

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

**Administration Building  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 6:02 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. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins 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: Unanimously**

Pursuant to a Motion made in accordance with the Illinois Open Meeting Act and approved on a roll call vote, the Board, utilizing Zoom, was in executive session from 6:02 p.m. to 6:59 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Vice President Tim Rollins, utilizing Zoom, called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:27 p.m.
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call  
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano (arr. 7:47 p.m.), Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford  
Absent: None
4. Public Hearing to Adopt the FY2019-2020 Amended Budget  
A. Public Hearing to Adopt the FY2019-2020 Amended Budget  
There were no speakers
5. Petitions & Communications  
There were no speakers.
6. Board Member Comments.  
There were no Board Member comments
7. \*Consent Items  
A. Meeting Minutes: 03-24-2020, 03-10-2020  
B. Payroll  
C. Accounts Payable  
D. Purchase Orders  
E. Contracts Under \$10,000
8. \*Recurring Contracts  
A. Doug Eadie & Company, Inc. – 2nd Addendum – Dr. Ehren R. Jarrett, Superintendent  
B. ~~Rockford Marlins – RPS Partnership – Dr. Matthew Vosberg and Mr. Mat Parker~~ – pulled by Administration
9. \*Other Consent  
A. IHSA Renewal 2020-2021 – Dr. Matthew Vosberg and Mr. Mat Parker  
B. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Uniforms and Uniform Wear (RBMA)  
C. ~~Memorandum of Understanding – Compensation Pay Periods (REA)~~ – pulled by Mrs. Makulec  
D. Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding-RPS Employer-Assisted Housing (REA)  
E. Resolution and Notice of Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2020-2021 – Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer and Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget  
F. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement  
G. Freedom of Information Log  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent items not pulled.  
**Yeas:** Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford  
**Absent:** Mr. Scrivano  
**Approved: 6-0-1**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to approve Other Consent item pulled 9C, Memorandum of Understanding-Compensation Pay Periods (REA)

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will correct a pay gap that resulted from the late start of the 2019-2020 school year. The current agreement calls for twenty-six pay periods; approval of the MOU will change the pay periods two twenty-seven for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

Mr. Rollins called for the vote

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

**Absent:** Mr. Scrivano

**Approved: 6-0-1**

10. \*Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Lisa Koch as 12 Month Special Education Program Administrator

B. Appointment of Talvi Bandele as 10 Month Secondary Dean

C. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

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

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

**Absent:** Mr. Scrivano

**Approved: 6-0-1**

11. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett did not have a report.

12. Action Items

A. Acceptance of Potential GenYouth by FuelUptoPay60 Grant Award – Dr. Woulfe

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve item 12A, Acceptance of Potential GenYouth by FuelUptoPay60 Grant Award.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Scrivano

**Approved: 6-0-1**

B. Resolution to Allow Appropriations on Fiscal Year 2021 Tentative Budget – Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer and Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget

The appropriation was changed from twenty-five (25) percent to twenty (20) percent. Administration believes this to be an adequate amount.

Mr. Rollins called for the vote.

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

**Absent:** Mr. Scrivano

**Approved: 6-0-1**

C. Resolution to Adopt 2019-2020 Amended Budget – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer and Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget

**Approved: Unanimously**

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

*The Administration is seeking to suspend the rules for an immediate vote, as the curricular is part of the approved FY20 budget and is an anticipated line item for a new course adoption. The purchase is made from this year's funds, to be received by June 30, 2020, so that Distribution can inventory and deliver the items to schools for fall implementation.*

A. **\*\*Bundled Curriculum** – Benjamin Epperson, Executive Director of Curriculum

**Motion** by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to suspend the rules to consider item 13A, Bundled Curriculum.

**Approved: Unanimously**

**Motion** by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve item 13A, Bundled Curriculum.

Mrs. Dettman presented the resource adoption. Currently, the District has two new courses and nine updated curricula ready for implementation for the 2020-2021 school year. It is comprised of Integrated Math 3, Sociology, Acting 1/2/3/4, Technical Theatre 1/2/3/4, and Middle School Theatre. Integrated Math 3 is aligned to both the Common Core State Standards and the Standards of Mathematical Practice. In addition the curriculum for Integrated Math 1 and 2 are currently supported by CPM texts. The adoption will help establish alignment between steps of the high school math course sequence.

The Sociology text aligns to the expansion of the current semester course into a year-long offering. The expansion is to increase student awareness of sociological concepts that are key to the District's Criminal Investigation pathway and to careers in public service.

The secondary theatre resources align to the curricular redesign and current State standards generated by the theatre teacher members of the Curriculum Leadership Team.

Purchase of Core Connections Integrated III includes hardcover student textbooks, teacher edition binders/resource manuals, Spanish student consumable volumes, parent guide consumable workbooks, algebra tile class sets, 8 year online access for teachers and students to the eBook and digital features, and professional development and coaching days to support implementation. Purchase of the Sociology: A Down-to-Earth Approach includes hardcover student textbooks, and a 6 year online access for teachers and students to eText and MyLab Digital features. Purchase of all theatre resources include class sets of student textbooks and accompanying instructor manuals. The fiscal impact is \$289,262.23. To view the items, please click on this link: [Bundled Curriculum](#).

Board and Administration members conducted a robust discussion regarding the implementation of the curriculum. Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

**Approved: Unanimously.**

B. Kagan Professional Development - Dr. Matthew Vosberg Deputy Superintendent on behalf of Eisenhower Middle School

Dr. Vosberg presented the proposal. This activity is a 2-day cooperative learning training that allows all grade levels and subject areas to participate. The training will provide general structures for cooperative learning and guidelines for establishment of a cooperative classroom. The District will also purchase a training/strategies book for all the teachers that attend. These will provide step by step guides throughout the year to help with proper implementation of the strategies. This training aligns with the professional development goals in the District's Title 1 plan which states "professional development will also occur in the areas of student engagement, classroom management, effective instruction, and training on the use of Eisenhower's instructional teaching strategies to reach diverse learners." This solution aligns with the district strategic goal 1: Growth and Achievement. The training is scheduled for June 9-10, 2020. The Administration is requesting to approve the contract and not the payment. The total fiscal impact is \$8,848. This will return for a vote at the April 28, 2020 Board meeting.

C. Board Member Action Steps

- Action steps include Mr. Barthel investigating and correcting the technological issues involved with using Zoom at the 4/14/20 meeting.
- Mr. Scrivano thanked Administration and staff for offering virtual learning opportunities to students during this challenging time. Mr. Scrivano thanked everybody for their extra time and effort for making this work.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to adjourn.

**Adjournment: 8:12 p.m.**

Approved: 4/28/20

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude Makulec /s/*