

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

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, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford

Absent: None

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.

Approved: 7-0-0

The Board was in executive session from 5:32 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

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1. Call to Order – President Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - A. 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: Done
Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers and Rod Weddle who produce the Board’s broadcast on Channel 20, Zoom, and YouTube Live.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Recitation of Mission Statement: The Mission of Rockford Public School is to collaboratively engage all students in a first class education for a changing world
 - D. Board Member Comments
There were no comments.
 2. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Rebecca White Newgren spoke of how well remote learning was going for her second grade at elementary school, but of the difficulties her sixth grader was having with remote learning. She has since unenrolled her sixth grader from RPS205. She offered to work with staff to improve issues.
 3. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Superintendent’s Report
Dr. Jarrett reminded Board members he needs feedback regarding his CEO Centric targets. He will be bringing forward a District Scorecard proposal as part of his evaluation tool for the upcoming school year. He also reminded members at the 10/27/20, he will bring forward for further discussion during the Superintendent’s Comments a more detailed presentation regarding the School Performance Framework that Mr. Rollins introduced at the October Committee of the Whole meeting. The scorecard, quality peer review and standards of services will be discussion items.
 4. Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Planning and Development Committee
 - A. Board Policy 4.10 Operations; Fiscal and Business Management.
Mr. Rollins updated members on the changes to the Board Policy. Administration’s recommendation is to change the policy to conform to the School Code. The change allows Board approval of the budget on or before the second Board meeting in September, prior to September 30th. The change allows Administration time for analysis while meeting State statute. The change also allows for a resolution for Administration to spend up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the tentative budget in order to have authorization to meet expenditures before adopting the full budget.
Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** item 4A, that proceeded through the Planning and Development Committee, Board Policy 4.10 Operations; Fiscal and Business Management.
Approved: Unanimously

5. Board President's Announcements and Report and Action on Items that proceeded through the Governance Committee

Mr. Scrivano gave some feedback regarding to revisions to the Committee of the Whole structure. Conversations with members consisted of there is a learning curve, doing things differently than before. Two conclusions are; it helps drive board member engagement in the process, and most have commented it's a positive experience. An assignment of the Board Governance Committee is to establish how the committees will function and present. Mr. Scrivano asked Board members to follow with Mr. Seigel about his ideas he spoke of and sent e-mails regarding the Board's Speakers' Bureau and lobbying efforts, and follow up with Mrs. Makulec requests for Board feedback on the Committee Chair process and presentation. Mr. Seigel and Mrs. Makulec did not make any comments.

6. *Consent Items – Performance Monitoring Committee

- A. Payroll
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Purchase Orders
- D. Construction Bid Request Log
- E. Cisco Smartnet Renewal
- F. Recurring Contract: ESL Endorsement Olivet
- G. RPS 205 and PowerSchool Group, LLC

7. *Consent Items – Planning and Development Committee

- A. UCCM Cisco Phone System Upgrade Support
- B. Units of Study Writing Videos

8. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

- A. Meeting Minutes: 9-22-20 Standing Committee Overview Minutes, 9-22-20 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Contract Purchase Orders
- C. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** Bid Recommendation pulled 7A, 20-2250 Tree Maintenance – Unit Bid Prices (Rockford Park District RPS205 Joint Purchase).

Mr. Rollins commented the bid recommendation is an example of collaboration between other government agencies. He urged the District to look for more opportunities.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

9. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Kourtnei Gray as 10 Month Middle School Assistant Principal at Kennedy Middle School
- B. Appointment of Solomon Baddoo as 12 Month Non-Certified Special Education Program Administrator
- C. HR Organization Report & Addendum

10. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline

- A. GDM-2050-20 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2020-2021 school year.

11. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline – EIAs

- A. GDM-8192-20
- B. GDM-8193-20
- C. GDM-8194-20
- D. GDM-8197-20

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

Approved: Unanimously

12. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

- A. Board Member Action Steps

Mr. Scrivano had three items:

- Feedback and ideas to Mr. Seigel, Chairperson of the Internal/External Stakeholders Committee regarding the Speakers' Bureau and lobbyist
- Follow up with feedback to Mrs. Makulec regarding her request on ideas for process of presentations for committee reports.
- Feedback for Dr. Jarrett from Board members regarding CEO Centric target he distributed to members.

Mrs. Makulec commented that in September, Board Member Comments came after Petitions & Communications, for the current meeting, it was moved to before Petitions & Communications and asked why and who made the decision.

Atty. Hoadley answered that it can be moved back to its previous spot. She also spoke to comments made during the public speakers portion of the meeting and asked for follow-up to her concerns. Mrs. Dettman and staff members will provide feedback to members regarding these issues.

Mr. Scrivano and Dr. Jarrett both have received e-mails from the parent. The parent identified in her e-mail what was going well and what wasn't. Dr. Jarrett has answered her e-mails.

13.

Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:22 p.m.

Approved: 10/27/20

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*