

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

**Administration Building**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

President Jude Makulec called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor

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 6:01 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Jude Makulec called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:18 p.m.
  - A. Roll Call  
Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor  
Absent: None  
Mrs. Makulec thanked Conner Childers who produces the Board’s broadcast on Channel 20, 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  
Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines.
  - Mr. Michael O’Toole spoke of face masks and who should pay for them.
  - Grace Ateca spoke in opposition to vaccines and face masks, and requested the information she left be part of the public record. *These will be in the vault book.*
  - Michael O’Neill spoke in opposition to the Governor’s mask mandate for schools.
  - Jeremy Ramsey spoke in opposition to the Covid vaccine and the mask mandate.
  - Carly Chandler spoke in opposition to CSE.
  - Inara McGroarty spoke in opposition to the mask mandate in schools.
3. Board Member Comments
  - Mr. Connor spoke of his unhappiness with the mask mandate, but the need to follow it.
  - Ms. Pearson spoke of her visit to Kennedy Middle School and met with Ms. Treveda Redmond, the principal. Ms. Pearson commended Ms. Redmond for her efforts and achievements, including decreasing expulsions by seventy five percent. Ms. Pearson thanked Dr. Jarrett for allowing Ms. Redmond to restructure her team, and the success of this.
4. Superintendent’s Report
  - A. Superintendent’s Report  
There was no report.
5. Report and \*Action on Items that Proceeded through the Internal/External Stakeholder Relations Committee
  - A. \*Letter of Support for the International Women’s Baseball Center – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer  
**Motion** by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 5A, Letter of Support for the International Women’s Baseball Center  
**Approved: Unanimously**
  - B. Follow-up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole  
There was no follow-up on items.

6. Report and \*Action on Items that Proceeded through the Planning and Development Committee
- A. \*Resolution Authorizing and Directing Preparation of Tentative 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget – Ms. Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** item 6A, Resolution Authorizing and Directing Preparation of the Tentative 2022-2021 Fiscal Year Budget  
**Approved: Unanimously**
- B. \*ESSER-II and ARP ESSER Engineering Services Contracts – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer  
**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 6B, ESSER-II and ARP ESSER Engineering Services Contract  
**Approved: Unanimously**
- C. \*Service Agreement with NIU ED Systems for Culinary Curriculum Support  
**Motion** by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** item 6C, Service Agreement with NIU ED Systems for Culinary Curriculum Support.  
**Approved: Unanimously**
- D. Follow-up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole  
There was no follow-up on items
7. \*Consent Agenda – Performance Monitoring Committee
- A. Payroll  
B. Accounts Payable  
C. Purchase Orders (FY21)  
D. Purchase Orders (FY22)  
E. Construction Pay Request Log 2020-2021  
F. Monthly Cash and Investment Report with Annual Analysis – June 2021 – Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance  
G. Facility Rental Fee Waiver – The Literacy Council – Michael Phills, Chief Operations Officer  
H. Recurring Contract: The Center/IRC Resources for Teaching & Learning – Kimberly Nelson, Executive Director of Early Childhood  
I. Tier 1: Sarah DeMichele dba Speech Works  
J. Tier 1: Dons Johnston Snap & Read Subscription  
K. Recurring Approval of Title I Schoolwide Plans – Dr. Woulfe
8. \*Consent Agenda – Governance Committee
- A. Meeting Minutes: 07/13/21  
B. Contract Purchase Orders (FY21)  
C. Closed Session Minutes Release  
D. ~~Back to School Protocols – Dr. Ehren R. Jarrett~~ – pulled by Mrs. Makulec  
E. 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 Ms. Pearson to **approve** Consent item pulled, 8D, Back to School Protocols  
Board members discussed the resolution presented by Administration. A consensus was reached to clarify mandated mask wearing in all District Facilities.  
Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.  
**Yeas:** Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson, Ms. Muhammad, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel  
**Nays:** Mr. Rollins  
**Approved: 6-1-0**
9. \*Closed Session Consent Items
- A. Appointment of Mickey Ryall as 12 Month Dean of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)  
B. Appointment of Jessica Graefe as 12-Month Interim Director of Special Education  
C. Appointment of Jason Pope as 12 Month Director of Recruitment  
D. Appointment of Danielle Townsend as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Kennedy Middle School  
E. Appointment of Rani Hamadeh as 10 Month Assistant Principal at West Middle School  
F. Appointment of Julie Skaggs as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Whitehead Elementary School  
G. Appointment of Jessica Buffo as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Constance Lane Elementary School  
H. Appointment of Andrew Motz as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Spring Creek Elementary School  
I. Appointment of Nicole Jensen as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Nashold Early Childhood School

- J. Appointment of Karen Schmitz as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Beyer Early Childhood School
- K. Appointment of Jona Perrin as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Fairview Early Childhood School
- L. Appointment of Matthew Zimmerman as a 10 Month Dean at Summerdale Early Childhood School
- M. HR Organization Report & Addendum

10. ~~\*Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson

- A. GDM-8235-21
- B. GDM-8236-21
- C. GDM-8237-21
- D. GDM-8239-21
- E. GDM-8240-21
- F. GDM-8241-21

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

**Approved: Unanimously**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approved** Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline - EIAs pulled 10A-10F, GDM-8235-21, GDM-8236-21, GDM-8237-21, GDM-8239-21, GDM-8240-21, GDM-8241-21.

**Yeas:** Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford

**Nays:** Ms. Pearson

**Approved: 6-1-0**

11. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

- A. Board Member Action Steps

There were no action steps.

12. Adjournment

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

**Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.**

Approved: 08/24/21

**President:** *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

**Secretary:** *June Stanford /s/*