding Steve Appell and his work towards the donation of land for Cherry Valley Elementary school.
    - Mr. Rollins commented that District systems are slowly returning to normal. He thanked everyone for their hard work. He also stated that he has not issued a fraud alert or credit freeze on his account and is not aware of any administrators doing the same. There has not been any definitive answer if personal information was compromised.
    - Mr. Seigel stated that one month into the District's technology issues, teachers continue to be innovative. Their ability and consistency is appreciated.
    - Mr. Scrivano spoke of the District Leadership Team (DLT) meeting that took place October 7, 2019. Start of the school year feedback included: one of the best kick-offs, everyone had access to their rooms, building cleanliness was great, late start on Thursdays works well, and lack of cell phone usage due to technology issues is glorious. Mr. Scrivano thanked everyone who played a roll in the successful start of the school year.
  6. \*Consent Items
    - A. Meeting Minutes: Special Board Meeting 10-01-19, 09-24-19
    - B. Payroll
    - C. Accounts Payable
    - D. Purchase Orders
    - E. Construction Bid Request Log 09-24-19 & 10-08-18
    - F. Contracts Under \$10,000
    - G. Travel
  7. \*Bid Recommendations
    - A. ~~IFB 20-07 Computers~~ – pulled by Administration
  8. \*Recurring Contracts
    - A. Belles Firm of Architecture – Recommendation on Approval of Contract for Architectural Design Services for the new Operations Support Center – Michael Phillips, Executive Director of Facilities

- B. Fehr Graham – Recommendation on Approval of Contract for Civil Engineering Services – Michael Phillips, Executive Director of Facilities
- C. Richard L. Johnson Associates – Recommendation on Approval of Contract for Architectural Design Services – Michael Phillips, Executive Director of Facilities

9. \*Other Consent

- A. Freedom of Information Log

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

**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-4301-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- B. GDM-4302-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- C. GDM-4303-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the entire 2020-2021 school year.
- D. ~~GDM-4304-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year – pulled by Mr. Dixon~~
- E. ~~GDM-4305-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year – pulled by Mr. Dixon~~

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

- A. GDM-3941-20
- B. GDM-3942-20
- C. GDM-3945-20
- D. GDM-3946-20
- E. GDM-3947-20

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel 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 11D and 11E, Student Discipline GDM-4304-20 and GDM-4305-20.

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

**Nays:** Mr. Dixon

**Approved: 6-1-0**

13. Superintendent’s Report

- A. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett
- B. Discussion of Proposed Computer Bid

Mr. Barthel and Mrs. Dettman were asked to review the proposed computer bid with Board members. The question that came up is whether teachers need to have desktop computers in addition to their laptops or if laptops can serve both functions. The Administration believes it is in the best interest of the District to have the two-computer structure. Desktop computers are primarily used for the SMART Boards. Using laptops for the boards involve more equipment including cabling and docking stations for each. Redundancy is lost if there is no desktop as it serves as a backup in case laptops fail. Many of the classrooms are not conducive to have just a laptop connect to their SMART boards as they need to be near the boards. Updates are consistently pushed out to desktops, and if a teacher’s laptop is inoperable, the computer ensures that teachers have the use of technology in their classrooms. The new hard drives installed on the existing computers will be repurposed.

This will return to the October 22, 2019 Regular Board meeting as a bid recommendation.

14. \*Action Items

- A. MOU – Winnebago County Health Department

*The vote for the item was postponed at the 09/24/19 meeting. The motion on the floor is:*

***Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve item 14A, MOU – Winnebago County Health Department.*

This program will be offered to all 8th grade students at Lincoln and Kennedy Middle Schools. In order to participate, parental permission is needed. This will take place in non-instructional time; before school, during lunch, or after school.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

**Approved: Unanimously**

15. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations  
A. CDW WLAN Project – Jason Barthel, Executive Director of Technology  
Cisco engineers are needed to plan, implement and configure the District's wireless system. The fiscal impact is \$35,000.  
This will return for a vote at the October 22, 2019 meeting.

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

Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.

Approved: 10/22/19

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude M. Makulec /s/*

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