

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

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, , Ms. Denise Pearson, 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 5:45 p.m. to 7:01 p.m.

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1. Call to Order – President Scrivano, utilizing Zoom, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:17 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec, Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford
Absent: None
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
 2. Petitions & Communications
There were no speakers
 3. Board Member Comments
There were no comments.
 4. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Superintendent’s Report
Dr. Jarrett extended his sincere gratitude to the Board and many members of the community for expressing their sympathy to his family and him during a very challenging time with the passing of his father. Mr. Scrivano notified him that a number of Board members, individually and collectively, are looking to honor the life and legacy of his father, Dr. Robert Jarrett, with a pledge to Rockford Promise. He expressed he wanted everyone to know what this meant to him and his family to think of them during this time. The generosity is greatly appreciated. Dr. Jarrett thanked everyone for their sincere sympathy and doing something very powerful in his father’s memory.
 5. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Performance Monitoring Committee
Board members agreed to approve items 5A through 5D with one motion and one vote.
 - A. Board Policy 5.10 General Personnel; Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - B. Board Policy 5.30 General Personnel; Hiring Process and Criteria
 - C. Board Policy 5.40 General Personnel; Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
 - D. Board Policy 5.80 General Personnel; Court Duties
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** items 5A through 5D, Board Policy 5.10 General Personnel; Equal Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, Board Policy 5.30 General Personnel; Hiring Process and Criteria, Board Policy 5.40 General Personnel; Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease, Board Policy 5.80 General Personnel; Court Duties.
Approved: Unanimously
 - E. Follow up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole
There were no follow-up items.

6. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Planning and Development Committee
 - A. Follow up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole
There were no follow-up items.
7. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Internal/External Stakeholder Committee
 - A. Intergovernmental Agreement Between Rockford Public Schools, District 205 and the Rockford Park District at Beyer EC - Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 7A, Intergovernmental Agreement Between Rockford Public Schools, District 205 and the Rockford Park District at Beyer EC.
 - B. Follow up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole
There were no follow-up items.
8. 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
There were no follow-up items.
9. *Consent Agenda – Performance Monitoring Committee
 - A. Payroll
 - B. Accounts Payable
 - C. Purchase Orders
 - D. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – November 2020 – Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
 - E. Financial Results: November 2020-Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
 - F. Construction Bid Request Log
 - G. ~~IFB 21-03 Special Needs and Early Childhood Transportation~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor
 - H. TelaDoc, Inc. – Matthew Zediker, Chief Human Resources Officer
 - I. Recurring Contract: Academic Approach – Dr. Vosberg
 - J. Recurring Contract: Newsela – Additional Resource Collection – Ben Epperson, Executive Director of Curriculum
 - K. Recurring Contracts: Urban Learning and Leadership Center (ULLC) Auburn HS and Lincoln MS
10. *Consent Agenda – Planning and Development Committee
 - A. Public Sale of Operations Support Center Building 1907 Kishwaukee Street, Rockford, Illinois – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer
11. *Consent Agenda – Internal/External Stakeholders Committee
 - A. Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Rockford – Five-O Program at Auburn and Geo Policing Site for Special Education's Transitional/Vocational Program – Brett Vosburgh/Jennifer Lawrence
12. *Consent Agenda – Governance Committee
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 12/08/20, 11/30/20 – Committee of the Whole Candidate Forum, 11/24/20 - Corrected
 - B. Contract Purchase Orders
 - C. Superintendent's Employment Agreement – Atty. Hoadley/Matthew Zediker, Chief Human Resources Officer
 - D. 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** Consent Item pulled 9G, IFB 21-03 Special Needs and Early Childhood Transportation
Board member concerns included the high amount of the bid, the length of the contract, and lack of bidders. The is a three year contract with two one-year renewal options. Comments and suggestions included moving this into in-house. Mr. Phillips and Mr. Slife were asked to analyze and present to the Board the cost of bringing Special Education and Early Childhood transportation service in-house. Ms. Jahr reviewed with Board members how the State of Illinois reimburses the District for transportation costs.
Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
Yeas: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Makulec
Nays: Mr. Scrivano
Approved: 6-1-0
13. *Closed Session Consent Items
 - A. Appointment of Amy Powell as 10 Month Elementary School Assistant Principal at Cherry Valley Elementary School
 - B. HR Organization Report & Addendum

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Closed Session Consent items not pulled.
Approved: Unanimously

14. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

Mr. Scrivano reminded Mr. Slife to create an analysis for bringing it in-house transportation service for Special Education and Early Childhood.

Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:43 p.m.

Approved: 01/26/21

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*