

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, January 26, 2021

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:04p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec (via Zoom), Ms. Denise Pearson (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 5:06 p.m. to 6:38 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec (via Zoom), 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.
Mr. Scrivano recognized Rod Weddle's service to the Board and the District. During the last six years, Rod has volunteered his time to help with the Board's broadcasts. He is moving to Texas and will soon be married. He was congratulated on his upcoming nuptials.
Mrs. Makulec thanked Rod for his service at the Board meetings and high school graduation. Mrs. Makulec presented Rod and his fiancée with a gift.
2. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Mr. Larson spoke of his concerns regarding the new schedule beginning February 1, 2021 for secondary students.
3. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Seigel expressed his condolences to the family of Margaret McCann as well as to the students and staff at Lincoln Middle School.
 - Mrs. Makulec spoke of the change in schedule for secondary schools. Students will return to the classroom for three days a week, and learning with the remoted students at the same time. There will also be an additional hour of class each afternoon. This plan was developed as a collaborative effort with teachers, administrators, and administration. She stated she hoped, as a board member, that school would stay in session until June, that everyone would take a look at how this is working especially as the numbers continue to decline as well as positivity as more and more people receive the vaccination.
4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Mrs. Dettman. Mrs. Dettman gave an update referring to the January Committee of the Whole meeting, the deeper dive into Standards of Practice and the School Scorecard, and how schools will be put on a three, four, or five-year track. The update is on how the work is developing and some reciprocal feedback. Questions asked are where the District can learn the most about where its systems can become more equitable that is on the Standards of Practice side. The Standards of Service side question is where the District can better understand where some of its systems may be getting in the way of its equity imperative. Central Office departments have met to create a short list of departments that will create Standards of Practice. Currently it has been determined the School

Leadership Team, Student Support and Alternative Learning (SSAL), Curriculum, College & Career Readiness, Early Childhood, Bilingual, Special Education, Educational Technology. Currently the list of goals consist of ten items and the challenge is to continue refining within the scope of the two questions posed earlier in the report. The departments were chosen as a cross functional rally-cry team being relentless on a narrow set of items. If executed correctly, it is believed will raise student achievement and advance equity imperative. Workshop watch materials have been developed for the teams on the short list so Standards of Practice can be drafted. Those will be brought back and forth through the Rally Cry team for feedback and revisions. This will take place over the next six weeks. An additional question is how schools can have a more active and participatory role in identifying the Standards of Service and what questions they are being asked for them to think about. This is where an activity was created for every principal to have a voice to ask what the Standards of Service for the Central Office to be relentless about in supporting them in their journey to increase student achievement and advance equity imperative. Central Office will be generating Standards of Practice, feedback will be received from principals, and principals are be asked what they need most from Central Office. As those converge, there where be areas where they align and also places where there are gaps. Administration will be very focused for every standard of practice. Meetings will take place on a weekly basis.

5. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Performance Monitoring Committee

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

The asbestos removal bid for McIntosh Elementary school was presented as a consent item preview. This is necessary due to window replacement at the building as part of the Facilities Plan. There are no other 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. Mr. Rollins did say beginning at the February Committee of the Whole meeting, budget presentations begin. Budget development is underway.

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

A. 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

Mr. Scrivano reminded members of having committee guidelines ready for the Committee of the Whole meeting in February.

9. *Consent Agenda – Performance Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders

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

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

F. Construction Bid Request Log

G. IFB 21-06 McIntosh School Asbestos Abatement Project

10. *Consent Agenda – Governance Committee

A. Meeting Minutes: 01-12-21

B. Contract Purchase Orders

C. 2020-2021 Academic Calendar (Modified) – Dr. Matthew Vosberg, Deputy Superintendent

D. Worker's Compensation Settlement Agreement - JP

E. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

11. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Sarah Craig as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal at West View Elementary School

B. HR Organization Report & Addendum

12. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

A. GDM-8206-21

B. GDM-8207-21

C. GDM-8207-21

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

Approved: Unanimously

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

- Mr. Scrivano reminded members of the beginning of the budget cycle.
- Thoughts, guidelines for committees
- Mrs. Makulec requested a report comparing costs to moving therapy services in-house versus outsourcing

Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Approved: 02/09/21

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude Makulec /s/*