

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:49 p.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. 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 5:51 p.m. to 6:27 p.m.

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 (via Zoom), Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Ms. June Stanford
Absent: None
2. Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers who produces the Board’s broadcast on Channel 20, Zoom, and YouTube Live.
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. 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.
3. Petitions & Communications
There were no speakers.
4. Board Member Comments
There were no comments.
5. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Superintendent’s Report
Dr. Jarrett complimented the District’s entire team involved with a strong start of the vaccination roll-out. He expressed kudos to every individual involved with beginning the process. He also shared his hope that the County Health Department will be provided with the next round of vaccines as the District is anxiously waiting to restart the roll-out. The plan has a positive impact with faculty, staff, and students as they feel safer as the District continues to invite students back into its schools.
Mr. Scrivano spoke of his and Dr. Jarrett’s board meeting with Alignment Rockford team and community members. Dr. Jarrett gave a report on summer plans and partnerships with the community to help students. Mrs. Dettman received a lot of recognition from community members.
6. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Internal/External Stakeholder Committee
 - A. Follow up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole
Mr. Seigel will e-mail members for the opportunity on March 11, 2021 to speak/listen with Next Rockford. This will take place at 7:30 a.m.
7. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Performance Monitoring Committee
Mrs. Makulec reviewed items up for a vote with Board members. These include: Board Policy 4.120 is updated to comply with the U.S. Department of Agriculture rules for competitive foods. Competitive foods are all food and beverages offered for sale to students on the school campus during the school day. Board Policy 4.120 Operational Services; Food Services. Board Policy 5.20 is revised to prohibit discrimination/harassment based on “actual or perceived” protected categories, unfavorable discharge from military service, pregnancy, citizenship status provided the individual is authorized to work in the United States, being a victim of domestic, gender or sexual violence and order of protection status. The policy now specifically mandates annual sexual harassment prevention training (as does 5.100). Harassment of consultants and contractors performing services for the District is now specifically

prohibited. Board Policy 7.300 was updated to change the minimum required passing full credit courses from five (5) to three (3) per IHSA recommendations. This is in place for the current school year. Contracts include support for schools (DMG & ULLC), Learning A-Z for additional licenses, and two recruitment incentives, housing and hiring.

- A. *Board Policy 4.120 Operational Services; Food Services
- B. *Board Policy 5.20 General Personnel; Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- C. *Board Policy 7.300 Students; Co-Curricular Activities/Athletics

Board members agreed to approve the Board policies with one motion and one vote.

Motion: by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** items 6A-6C, Board Policy 4.120 Operational Services; Food Services, Board Policy 5.20 General Personnel; Workplace Harassment Prohibited, Board Policy 7.300 Students' Co-Curricular Activities/Athletics.

Approved: Unanimously

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

There were no additional items.

8. 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.

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 reviewed the Operating Guidelines presented at the March 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Suggestions included rotating chairpersons every year. The Vice President always chairs the Planning and Development Committee and the Board President always chairs the Governance Committee. Discussion took place with the consensus reached that chairpersons would rotate on an annual basis.

10. *Consent Agenda – Performance Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders

D. Construction Bid Request Log

E. ~~Addendum: District Management Group (DMG), Amendment: Urban Learning & Leadership Center (ULLC) – pulled by Mr. Connor~~

F. Recurring Contract: Learning A-Z – Dr. Matthew Vosberg on behalf of Page Park Remoted Teachers

G. Recurring Contract: N2Y Additional License Purchase – Brett Vosburgh

H. Recruitment Incentives – Matthew Zediker, Chief Human Resources Officer

I. Housing for Aspiring Teachers – Matthew Zediker, Chief Human Resources Officer

11. *Consent Agenda – Governance Committee

A. Meeting Minutes: 01-26-21

B. 2021-2022 Academic Calendar

C. Contract Purchase Orders

D. Student Zone Appeal – Earl Dotson, Jr.

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F. Workers' Compensation Agreement - KH

G. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement - SL

H. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent item pulled 10E, Addendum: District Management Group (DMG), Amendment: Urban Learning & Leadership Center (ULLC).

Additional Illinois Empower funds became available due to underperforming schools. DMG and ULLC were selected as learning partners for Conklin, Riverdahl, Flinn, and RESA schools. In the fall, there will be additional schools requesting learning partners.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

12. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Roni Sturm as 12 Month Program Administrator of Health Services

B. Notice to Remedy – Steve Gangler

C. HR Organization Report & Addendum

13. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

A. GDM-8209-21

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins 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 Board members to contact Mr. Seigel if they are interested in participating in the Listening Session with Next Rockford. This is scheduled for March 11, 2021.
- Mr. Rollins requested a report regarding the tennis courts at Guilford High School. This resulted from newspaper articles in the Rockford Register Star. Robust discussion took place between Board members and Administration. Members requested the same treatment of the tennis courts at Guilford High School as those at Auburn, East, and Jefferson High Schools.
- Mrs. Makulec requested an update and timeline on the elementary International Baccalaureate Program.

Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:40 p.m.

Approved: 02/23/21

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*