

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

**Administration Building  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:04 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Absent: None

**Motion** by Mr. Connor 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: 6-0-1**

The Board was in executive session from 5:04 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.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. ~~State-Level Competitors – Earl Dotson, Jr. – pulled by Administration~~
5. Petitions & Communications  
There were no speakers.  
*Due to a scheduling conflict, the Superintendent's Report was moved to the beginning of the agenda.*
6. Superintendent's Report  
A. MAP Growth – Susan Fumo  
Dr. Jarrett spoke of Board Member Anthony Dixon. He emceed a MLK Day event that was attended by a number of people. Auburn choir along with West students attended, State and US Representatives, a US Senator, and the Mayor attended. Mrs. Karen Portis, who is a long, keynoted an outstanding message with the community around the event. Dr. Jarrett congratulated Mr. Dixon for his hard work and that it was an honor to attend and a value added to the community.  
Mrs. Fumo presented the Winter MAP Growth for 2018-19. Data was presented in three separate ways. The first set of slides show growth, which is the percentage of students who met projections and achievement, a comparative with national percentiles. The second set, beginning at slide 12, articulates the data by grade cohort for the past three years. The final set, beginning at slide 21, shows overall growth and achievement for each grade level. The decline in third grade scores was discussed. First and second graders have tests read to them; however, third graders read tests. Test taking strategies were discussed, with emphasis placed on understanding types of questions. Mrs. Fumo stated this is the halfway point of the school year with professional learning communities (PLCs) in place to assist the teacher staff. The full presentation may be viewed by following this link: [MAP Growth](#).
7. Board Member Comments
  - Mr. Connor expressed condolences to the Coats family for the death of Za'Shawn Coats. This tragedy occurred near his wife's church and they are there several times a month.
  - Mr. Dixon spoke of the Martin Luther King celebration that took place on January 21. Choirs from West and Auburn performed, and there were poetry readings. It was important to have students part of the celebration and community.

8. \*Consent Items
- A. Meeting Minutes: 01/08/19
  - B. Payroll
  - C. Accounts Payable
  - D. Purchase Orders
  - E. Contracts Under \$10,000
  - F. Construction Bid Request Log
  - G. Travel
9. \*Bid Recommendation
- A. RFP 19-10 Procurement Card Program
  - B. IFB 19-13 Asbestos Abatement at Froberg and Hillman Schools
  - C. IFB 19-14 Demolition of Kishwaukee School
  - D. IFB 19-15 Asbestos Abatement at Kishwaukee School
10. \*Recurring Contracts
- A. Heartland Business Systems – Earl Dotson, Jr.
  - B. Addendum to Consulting Agreement – Accounting Assistance – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
  - C. Learning A-Z – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent on behalf of Froberg Elementary
  - D. NoRedInk for RESA – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent on behalf of RESA
  - E. Apple Inc. Education and Schools iPad Lease – Title I
  - F. US Bank Chromebooks Lease – Title I
11. \*Other Consent
- A. Monthly Investment Report- December 2018 – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA – Chief Financial Officer
  - B. Financial Results: December 2018 – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA – Chief Financial Officer
  - C. RPS Managed Work Change Order
  - D. New School Construction Change Order Logs
  - E. Facility Fee Waiver Request – Northwest Community Center
  - F. Memorandum of Understanding – AFSCME Local 1275 Perfect Attendance Bonus
  - G. Memorandum of Understanding – RBMA Time Off for Driving Bus
  - H. Freedom of Information Log
- Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent items not pulled.
- Approved: Unanimously**
12. \*Closed Session Consent Items
- A. HR Organizational Report & Addendum
13. \*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-4248-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
  - B. GDM-5007-19 – the two day suspension is affirmed
  - C. GDM-5008-19 – the four day suspension is affirmed
14. Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline (EIAs)
- A. GDM-1036-19
  - B. GDM-1037-19
  - C. GDM-3730-19
  - D. GDM-3732-19
  - E. GDM-3736-19
  - F. GDM-3737-19
  - G. GDM-3739-19
  - H. GDM-3740-19
  - I. GDM-3741-19
  - J. GDM-3742-19
  - K. GDM-3743-19
- Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Closed Session Consent items not pulled.
- Approved: Unanimously**

15. \*Action Items
- A. Linking Talent to Opportunity MOU – Ms. Bridget French, Executive Director of College & Career Readiness  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15A, Linking Talent to Opportunity MOU.  
**Approved: Unanimously**
- B. Board Policy 5.260 Professional Personnel; Student Teachers  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15B, Board Policy 5.260 Professional Personnel; Student Teachers.  
**Approved: Unanimously**
- C. Board Policy 5.280 Educational Support Personnel; Duties and Qualifications  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15C, Board Policy 5.280 Education Support Personnel; Duties and Qualifications.  
**Approved: Unanimously**
- D. Kronos Workforce Timekeeper Upgrade and Cloud Migration – Jason Barthel, Executive Director of Technology and Chris Taskey, Information Services Coordinator  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15D, Kronos Workforce Timekeeper Upgrade and Cloud Migration.  
 The base component of Kronos is functional. Third party components, Java and Adobe Flash, are technologies getting phased-out. Many developers have moved away from third-party technologies. An upgrade is needed for the District to keep up with technologies and avoid vulnerabilities. Migrating to the Cloud will avoid the use of third party components.  
 Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.  
**Approved: Unanimously**
- E. ~~Middle School English Language Arts Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum – pulled by Administration~~
- F. World Languages Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 15F, World Languages Resource Adoption.  
**Approved: Unanimously**
- G. ~~Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) Speech Generating Devices – Gary Kulpa, Program Administrator for Related Services – pulled by Administration~~
- H. Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Student Fees – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 15H, Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Student Fees.  
**Approved: Unanimously**
16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations
- A. Belles Firm of Architecture – Design services and construction administration for removal and replacement of walk-in freezer at Flinn Middle School  
*This item was not presented. It will return as New Business at the 2/5/19 Committee of the Whole meeting.*
17. Adjournment  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to **adjourn**.

Adjournment: 8:16 p.m.

Approved: 02/12/19

**President:** Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

**Secretary:** Michael S. Connor /s/

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