

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes - corrected

Administration Building
Tuesday, November 24, 2020

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:47 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, 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: 6-0-0

The Board was in executive session from 5:48 p.m. to 6:40p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Scrivano, utilizing Zoom, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford
Absent: None
Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers 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
2. Public Hearing
 - A. Public Hearing: E-Learning Plan
3. Petitions & Communications

Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.

 - Mel Gilfillan, President of the Rockford Education Association (REA), thanked Board members for the adaptive pause, and spoke in support of teachers having the choice of working either in the building or from their homes.
4. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Seigel expressed his condolences to the family of Mike Padron and his wife Nicole Padron.
5. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Superintendent’s Report
Dr. Jarrett expressed his condolences to the Padron family. Dr. Jarrett discussed the system-wide framework for improvement, spending the next year rebuilding and improving the accountability system. The three areas include Standards, Quality, and Continuous Improvement that was the focus. Discussion on the Scorecard will continue in December on how to improve it. The summary of scorecard measures was presented; however, Early Childhood ELS, Spring MAP, IAR, PSAT, and SAT data was not available. The recommendation to the Board is updating the available measures, use “N/A” where not available. Discussion will continue at the December 8 meeting for Scorecard discussions for 2020-2021 and introduction and exposure to revised QPR (Quality Peer Review) and New Standards System. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [School Scorecard SY Update](#).
6. Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Performance Monitoring Committee
 - A. Follow up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole
Mrs. Makulec reviewed with members the Recurring Contract with Rockford Park District for after school services at Ellis Elementary School. This is funded with Title I funds.
7. Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Planning and Development Committee
 - A. Discussion: County Sales Tax
Anne Noble of Stifel, gave a presentation regarding the Illinois County School Facility Tax. This became effective October 2007, is based on a similar currently in place in every county in Iowa, and was amended in 2011 that County

Board no longer has to approve the tax. Fifty-seven counties in Illinois have approved the School Illinois County School Facilities Tax (CSFT). Highlights included the revenue uses of the tax, and those that are ineligible, the benefit to property tax, as a district can abate or decrease current property taxes by using sales tax fund to pay off outstanding building bonds. A district can avoid levying property taxes by using sales tax fund to pay for facility projects that would have been paid with property taxes. Revenue is distributed equally for every pupil who lives in the county and attends public school, regardless of the location of the that school. Real revenue distribution is based on actual enrollment in county as certified by the Regional Office of Education each fall. Placing the item on a ballot was discussed. To begin, a school board has to pass a resolution. Only school boards representing more than fifty percent of the resident student enrollment in the county adopt the resolution, and Regional Superintendent must certify the question to the County Clerk. Districts representing more than fifty percent of enrollment must approve consistent ballot language. The County Clerk will place it on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election. The ballot language must read: *"Shall a retailer's occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "Sales Tax") be imposed in (name of county) at a rate of ___% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?"* A simple majority of votes cast county-wide are needed to pass. After approval, the tax will be imposed. Election timelines were reviewed with members. As a follow-up, Dr. Jarrett, will canvass the regional superintendents regarding interest their interest. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [County Schools Facility Tax](#).

B. Follow up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole
There were no follow-up items.

8. Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Internal/External Stakeholder Committee

A. Student Attendance Boundary Realignment – Michael Phillips, Executive Director of Facilities
Mr. Rob Schwarz of RSP, gave a second presentation on the Student Attendance Boundary Realignment recommendation. The presentation included the original slides, but added to each the impact of grandfathering students. He reviewed with members with estimated elementary students impacted by the boundary change, including grandfathering over a three year period. This analysis continued with middle school students. Board members voiced their concerns and engaged in robust discussion. They were reminded a vote would take place.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 8A, Student Attendance Boundary Realignment.

Approved: Unanimously

B. Follow up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole

Mr. Seigel followed up on items presented at the 11/02/20 CoTW meeting. A meeting took place with McGuire Woods and topics covered included Evidence Based Funding and Capital funding. Currently, Evidence Based Funding (EBF) is unlikely to grow and remains flat. Included were facility funding, and more information will be available at a later date. A meeting took place with Mr. Gilfillan, President of the Rockford Education Association, on how to work together with Human Resources on joint recruiting efforts. More information will be added at the December 1, 2020 CoTW meeting.

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

A. Follow up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole

Mr. Scrivano had no follow-up items. He stated the Board Member Onboarding Guide would be discussed at the December 1, 2020 CoTW meeting, and that it would be attached to BoardDocs.

10. *Consent Agenda – Performance Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders

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

E. Financial Results: October 2020 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

F. Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 First Quarter Treasurer's Report – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

G. RFP 21-05 Administration Building A/V Upgrades

H. Construction Bid Pay Request Log

I. RPS Managed Work Change Order Logs – Scott Jensen Director of Design and Construction

J. Recurring Contract – Rockford Park District

11. *Consent Agenda – Planning and Development Committee

12. *Consent Agenda – Internal/External Stakeholders Committee

13. *Consent Agenda – Governance Committee

A. Meeting Minutes: 10-27-20

B. Contract Purchase Orders

C. Memorandum of Understanding with Rockford Education Association

D. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

14. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Annmarie Wieczorek as 10 Month Middle School Assistant Principal at Lincoln Middle School

B. Appointment of Jennifer Speakes as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Jefferson High School

C. Appointment of Michael Phillips as 12 Month Chief Operations Officer

D. HR Organization Report & Addendum

15. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

A. GDM-8195-20

B. GDM-8200-21

C. GDM-8201-21

D. GDM-8202-21

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

Approved: Unanimously

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

Mr. Scrivano reminded members to prepare for the November 30, 2020 Special Board meeting and to review the Board Member Onboarding Guide.

17. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:37 p.m.

Approved: 01/12/21

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec/s/*