

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins (arr. 5:33 p.m.), Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connors seconded by Mr. Dixon that 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: 6-0-1

The Board was in executive session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 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 7:01p.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.
 - Mr. Bill Buhl spoke of the new cell phone policy and interventions.
 5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Dixon thanked the Board for the focus on diversifying District staff. A job fair was held August 21, 2019 and was targeted more towards adverse poor.
 - Mr. Connor spoke of cyber security issues in the area. This needs to be discussed in cross-governmental bodies.
 - Mr. Seigel spoke of it being the last Board meeting before the school year launches. He welcomed back teachers and students and hoped of a successful school year for everyone.
 - Mr. Rollins spoke of the upcoming charitable event Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at the Stockyard Burger Bar from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. for Rockford Promise. Rockford Promise provides scholarships to students who may not be able to attend college.
 6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 8/13/19
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. Contracts Under \$10,000 – pulled by Mr. Seigel
 - F. Travel
 7. *Bid Recommendation
 - A. IFB 20-02 Hail Damage Roof Replacement for Froberg School
 8. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. Circles of Learning Contract
 - B. Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant – Lynn Liston
 - C. The Center/IRC Resources for Teaching and Learning Contract
 - D. Amendment to Consulting Agreement – K12 Insight – Dr. Ehren Jarrett, Superintendent
 - E. Addendum to Middle School English Language Arts Resource Adoption

F. ~~Consolidated Contracts (Personnel Services)~~— Jennifer Lawrence, Executive Director of Special Education— pulled by Mr. Connor

G. La Paridad Consulting- Professional Development

9. *Other Consent

A. New School Construction Change Order Logs

B. RPS Managed Work Change Order

C. Resolution Authorizing FY20 Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers, and Brokers

D. Monthly Cash and Investment Report- June and July 2019 – Jamie Murray – Executive Director of Finance

E. Rosecrance Agreement for Educational and Behavioral Health Services

F. 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. Seigel to approve Recurring Contract pulled 8F, Consolidated Contracts (Personnel Services).

Mr. Connor reminded community members of the need and expense of special education services.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

10. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Craig Carter as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Froberg Elementary School

B. Appointment of Brian Jones as 12 Month Director of Grant Programming

C. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

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

Approved: Unanimously

11. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

B. School Scorecard Presentation

Dr. Jarrett presented the School Scorecard to members. This is to lay out the strategy of the District. The embargo ends October 31/November 1 and at that time Administration will see how schools performed. The District's goal is to improve all schools and ensure all students have access to a high-quality school. The District's 2019-2020 MAP and IAR, PSAT and SAT are integrated. Conversation includes growth and attainment, and more emphasis on climate and culture. The score card will have one clear measure of school success.

Dr. Vosberg continued with the presentation. The Administration will provide a goal setting framework for all schools. All principal meetings will continue on a monthly basis, including leveled principal meetings, elementary and secondary. Measurements are on a four (4) point scale; 3.0 for Quality Instruction, 1.0 Climate & Culture. Quality Instruction metrics include Early Childhood, Kindergarten through 8th grade, and high school Climate & Culture metrics are Kindergarten through 12th grade.

The next steps include Scorecard Overview 10/23/19, public data release 10/31/19, and a complete report at the November 5, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [School Scorecard](#).

12. *Action Items

A. Vans for Instructional Purposes – Bridget French, Executive Director of College & Career Readiness

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 12A, Vans for Instructional Purposes.

Approved: Unanimously

B. Resource Adoption: College & Career Readiness Textbooks – Bridget French, Executive Director of College & Career Readiness

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 12B, Resource Adoption: College & Career Readiness Textbooks.

Approved: Unanimously

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Academic Approach – Essay Assessment.

Currently, District students take the essay test of the SAT exam in the spring semester of their junior year in addition to the ERW and Math test. To practice and establish growth metrics for the ERW and Math tests, the District administers the PSAT twice annually for all 9th and 10th graders. However, the PSAT does not include an essay test. District results demonstrate a need for additional practice and data-driven instructional supports for students well before they take the essay test for accountability in the spring semester of their junior year. The Administration recommends an essay scoring service through Academic Approach. This will provide students and teacher opportunities to track data

aligned with District goal for writing performance. The fiscal impact is \$40,560. To view the information, please click on this link: [Academic Approach](#).

This will return for a vote at the September 10, 2019 Board meeting.

14. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:47 p.m.

Approved: 09/10/19

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

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