

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, March 30, 2021

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins (5:02 p.m.), 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: 6-0-1

The Board was in executive session from 5:03 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:06 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 for all his work in replacing the sound system in the Board Room, and who produces 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
 - Ms. Pearson spoke of her concern with the disconnect with District students and remote learning and is looking forward to them returning to school. She spoke of reaching out to local pastors in her efforts to work on the gap between the District and community and parents. She thanked Pastor Edward Copeland of New Zion Baptist Church, Pastor Ronald Alexander of Hope Fellowship, Pastors Charles and Sheila Hill of the Park Church, Interim Pastor Christopher Dixon and Community Member Royce Dixon for their willingness to work with her as she creates a plan for some parental and community engagement.
4. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Superintendent’s Report
Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Mrs. Dettman, who gave a brief update to the Standards System. She gave a brief review including identify a challenge, and identify users. Principal focus groups were formed, and two meetings were completed. The third is scheduled for April 13, 2021. District administrators have completed twenty-six meetings with cross-functional departments. Eighteen teachers have been identified for to the Teacher Focus Group with meetings scheduled for March 31, 2021, April 21, 2021, and May 1, 2021. Mrs. Dettman read the key insights from the Principal Focus Group, and Rally Cry. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [Standards System Workstreams](#).
5. 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 spoke of the next listening session scheduled for March 31, 2021 with minority staff members. There will be a presentation at the next Committee of the Whole meeting regarding what has taken place with the committee. Mr. Scrivano gave a shout-out to the Communications Team regarding the FAQs sheet questions and answers about COVID, and next steps with Spring 2021 Back to School. The design was perfect, and the answers could easily be seen.
There were no follow up items. Mr. Seigel presented Recognitions.

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 spoke to the addition of IFB 21-33, for the purchase of school buses for a total of \$1,279,346. This includes ten 71 seat buses and two wheelchair accessible school buses. The District will trade in 32 buses. Members voiced their concerns as one bid was received. Mr. Youngblood will follow up with members regarding efforts to attract future bidders.
7. 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 to present.
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 to present.
9. *Consent Agenda – Performance Monitoring Committee
 - A. Payroll
 - B. Accounts Payable
 - C. Purchase Orders
 - D. Construction Pay Request Log
 - E. Financial Results: February 2021 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
 - F. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – February 2021 – Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
 - G. IFB 21-08 Interior Renovations at Ellis School and RESA M.S.
 - H. IFB 21-09 Interior Renovations at Rolling Green School and Beyer E.C.
 - I. IFB 21-10 Interior Renovations at Lincoln M.S. and Summerdale E.C.C.
 - J. IFB 21-12 Administration Building First Floor Renovations.
 - K. ~~RFP21-23 Wellness Program Administrator~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins.
 - L. IFB 21-26 Jefferson H.S. Track Renovations
 - M. IFB 21-29 E-Rate 2021 Infrastructure
 - N. IFB 21-28 West M.S. Asbestos Abatement Project
 - O. IFB 21-33 School Buses
10. *Consent Agenda – Governance Committee
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 03/09/21
 - 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 Consent item pulled 9K, RFP21-23 Wellness Program Administrator
Mr. Zediker spoke of choosing Empower Health Services. These include excellent customer service, Empower Health uses their employees to obtain blood draws from District personnel, and the availability of labs they use in Rockford.
Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
Approved: Unanimously
11. *Closed Session Consent Items
 - A. Appointment of Sean Norton as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Guilford High School
 - B. Appointment of Ebony Wrenn as 11 Month Principal at Nashold Early Childhood Center
 - C. HR Organization Report & Addendum
12. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – Suspension Appeals and Expulsion
Unless otherwise modified below, the Board adopts and accepts the Hearing Officer's findings and recommendations in the following cases in which students expelled or suspended are prohibited from being on school grounds and school-sponsored activities without the prior written permission of the principal.
 - A. GDM-2051-21 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year through the second trimester of the 2021-2022 school year.
 - B. GDM-4374-21 is expelled for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, the entire 2021-2022 school year through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - C. GDM-4375-21 is expelled for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, the entire 2021-2022 school year through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
13. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

A. GDM-1070-21

B. GDM-8210-21

C. GDM-8214-21

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

There were no items.

15. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:49 p.m.

Approved: 04/13/21

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*