

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, June 23, 2020

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: Mr. Anthony Dixon

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel 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.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-2

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 5:47 p.m. to 6:16 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano, utilizing Zoom, called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:03 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. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford
Absent: Mr. Anthony Dixon
Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers for hosting the Zoom meeting.
4. Petitions & Communications
There were no public speakers
5. Board Member Comments
There were no comments.
6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 6-09-20
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders (FY20)
 - E. Purchase Orders (FY21)
7. *Bid Recommendations
 - A. ~~IFB 20-52 Energy Management Systems Services~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins
 - B. ~~IFB 20-53 Elevator Lift Chair Inspection and Maintenance Services~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins
 - C. ~~IFB 20-55 Synthetic Turf Maintenance and Repair~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins
 - D. IFB 20-58 HVAC Inspections, Analysis, & Preventative Maintenance
 - E. IFB 20-59 Fire Alarm System Maintenance and Testing
 - F. ~~IFB 20-61 Cherry Valley School North Parking Lot Reconstruction~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor
8. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. 2020-2021 BlueCross BlueShield Plan Administration Renewal
 - B. ~~K-12 Insight~~ – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
9. *Other Consent
 - A. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – May 2020 – Jamie Murray – Executive Director of Finance

B. Financial Results: May 2020 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

C. ~~Linking Talent with Opportunity: RVC Dual Credit~~ – pulled by Administration

D. Freedom of Information Log

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, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Bid Recommendations pulled item pulled 7A, IFB 20-52 Energy Management Systems.

Concerns were raised as there was one bid for IFB 20-52 and IFB 20-55 Synthetic Turf Maintenance and Repair. Synthetic turf is specialized and there are few installations in this area. Mr. Phillips explained the energy management system to members. This involves building control systems in the District. This is the third bid request for this service.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Bid Recommendations pulled item 7C, IFB 20-55 Synthetic Turf Maintenance and Repair.

Yeas: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Bid Recommendations pulled item 7B, Elevator-Lift Chair Inspection and Maintenance Services.

Yeas: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Bid Recommendations pulled item 7F, IFB 20-61 Cherry Valley School North Parking Lot Reconstruction.

The project is scheduled to start in July and should be complete by the beginning of the school year.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled 8B, K-12 Insight.

Mrs. Peterson gave a brief update of the contract. K-12 Insight is used for the District's "Let's Talk" feature that enable community members to bring concerns and comments to schools and Administration. In addition, K-12 annually includes two surveys, the Employee Engagement Survey, and the School Quality Survey. The total fiscal impact for the three year agreement is \$309,525.00.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

10. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Aleshia Jones as 10 Month Elementary Dean at Lewis Lemon Elementary School

B. Appointment of Ayla Peczkowski as 10 Month Dean at East High School

C. Appointment of Daniela Boer 10 Month Certified Administrator as Lathrop Elementary School

D. Appointment of Laura Schulz as 12 Month Dean of Fine Arts/Physical Education/Health

E. Hourly Wage Adjustments for Non-Bargaining Employees

F. HR Organization Report & Addendum

11. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

“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-8115-20
- B. GDM-8116-20
- C. GDM-8120-20
- D. GDM-8122-20
- E. GDM-8123-20
- F. GDM-8124-20
- G. GDM-8125-20
- H. GDM-8126-20
- I. GDM-8127-20
- J. GDM-8128-20
- K. GDM-8129-20
- L. GDM-8131-20
- M. GDM-8133-20
- N. GDM-8134-20
- O. GDM-8135-20
- P. GDM-8136-20
- Q. GDM-8137-20
- R. GDM-8139-20
- S. GDM-8140-20
- T. GDM-8141-20
- U. GDM-8142-20
- V. GDM-8143-20
- W. GDM-8145-20
- X. GDM-8146-20
- Y. GDM-8147-20
- Z. GDM-8148-20
- AA. GDM-8150-20
- BB. GDM-8152-20
- CC. GDM-8153-20
- DD. GDM-8154-20

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Closed Session Consent items.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

12. Superintendent’s Report

A. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett spoke of significant information received from the State that will be shared with Board members.

Teams started working this spring focusing on upcoming fall. There are about sixty days to prepare for logistical challenges for the start of the school year. Dr. Jarrett will continue to update the Board.

13. Action Items

A. MOU Awaken Foundation to provide apprenticeships

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 13A, MOU Awaken Foundation to provide apprenticeships.

Board President, Kenneth J. Scrivano, recommended this group to Ms. French. Culinary arts courses are not offered at Rock Valley College but through College of DuPage’s satellite site that is scheduled to open.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

B. Permanent Fund Transfers - \$37 Million – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 13B, Permanent Fund Transfers - \$37 Million.

Yeas: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

C. Tax Abatement – Estwing Manufacturing Company, Inc. – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 13C, Tax Abatement – Estwing Manufacturing Company, Inc.

This is a consistent and coordinated approach that includes a step-down abatement over the course of nine years. Estwing agrees to not file objections to property taxes during the abatement and five years following the end of the abatement.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

D. Exclusive Finals site Plan – Earl Dotson, Jr.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 13D, Exclusive Finals site Plan.

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel

Absent: Mr. Dixon

Approved: 6-0-1

14. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Foundational Digital Tools

Screencastify, Seesaw, and Nearpod are foundation are digital tools that provide District-wide foundation of resources that support both in person and remote learning. Classlink provides usage data district wide, each application provides district and school usage data. Feedback from parents, students and teachers will be used to determine effectiveness of the digital tools to support teaching and learning. The tools are meant to enhance a teacher's and student's ability to continue learning seamlessly whether in person or remote. The fiscal impact is \$525,000: Seesaw \$37,400, Nearpod \$175,000 annually for three years for a total of \$525,000, Screencastify \$25,400. Board members requested visualization of the products.

This will return for a vote at the July 14, 2020 meeting.

B. Board Member Action Steps

1.) Visualization for Foundational Digital Tools

2.) Discussion took place regarding moving Board meetings back into the building beginning in August.

Members would still have the option to join virtually. As the State is in Phase 4, virtual meetings are allowed. Concerns were raised regarding permanent statute changes to the Open Meetings Act. The Legal team will review these and advise.

15. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:09 p.m.

Approved: 07/14/20

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*