

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, August 25, 2020

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 6:15p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon (via Zoom), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connor 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: 7-0-0

The Board was in executive session from 6:15 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:12 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 (via Zoom), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford
Absent: None
Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers who produces the Board's broadcast on Channel 20, Zoom, and YouTube Live.
4. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Bridget Brausen who in support of remote learning.
5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Rollins thanked the hundred of staff members who went above and beyond getting everything ready for the start of the school year. This has been a trying year and he asked community members for their patience.
 - Mrs. Makulec thanked Administration for purchasing thermometers for all classrooms. The District is coming out with the best ways of keeping individual privacy. She also spoke of her concerns with water fountains staying open. Not all schools have the bottle fillers. She also asked if ceiling fans can be reviewed to help with air circulation. She added her appreciation of the District working with the Health Department and nurses.
 - Mr. Seigel echoed Mr. Rollins' comments. He spoke of conversations he has had with teachers over the past months, forwarding those comments to Administration, and how they were included in Frequently Asked Questions. He also spoke of not always having or knowing the answers to concerns. He also spoke of receiving questions about cleanliness in the school.
6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes 08-11-20
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders
 - E. Contracts Under \$10,000
 - F. Construction Bid Request Log
7. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. Illinois Principals Association – Dr. Matthew Vosberg Deputy Superintendent
 - B. Consolidated Contracts (Personnel Services) – Jennifer Lawrence, Executive Director of Special Education
 - C. Alignment Rockford – Dr. Ehren R. Jarrett
 - D. Circles of Learning Contract
 - E. Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation-Lynn Liston
 - F. The Center/IRC Resources for Teaching and Learning

G. ~~Renewal Agreement for Jackson Charter School—Dr. Woulfe~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

8. *Other Consent

A. RPS Managed Work Change Order – Scott Jensen, Director of Design and Construction

B. Interest Transfer: June 2020 – Ms. Jamie Murray, Executive Director of Finance

C. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – June 2020 As Restated – Jamie Murray, Executive Director of Finance

D. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – July 2020 – Jamie Murray, Executive Director of Finance

E. ~~Resolution Authorizing FY21 Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers, and Brokers~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

F. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement

G. 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 7G, Renewal Agreement for Jackson Charter School.

The terms discussed in April are in force. This codifies agreements ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) requested. The amendments to the agreement were approved in May 2020.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Other Consent item pulled 8E, Resolution Authorizing FY Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers, and Brokers.

Investment entities used by the District include many with a physical presence in Rockford. Board members remarked the current investment companies are not listed on the resolution.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to amend the motion to include the list in section C listing the firms.

Mr. Scrivano call for the vote to amend the motion.

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

Abstain: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 6-0-1

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote on the original motion

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

Abstain: Mr. Rollins

Approved as Amended: 6-0-1

9. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Cynthia Guinn-Peterson as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Kennedy Middle School

B. Appointment of Matt Johnson as 12 Month Technology/Information Systems Director

C. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

10. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline – Suspension Appeal

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-5017-20 – the seven day suspension is affirmed.

11. Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline (EIAs)

A. GDM-8188-20

B. GDM-8189-20

C. GDM-8190-20

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

Approved: Unanimously

12. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett expressed his excitement and reiterate the great comments made by Board members for the appreciate of faculty, staff, and families. Everybody in the community has pitched in getting ready for school. There isn't a consensus about how the District is going forward, but there is a lot of excitement. A brief introduction took place with new teachers that was different from the past, but it was great seeing that excitement for the first day of school.

Students all around the District are interacting in their educational endeavors in different ways this year, but the District has been able to offer choices. He spoke of how proud he was of the efforts put forward to preserve those choices for families. Dr. Jarrett thanked Board members for their great support. There is a lot of hard work to do in the coming week to get ready for the students' first attendance day but is extremely proud of how far the District has come and is confident the District will continue to work hard to adapt to make the necessary change to ensure everyone is

maximizing safety, opportunities for student achievement in an equitable manner, keeping in mind this is an unprecedented time for social/emotional support, and that everyone will roll up their sleeves and find different ways to help students.

13. Action Items

A. Formative – Benjamin Epperson, Executive Director of Curriculum

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 13A, Formative

Approved: Unanimously

B. Q-Interactive/DALS – Mike Ryia, Director of Special Education

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 13B, Q-Interactive/DALS.

Approved: Unanimously

C. Board Policy 7.30 Students; Residence; Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 13C, Board Policy 7.30 Students; Residence; Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer

Approved: Unanimously

14. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

The Administration recommends suspension of the rules for this agreement so that the course related software is available to students by the start of school.

A. **Amazon Web Services AppStream Agreement

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to suspend the rules to consider 14A, Amazon Web Services AppStream Agreement.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 14A, Amazon Web Services AppStream Agreement.

The agreement allows PLTW, CAPA, Graphic Design, and Media Production student to remotely access resource intensive, Windows based applications from their Chromebooks. The District is requesting approval of a one year agreement not to exceed \$300,000.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Administration recommends suspension of the rules due to COVID-19 emergency, not all physicians were available for physicals, eye exams, immunizations, or other required health examinations.

B. **7.100 Students; Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to suspend the rules to consider item 13B, 7.100 Students; Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 13B, 7.100 Students; Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students.

Currently, students are required to present proof of immunizations, physicals and eye exams by the start of school.

The policy is extending this date to October 15 for the 2020/2021 school year. Next year, students will again have to meet the policy deadline by the start of school. T

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

C. Board Policy 2.220 Board of Education; Board Meeting Procedure

D. Board Policy 2.265 Board of Education; Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure

E. Board Policy 7.10 Students; Equal Educational Opportunities

F. Board Policy 7.70 Students; Attendance and Truancy

G. Board Policy 7.90 Students; Release During School Hours

H. Board Policy 7.345 Students; Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security

Ms. Hoadley presented the following changes:

2.220: The changes to this policy reflect the recent changes to the Illinois Open Meetings Act which includes remote attendance at board meetings under specific circumstances such as during a COVID emergency.

Robust discussion took place regarding the changes in 2.220. this included adding language regarding confidentiality in Executive session via remote. Ms. Hoadley stated a sunset clause can be added to the policy. She requested members e-mail her their suggestions.

2.265 is a new policy which is required as a result of some of the federal regulatory amendments to Title IX which prohibits gender discrimination.

Policy 7.10 is also being amended to address some of these changes as well to clarify that gender includes gender identity and sexual orientation.

7.70 and 7.90: The proposed language changes help clarify that excused absences of students can include mental and emotional health as well as physical health and it reflects recent legislative changes requiring the superintendent to designate 2 hours during elections and primaries in which eligible students can take off school to vote.
7.345: this new policy describes how the District will handle online student data, specifically in the areas of transparency, contracting, security, breach notification, and parent access.
These will return for a vote at the September 8, 2020 meeting.

I. Board Member Action Steps

- Mr. Scrivano reminded members to let Ms. Hoadley know of any of their thoughts regarding Policy 2.220.

15. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:26 p.m.

Approved: 09/08/20

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*