

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 6:46 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 6:49 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano, utilizing Zoom, called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:07 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
4. Recognition
5. Petitions & Communications
There were no speakers.
6. Board Member Comments.
There were no Board Member comments
7. *Consent Items
 - A. Payroll
 - B. Accounts Payable
 - C. ~~Purchase Orders~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel
 - D. Contracts Under \$10,000
8. *Bid Recommendations
 - A. IFB 20-25 Fairview Early Childhood Parking Lot Improvements Project
 - B. IFB 20-29 Lathrop ES Asbestos Abatement
9. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. ~~Rockford Marlins – RPS Partnership – Dr. Matthew Vosberg and Mr. Mat Parker~~ – pulled by Administration
 - B. ~~Consolidated Contracts (Personnel Services) – Jennifer Lawrence, Executive Director of Special Education~~ – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
10. *Other Consent
 - A. Workers’ Compensation Settlement Agreement - SD
 - B. Freedom of Information Log
 - C. Financial Results: February 2020 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
 - D. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – February 2020 – Jamie Murray, Executive Director of Finance

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** Consent items not pulled.
Approved: Unanimously
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** Consent item pulled 7B, Accounts Payable.
Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Dixon
Abstain: Mr. Seigel
Approved: 6-0-1
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled, 9B, Consolidated Contracts (Personnel Services).

The item, Consolidated Contracts, caused some confusion, as the request was for one item and not many. Board members requested clarity with future submissions.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

11. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

12. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline

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

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

Approved: Unanimously

14. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett gave a high level overview of the progress for Distance Learning. Currently, Administration is in partnership with the REA (Rockford Education Association) working with principals, then working with teachers to make the transition to Distance Learning. There is also a device distribution plan for students based on a survey given to parents. Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Mrs. Dettman.

Mrs. Dettman spoke of Distance Learning, which is not an E-Learning plan. An E-Learning plan is something that would have been previously approved by the Regional Office of Education (ROE) and would call for five (5) hours of instruction a day. The District does not have such a plan approved by the ROE. The State has convened a remote learning task force and they are working with stake holders around the State to determine guidelines. Administration has researched other districts the size of RPS or larger, and find the District is in line with their approach. Board and Administration discussed access issues and how it will be handled. A parent survey will be sent asking number of children, and if there is reliable access to Wi-Fi. Xfinity has increased their hot spots to allow free Wi-Fi access; currently there are 258 in the City, and these are mapped out. These will go out with the devices to families along with instructions on how to connect and charge the device. Paper take-home packets will be created to be sent home with students. Lesson plans will be completed by teachers April 3, and students will receive their work Monday April 6, 2020. Robust discussion continued and Administration was thanked for their explanations.

15. Action Items

A. District Management Group (DMG) – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** item 15A, District Management Group (DMG).

The funding is coming from 1003A Illinois Empower Funds. RESA was awarded an additional \$100,000 at the beginning of the school year. If the work could not be completed, the State would have to permit the District to roll over the funds. Administration was also asked, due to the shelter in place order, if the work could be conducted virtually.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

- Mr. Scrivano reminded Board members of Mrs. Dettman's offer of a demonstration on Distance Learning, how it will look, and how it will be rolled out. Please contact her to set up a time to meet with her.
- Mrs. Makulec requested to hear the survey being sent to parents. Mrs. Dettman relayed the questions:
 1. How many school aged, RPS children live in your home?
 2. How many computers such as Chrome Books, laptops, Mac, or desktops to you have in your home?
 3. Do you have access to Wi-Fi consistently?
 4. Are you able to transport yourself to pick-up a device?(phones do not count)

17. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to **adjourn**.

Adjournment: 7:56 p.m.

Approved: 04-24-2020

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude Makulec /s/*