

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, February 12, 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 (arr. 5:14 p.m.), Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:07 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel 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 5:02p.m. until 7:10 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 7:19p.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 (dept. 9:38 p.m.), 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.
 6. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Connor congratulated the E-Rabs Basketball team. They will play Auburn Friday, February 15, 2019. Auburn teacher Jonathan Logemann is being deployed. Mr. Connor thanked our service members and first responders for service.
 - Mr. Dixon thanked the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders who sent letters on how they felt to Board members. He also spoke of his visit to Cherry Valley Elementary School with Illinois Representative Maurice West. This was their first visit to the facility.
 7. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 01/22/19
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. Contracts Under \$10,000
 - F. Construction Bid Request Log
 - G. Travel
 8. *Bid Recommendation
 - A. ~~RFP 19-12 Chronic Care Management~~ – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
 - B. ~~IFB 19-17 West M.S. Piping Upgrades – Phase 2~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor
 9. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. ~~Interior Designer for Facilities Master Plan Library Renovations – Michael Phillips, Executive Director of Facilities~~ – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
 - B. Learning A-Z for McIntosh Elementary – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent on behalf of McIntosh
 10. *Other Consent
 - A. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement - LD

B. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to approve item 8A Bid Recommendation pulled, RFP 19-12 Chronic Care Management.

Clarification was requested. This program is designed to assist chronic health conditions in an effort to improve the quality of life for the member and better manage costs. Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 8B Bid Recommendation pulled, IFB19-17 West M.S. Piping Upgrades – Phase 2.

This phase of the piping replacement is to remove galvanized pipes and replace with copper. All piping in the building will be touched. Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 9A Recurring Contract pulled, Interior Design for Facilities Master Plan Renovations.

This scope of the work is consistent with previous contracts, which is why it is recurring. Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

11. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Cory Schrank as 10 Month High School Assistant Principal at Jefferson High School
- B. Appointment of Jamie Murray as 12 Month Executive Director of Finance
- C. Appointment of Carissa Bry as 12 Month Program Administrator for Special Education
- D. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

12. *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-2040-19 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year through the second trimester of the 2019-2020 school year.
- B. GDM-4221-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and the entire 2019-2020 school year.
- C. GDM-4252-19 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- D. GDM-4253-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year through the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

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

- A. GDM-1038-19
- B. GDM-1039-19
- C. GDM-1040-19
- D. GDM-3388-19
- E. GDM-3738-19
- F. GDM-3740-19
- G. GDM-3744-19
- H. GDM-3745-19
- I. GDM-3746-19
- J. GDM-3747-19
- K. GDM-3748-19
- L. GDM-3749-19
- M. GDM-3750-19
- N. GDM-3751-19
- O. GDM-3752-19
- P. GDM-3753-19
- Q. GDM-3754-19
- R. GDM-3756-19
- S. GDM-3757-19
- T. GDM-3758-19

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

Approved: Unanimously

14. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett ceded his time in order to focus on the Treasurer's Report and IL Empower presentation.

15. *Action Items

A. Belles Firm of Architecture – Design services and construction administration for removal and replacement of walk-in freezer at Flinn Middle School

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** item 15A, Belles Firm of Architecture – Design services and construction administration for removal and replacement of walk-in freezer at Flinn Middle School

Approved: Unanimously

B. Quaver's Marvelous World of Music Elementary Music Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum and Brian Doering, Dean of Fine Arts, PE, and Health

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 15B, Quaver's Marvelous World of Music Elementary Music Resource Adoption.

Board members requested follow up with metrics and articulate expectations.

Approved: Unanimously

C. Hal Leonard Essential Elements & JW Foundations Secondary Music Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum and Brian Doering, Dean of Fine Arts, PE, and Health.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15C, Hal Leonard Essential Elements & JW Foundations Secondary Music Resource Adoption

Approved: Unanimously

D. Argument Driven Inquiry Secondary Science Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum and David R. Allen, Dean of K-12 Science.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 15D, Argument Driven Inquiry Secondary Science Resource Adoption.

Approved: Unanimously

E. Core Connections Integrated Math 2 Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum and Ben Epperson, Dean of Secondary Mathematics.

Approved: Unanimously

F. District Management Group (DMG) – Building Capacity and Academic Return on Investment – Dr. Ehren Jarrett, Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 15F, District Management Group (DMG) – Building Capacity and Academic Return on Investment.

The proposal consists of two work streams. Work Stream 1 is for District capacity and Work Stream 2 for school capacity. Work Stream 2 gives principals more resources, more control over, and support to use them effectively. Concerns included overwhelming staff with too many changes and not addressing the root cause. Other comments included assistance from DMG to determine which programs to keep, engage teachers, and ensure that all hands are on deck. Administration was asked if Board member training was a proponent. Members were assured of their involvement. The full presentation and documents may be viewed by clicking on this link: [DMG](#). Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano

Nays: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-1-0

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA – Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Jahr presented the report. Updates included FY19 projections (operating funds, non-operating funds (Capital), internal service fund. Positive trends, vacancies, cash investments and investments by category were part of the presentation. Ms. Jahr's presentation included investment strategies, both short and long term. Monthly investment reports and financial results will continue. Treasurer's reports will be a quarterly presentation. To view the report and presentation, please click on this link: [Treasurer's Report](#).

B. Board Policy 8.20 Community Relations; Community use of School Facilities

The change to the policy pertains to District student groups or related organizations that host tournaments or other special events for fund-raising purposes.

This will return for a vote at the 2/26/19 Board meeting.

C. Middle School Language Arts Resource Adoption – Kari Neri, Executive Director of Curriculum Originally, this presented as new business at the January 15, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting [World Languages Resource Adoption](#). Mrs. Neri addressed Board members concerns. Eisenhower and Kennedy Middle schools are field-testing the programs, with Eisenhower using block scheduling for this. The challenges to implementation dips include new curriculum, new resource, and new block schedules. Eisenhower staff spoke in support of the resource; Erin Zawlocki, a 6-8 Language Arts teacher at Eisenhower spoke of how the resource combines reading and writing together, setting up the students to be successful. This will return for a vote at the 2/26/19 Board meeting.

D. Insight Workforce Solutions – Matthew Zediker, Chief Human Resources Office [Insight Workforce Solutions](#) was first presented at the January 15, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Contract issues included workers' compensation, content issues, and termination clause that was added. Insight can identify through data metric which schools have higher or lower fill rate and place permanent substitutes. The company offers the District a solution for filling the hard-to-fill positions. The fiscal impact is sub-teacher retiree full day \$172.99, full day sub-teacher \$130.86 and full day support-para \$75.08. This will return for a vote at the 2/26/19 Board meeting

E. IL-EMPOWER School Plans and Learning Partners – Dr. Kelly Monson, Chief Continuous Improvement Officer Dr. Monson presented the IL-EMPOWER Learning Partners presentation to Board members. Schools identified as Comprehensive are required to choose a learning partner. Schools identified as targeted and commendable have the option to choose a learning partner. Learning partners chosen are District Management Group (DMG), ECRA, Regional Office of Education (ROE), Urban Learning & Leadership Center (ULLC), Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), and Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL). Dr. Monson gave a brief overview of learning partner ECRA. The total fiscal impact is \$1,302,382 and funded through IL-EMPOWER funds. The complete presentation and individual school plans may be viewed by following this link: [IL-EMPOWER](#). This will return for a vote at the 2/26/19 Board meeting.

- Mr. Rollins asked with the end of the third quarter would be changed due to snow days. Dr. Jarrett will speak with Dr. Vosberg and school teams regarding this.
- Mr. Escobedo suggested the District's lobbyist lobby to change test dates for PARCC and IAR due to the snow days.

17. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 9:56 p.m.

Approved: 02/26/19

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/

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