

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

**Administration Building**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

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, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel (arr. 5:19 p.m.), Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: None

**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: 6-0-1**

The Board was in executive session from 5:05 p.m. to 7:00 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 7:15 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, Ms. June Stanford  
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  
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
    - Kawaia Jackson spoke of school zones and how they affect students.
  5. Board Member Comments
    - Mr. Seigel expressed his appreciation of the robust conversations regarding student achievement at previous meetings. Members received more than a snapshot of performance factors and great to have the conversation in a public setting.
    - Mrs. Makulec spoke of her appreciation to the Administration for the work that went into the presentations, providing the requested four years of information, which did provide a lot of conversation.
  6. \*Consent Items
    - A. Meeting Minutes: Special Board Meeting 12-10-19
    - B. Payroll
    - C. Accounts Payable
    - D. Purchase Orders
    - E. Contracts Under
    - F. Construction Bid Request Log
    - G. Travel
  7. \*Recurring Contracts
    - A. ~~2020 Graduation Ceremonies at Rock Valley College~~ – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
    - B. Reliance Standard Life and Disability Insurance Administrator
    - C. TSA Consulting Group – 403B Administrator
    - D. ~~Sun Life Assurance Company – Health Insurance Stop Loss~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor
    - E. ~~US Bank Chromebooks Lease – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor
  8. \*Other Consent
    - A. Monthly Cash and Investment – November 2019 – Jamie Murray – Executive Director of Finance
    - B. Financial Results: November 2019 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
    - C. 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 Mr. Seigel to approve Consent item pulled 7A, 2020 Graduation Ceremonies at Rock Valley College.

Positive comments regarding the change have been received. The cost to the location has been cost savings for the District as well improved access for parking.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

**Approved: Unanimously**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Recurring Contracts pulled 7D, Sun Life Assurance Company – Health Insurance Stop Loss.

The contract is to protect the District against catastrophic loss by any one individual. The current coverage is for the District's employees, retirees, COBRA participants and their family members covered on the District's health insurance plan.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

**Approved: Unanimously**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve Recurring Contracts pulled 7E, US Bank Chromebook Lease.

CDW uses US Bank for lease financing. Administration was asked to investigate if local financing options would be available for future leasing. The agreement is to replace Chrome Books that are obsolete. Administration was asked to provide Board members with the approximate cost of leasing equipment.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

**Approved: Unanimously**

9. \*Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Renee Schott as 12 Month Director of Master Scheduling
- B. Notice to Remedy – Kelly Garrie
- C. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

10. \*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-4336-20 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- B. GDM-4337-20 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- C. GDM-4339-20 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- D. GDM-4342-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- E. GDM-4344-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the entire 2020-2021 school year through January 14, 2022.
- F. GDM-4345-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the entire 2020-2021 school year.
- G. GDM-5016-20 – the nine day suspension is affirmed.

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

- A. GDM-1075-20
- B. GDM-3987-20
- C. GDM-3996-20
- D. GDM-3999-20
- E. GDM-8000-20
- F. GDM-8001-20
- G. GDM-8002-20
- H. GDM-8004-20
- I. GDM-8005-20
- J. GDM-8007-20
- K. GDM-8008-20
- L. GDM-8009-20

- M. GDM-8010-20
- N. GDM-8011-20
- O. GDM-8013-20
- P. GDM-8014-20
- Q. GDM-8016-20
- R. GDM-8017-20
- S. GDM-8023-20
- T. GDM-8024-20
- U. GDM-8025-20
- V. GDM-8026-20
- W. GDM-8027-20

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

**Approved: Unanimously**

12. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

The Early Childhood Report will be presented to Board members in late February. Dr. Psaltis will present Special Programs at the January 28, 2019 meeting. Mr. Scrivano asked Mrs. Dettman to give members a summary of the Ready to Learn session.

This took place at Patriot's Gateway Community Center. Data shows there are lower vulnerabilities where there are neighborhood community centers. Partners from City of Rockford, Alignment Rockford, and Transform Rockford were at the press conference in addition to Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, who presented Alignment Rockford with a \$70,000 check; the first of a three-year installment to hire on a project coordinator to be the hub of the EDI work. The website will soon launch. Mr. Seigel and Mr. Scrivano were thanked for their participation. Ms. Cathy Bayer coordinated the press conference and was thanked for her work. Mr. Scrivano offered to participate on the policy committee.

13. Action Items

A. Academic Approach – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent on behalf of Jefferson, East, Auburn, and Guilford High Schools

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve item 13A, Academic Approach.

**Approved: Unanimously**

14. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Assessment Complaint Intervention – Atty. Lori Hoadley

This is to enter into an agreement with Winnebago County, the City of Rockford, the Rock River Water Reclamation District, the Rockford Park District, and Rockford Public School that would continue a property assessment monitoring program to defend property assessment complaints for those seeking a reduction in real property taxes.

This will return for a vote at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

B. Purchasing Consortia – NASPO – Dane Youngblood, Director of Purchasing

This agreement is for the approval of State of Washington/NASPO ValuePoint and State of Oklahoma/NASPO ValuePoint contracts to purchase tools and other supplies from Snap-on Tools. NASPO is the National Organization of State Procurement Officials.

This will return for a vote at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

C. Accruent – Recommendation on Approval of Contract for Facilities Condition Assessment and VFA Capital Planning Software – Michael Phillips, Executive Director of Facilities

The recommendation is for the District to enter into an agreement for Accruent to conduct a comprehensive facilities assessment for 4-early childhood schools, 20-elementary schools, 6-middle schools, 5-high schools, 5-special program schools, 5-Administration buildings and the two stadiums totaling 4,986,291 square feet for a total cost of \$409,779. In addition, the District recommends the purchase of VFA Facility capital planning software for a total cost of \$106,397. Administration was asked to follow up with Board members requested clarification regarding the presentation.

This will return for a vote at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

D. Illinois Resource Center – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent on behalf of Jefferson High School

The agreement is for professional development instructing staff on best practices for reaching language learners in the everyday classroom. This is scheduled for Teachers' Institute February 7, 2020. The fiscal impact is \$2,986.00.

This will return for a vote at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

E. Board Member Action Steps

Mr. Connor volunteered to assist in the facilities side of the recommendation, software, etc. Mr. Seigel requested if there is a site where vendors for additional programs, where they are compiled, and annual fiscal costs. Examples given were 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Academic Approach. Mr. Seigel will e-mail Administration with his request. Mrs. Makulec requested that the Special Programs Data Presentation contain comparisons with the District's regular programs, including comparisons with high school data.

15.

Adjournment

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

**Adjournment: 8:24 p.m.**

Approved: 01/28/2020

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude Makulec /s/*