

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

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 (arr. 5:04), Secretary Michael Connor, Mrs. Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:03), Mr. David Seigel

Absent: Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel 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: 4-0-3

The Board was in executive session from 5:03 p.m. until 6:50 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 7:05 p.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, Mr. David Seigel
Absent: Mr. Jaime Escobedo
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
There were no speakers.
 5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Seigel encouraged parents and community members to remain focused on student achievement and performance, communicating their concerns with teachers and principals. Mr. Seigel offered his condolences to the family of Decwaveon Jones, an East High School student, who recently passed away.
 - Mr. Scrivano reminded everybody of the Academy Expo on October 24, 2018 at the Indoor Sports Center at Mercyhealth Sportscore 2.
 6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 10/09/18
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. Construction Bid Request Log
 - F. Contracts Under \$10,000 – pulled by Mr. Dixon
 - G. Travel
 7. *Bid Recommendations
 - A. ~~RFP 19-04 Exclusive Pouring Rights – Rebid~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor
 8. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. ~~Don Johnston Snap & Read Subscription~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel
 9. *Other Consent

- A. Financial Results: FY19 First Quarter Ending September, 2018 – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
- B. Monthly Investment Report – September 2018 – Ms. Michelle Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer
- C. New School Construction Change Order Logs
- D. RPS Managed Work Change Order Logs

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

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

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Seigel to **approve** Consent item pulled 6F, Contracts Under \$10,000.

Administration was asked to clarify the contract for Remedies Renewing Lives. This was a session held at Teacher Institute.

Mr. Scrivano call for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Bid Recommendation pulled 7A, RFP 19-04 Exclusive Pouring Rights – Rebid.

Administration provided clarification regarding the recommendation. Funds from sales is used for student activities and sunshine funds. Booster clubs will not have to purchase Pepsi products. Ms. Jahr will send more information that is detailed to Board members.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled 8A, Don Johnston Snap & Read Subscription.

Administration was asked if this tool could be used in the general education environment, which it can. The Special Education and Curriculum departments are now connected. Snap & Read and Co-Writer are included on the curriculum maps. Targeted training with Curriculum deans took place to familiarize them with the use. Classroom training is taking place.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

10. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

11. *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-2037-19 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- B. GDM-2038-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- C. GDM-4214-19 – expelled through the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year.
- D. GDM-4215-19 – expelled through the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year.
- E. GDM-4216-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
- F. GDM-4217-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

G. GDM-4218-19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and the entire 2019-2020 school year.

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

- A. GDM-3630-19
- B. GDM-3631-19
- C. GDM-3632-19
- D. GDM-3633-19
- E. GDM-3634-19
- F. GDM-3635-19
- G. GDM-3636-19

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

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

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

13. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

- A. Superintendent's Report -Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Vosberg gave the report for Dr. Jarrett. He encouraged Board and community members to attend the seventh Academy Expo scheduled for October 24, 2018. Over 100 business partners will have booths. Student attending have opportunities view different careers, and practice and improve their soft skills. Students get exposure to the business community and business communities have the same opportunity to meet with students.

14. *Action Items

- A. Resolution to Approve 2018 Tax Levies – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 14A, Resolution to Approve 2018 Tax Levies.

This is the seventh year the District is holding the levy flat. Administration was thanked for practicing fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Scrivano called the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

- B. ~~Rockford Systems LLC Safeguard Donation~~ – pulled by Administration

- C. Erikson Institute Early Development Instrument PDSA

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 14C, Erikson Institute Early Development Instrument PDSA.

Comments included support of the initiative and reminded Administration to remain focused not only on young learners, but elementary through secondary students. Members asked for updates and accountability.

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

Absent; Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

- D. Star Autism Support Inc. and RPS 205 – Brett Vosburgh

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 14D, Star Autism Support Inc. and RPS 205.

Members requested Administration to ensure this support would also be available to classroom teachers who have autistic students.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

- E. SchoolWorks – Charter Authorization Development and Support

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 14E, SchoolWorks – Charter Authorization Development and Support.

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

Absent: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

Board members agreed to vote for items 14F-14 M with one motion and one vote.

F. Board Policy 4.30 Operational Services; Revenue and Investments

G. Board Policy 5.120 General Personnel; Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest

H. Board Policy 5.190 Professional Personnel; Teacher Qualifications

I. Board Policy 6.150 Instruction; Home and Hospital Instruction

J. Board Policy 7.50 Students; School Admissions and Student Transfers to and From Non-District Schools

K. Board Policy 7.60 Students; Residence

L. Board Policy 7.100 Students; health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students

M. Board Policy 7.185 Students; Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve items 14F-14M, Board Policy 4.30 Operational Services; Revenue and Investments, Board Policy 5.120 General Personnel; Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest, Board Policy 5.190 Professional Personnel; Teacher Qualifications, Board Policy 6.150 Instruction; Home and Hospital Instruction, Board Policy 7.50 Students; School Admissions and Student Transfers to and From Non-District Schools, Board Policy 7.60 Students; Residence, Board Policy 7.100 Students; health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students, Board Policy 7.185 Students; Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

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

Nays: Mr. Escobedo

Approved: 6-0-1

15. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

Dr. Vosberg presented both items.

A. Donation from Class of 1953 Erabs

East High School Class of 1953 has decided to donate a gift of \$2,406.70 to the Art Department of East High School to supplement supplies for the Art Club.

This will return for a vote at the 11/13/18 meeting.

B. Illinois Association of School Administrators

Approval of the contract will enable Dr. Richard Voltz to visit several schools to provide classroom observation training to new administrators. The total fiscal impact is \$11,013.31.

This will return for a vote at the 11/13/18 meeting.

16. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:57 p.m.

Approved: 11/13/18

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/

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