

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, November 26, 2019

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:33 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: Secretary Jude Makulec

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon that the Board **hold** an executive session to 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: 5-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 5:03 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:14 p.m.
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford
Absent: Secretary Jude Makulec
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.
 - Ivory Frye spoke of her concerns regarding final exams after winter break and AP testing, and passing times.
 - LaDarius Johnson suggested the District active shooter training for students, returning EMT and business law classes to curriculum, and expulsions/suspensions.
 - Tyiontay Love requested adding a policy if students are not dressed for gym and concerns for receiving referrals or overnight suspensions for tardiness.
 - Jorgina Vidales expressed her concerns that there are no safety policies at Auburn and that students open doors for whoever is there. In addition, the parking lot uses an entrance for incoming and outgoing cars and this poses as safety hazard.
5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Connor thanked students for attending the Board meeting and challenged them to be active in school, possibly becoming a board member.
 - Mr. Scrivano attended the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) delegates assembly to vote, representing the Board's opinion on the twelve resolutions. Resolution 1 was defeated, dealing with the legislation that would allow school districts to decide about arming teachers. It was defeated by fifty-one votes.
6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: Special Board Meeting 11-12-19
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. Contracts Under
 - F. Construction Bid Request Log
 - G. Travel
7. *Other Consent
 - A. Worker's Compensation Settlement Agreement – MR

- B. 2020-2021 Academic Calendar – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent
- C. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – October 2019 – Jamie Murray – Executive Director of Finance
- D. Financial Results: July through October 2019 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
- E. RPS Managed Work Change Order
- F. New School Construction Change Order Logs
- G. Freedom of Information Log

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

Yeas: Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

8. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Salary Adjustment for Non-Bargaining Employees
- B. Hourly Wage Adjustments for Non-Bargaining Employees
- C. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

9. *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-4321-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- B. GDM-4322-20 – the ten-day suspension is affirmed.
- C. GDM-4323-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- D. GDM-4324-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

- A. GDM-3960-20
- B. GDM-3989-20
- C. GDM-3991-20
- D. GDM-3992-20
- E. GDM-3993-20

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

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Dixon

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

11. Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett
- B. District Scorecard Presentation

Dr. Jarrett presented the Schools Score card to Board members. The purpose of the scorecard is to provide a goal setting framework for all schools. It schools in need of intensive support and recognizes high achieving growth. Currently, there are all principal meetings, leveled principal meetings and monthly one-on-one meetings. The scorecard is on a 4.0 scale, with seventy-five percent or 3.0 points for quality instruction, and twenty-five percent or 1.0 point for Climate & Culture. Student based dollars for FY20 are \$11M, for FY21 \$15M. The District has started site-based budgeting that allows schools to make menu choices applicable to their needs. The menu concept consists of base package positions for elementary, middle, and high schools, and optional selections. The presentation and scorecards can be viewed by clicking on this link: [District Scorecard Presentation](#).

The scorecard aligns resources and provides autonomy and accountability for the District. Early Childhood, Special Programs, Elementary, Middle, and High Schools each have scorecards with Quality Instruction and Climate & Culture as indicators. Assessments used as data sources for Quality Instruction are MAP and IAR data for elementary, middle, special programs and PSAT/SAT data for high schools. KIDS and ELS assessment data are used for Early childhood. Climate & Culture data sources are the Illinois Report Card, K-12 Insight and Let's Talk! for Early Childhood. Illinois Report Card, 5Essentials, K12 Insight, and Let's Talk! are the data used for elementary, middle, special programs, and high schools.

Mr. Jeff Lowary, Data Research Manager, gave a presentation of the Strategic Dashboard that will be available on the District's website. www.rps205.com/scorecard. The District's indicators for Quality Instruction and Climate & Culture are on the homepage of the dashboard. Each menu box has the current information and the user can drilldown for the

data detail. The upper right-hand corner of the webpage has a dropdown box, "Buildings" that allow the users to view each individual school and drilldown for more information. The webpage will be "live" November 27, 2019. Board and Administration members had a robust discussion regarding the scorecard and dashboard. Future meetings will include the following:

- December 3 – High Schools
- December 10 – Middle Schools
- January 7 – Elementary Schools
- January 14 – Early Childhood
- January 28 – Special Programs
- February 4 – Charter Schools

12. Action Items

A. Resolution to Approve 2019 Tax Levies – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 12A, Resolution to Approve 2019 Tax Levies. This is the eighth year of keeping the levy flat.

Yeas: Mr. Scrivano, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

B. Vans for Instructional Purposes – Bridget French, Executive Director of College & Career Readiness
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 12B, Vans for Instructional Purpose.

Yeas: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

C. Independent Speech/Language Contractor – Mike Ryia, Director of Special Education

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 12C, Independent Speech/Language Contractor.

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mr. Seigel

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

D. Tax Abatement Proposal – Ingersoll Expansion – Atty. Hoadley

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 12D, Tax Abatement Proposal – Ingersoll Expansion.

Yeas: Ms. Stanford, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member/Administration Action Steps

Dr. Jarrett outlined the following items.

1. Dr. Jarrett will work with Mr. Lowary and ECRA to provide additional information works in greater detail. He will also ask for Board member involvement as the Administration conducts an analysis of this year's scorecard. Teachers, principals, and REA members will be asked for their feedback.
2. Mr. Seigel asked for a definition of "local norms."
3. Mr. Scrivano asked members to put their thoughts together and communicate how the scorecard can be tweaked. This can be shared at one-on-ones/two-on-ones with Dr. Jarrett.

14. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:34 p.m.

Approved: 12-10-19

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

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