

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, February 11, 2020

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:03 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:06 p.m.),
Mr. David Seigel, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: Mr. Michael Connor

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: 5-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 5:04 p.m. to 6:52 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:16 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.
 - Jenny Keffer, principal of Auburn High School, spoke of the CAPA students' trip to Carnegie Hall, and asked people to donate to the fundraiser for the group. She introduced students Robert Strader, Lenijah Smith, Noah Hermann, Malachi Goldsmith, and Jamia Goode who sang "Stand by Me" to Board Members. People can donate to <http://capachoir.com/donate>.
 - Renee Anderson spoke of staff safety at Early Childhood facilities.
 - Sarah Schiro spoke of the CAPA program, thanked Board members for their support, and stated that data at previous meetings was taken out of context.
 - Jack Moore stated it was his mother's birthday and spoke of the importance of teacher retention in the District.
 - Kristen Nichols spoke of staff safety at Early Childhood facilities.
 - Sara Dorner, Labor Representative for AFSCME Council 31 spoke of the tentative agreements for Local 1275 (Bus Drivers) and Local 3210 (Nutrition Services) and asked Board members to approve them.
5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Rollins spoke of discussions that have taken place, looking at the data, comparing District students with students in similar districts in the State with the observation that District students are not performing as well as others. Root causes need to be discussed, issues cannot be ignored, and it has to be acknowledged that everyone must do a better job.
 - Mr. Scrivano encouraged Board and Administration members to donate to the CAPA Choir fund. The donation site is: <http://capachoir.com/donate>. He also recognized the District's bus drivers, nutrition services, and paraprofessionals that drive the students' success. His third item was a request for volunteers to sign up for student led tours at RESA and Eisenhower Middle Schools as their student ambassadors completed training and now would like to lead tours.
6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 01-28-2020
 - B. Payroll

- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Purchase Orders
- E. Contracts Under \$10,000
- F. Construction Bid Request Log
- G. Travel

7. *Other Consent

- A. AFSCME 1275 (Bus Drivers) Tentative Agreement
- B. AFSCME 3210 (Nutrition Services) Tentative Agreement
- C. Memorandum of Understanding-RPS Family Attendance
- D. ~~Recruitment Incentives~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor
- E. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Other Consent item pulled 7D, Recruitment Incentives. This covers specific incentives for teachers and directly addresses the teacher shortage.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

8. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. 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-4349-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- B. GDM-4350-20 - expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- C. GDM-4351-20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the entire 2020-2021 school year, through February 11, 2022.
- D. GDM-4352-20 - expelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year through the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- E. GDM-4353-20 - 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-8015-20
- B. GDM-8047-20
- C. GDM-8048-20
- D. GDM-8054-20
- E. GDM-8055-20
- F. GDM-8056-20
- G. GDM-8057-20
- H. GDM-8058-20
- I. GDM-8059-20
- J. GDM-8060-20
- K. GDM-8061-20
- L. GDM-8062-20
- M. GDM-8063-20
- N. GDM-8065-20
- O. GDM-8068-20
- P. GDM-8069-20
- Q. GDM-8070-20
- R. GDM-8071-20
- S. GDM-8072-20
- T. GDM-8073-20
- U. GDM-8074-20

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Siegel to approve Closed Session Consent items not pulled.

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

Absent from the Vote: Mrs. Makulec

Abstain: Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-0-2

11. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Dr. Woulfe for the Charter Schools Data Presentation. This is the fifth data presentation that follows high schools, middle schools, elementary schools, and special programs. In addition an overall District presentation and strategies for improvement have been presented to Board members.

B. School Data Presentation – Charter Schools

Dr. Woulfe presented the Charter Schools data trends to Board members. Included were chronic absenteeism, IAR proficiency, and growth percentile, subgroup performance, and mobility. Strengths are increase ELA proficiency, two of the three schools increased ELA growth percentile, are commendable, and increased math proficiency. Weaknesses are chronic absenteeism that increase at two of the three charter schools, and proficiency is below the State average at all the schools. Opportunities include autonomy on implementing program components, growth potential for enrollment, continued focused growth in program implementation, and contracted Accountability framework for renewal recommendation. Threats are increasing mobility rates, funding mechanisms and staff turnover. Board and Administration members conducted a robust discussion regarding the data. To view the presentation, please click on the link: [Charter Schools Data](#).

12. Action Items

A. Public School Works: A State Mandated Training Platform

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 12A, Public School Works: A State Mandated Training Platform

Approved: Unanimously

B. Unified Talent Contract (Addendum to Power School Contract for Evaluation and Professional Development Software)

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 12B, Unified Talent Contract (Addendum to Power School Contract for Evaluation and Professional Development Software)

Approved: Unanimously

C. Housing for Aspiring Teachers

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 12C, Housing for Aspiring Teachers.

Approved: Unanimously

D. Premier Speakers Bureau Contract for Teacher Institute Day Speaker

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 12D, Premier Speakers Bureau Contract for Teacher Institute Day Speaker.

Approved: Unanimously

E. Professional Development for K-5 and 9-12 Teachers (National Geographic)

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 12E, Professional Development for K-5 and 9-12 Teacher (National Geographic).

Approved: Unanimously

Board Members agreed to vote on items 12F – 12L with one motion and one vote.

F. Board Policy 2.20 Board of Education; Powers and Duties of the Board of Education

G. Board Policy 2.105 Board of Education; Ethics and Gift Ban

H. Resolution Affirming and Revising Board Policy 2.110 Board of Education

I. Board Policy 2.200 Board of Education; Type of Board of Education Meetings

J. Board Policy 2.260 Board of Education; Uniform Grievance Procedure

K. Board Policy 4.12 Operational Services; Personally Identifiable Information Protection

L. Board Policy 5.50 General Personnel; Drug-and-Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** items 12F-12L, Board Policies

Approved: Unanimously

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Policy 7.270 Students; Administering Medicines to Students

School boards are required to adopt and implement a policy regarding administering medical cannabis infused products to a student. 105 ILCS 5/22-33(g), added by P.A. 100-660 (Ashley's Law). The policy must:

1. Authorize a parent/guardian and/or a designated caregiver of a student who is a registered qualifying patient to administer a medical cannabis infused products to that student at school or on the school bus (105 ILCS 5/22-33(b)).
 2. Allow a school nurse or administrator to administer a medical cannabis infused product to a student who is a registered qualifying patient while at school, a school-sponsored activity, or before/after normal school activities, including while the student is in before-school or after-school care, on school-operated property or while being transported on a school bus (105 ILCS 5/22-33(b-5), added by 101-370, eff. 1-1-20)).
 3. Authorize a student who is a registered qualifying patient to self-administer a medical cannabis infused product if the self-administration takes place under the direct supervision of a school nurse or school administrator (Id.).
- Board Policy 7.270 Students; Administering Medicines to Students was revised to reflect these requirements. Additional revisions were made to allow the District to maintain a supply of undesignated Glucagon. This will return for a vote at the February 25, 2020 meeting

B. Board Member Action Steps

Mr. Scrivano reviewed three action steps:

- Mr. Scrivano will send thank-you notes to the principals who presented at the last Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Rundall, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Hand each presented and stayed for the entire meeting.
- Mr. Scrivano reminded everyone of the fundraiser for CAPA Choir. To donate: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rockford-capa-choirs-to-perform-at-carnegie-hall>. He will make his donation Wednesday.
- He will also sign up for school tours.

14. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:19 p.m.

Approved:

President: _____

Secretary: _____