

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, October 26, 2021**

President Jude Makulec called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Ms. Kamrin Muhammad

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor 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 5:01 p.m. to 6:29p.m.

1. Call to Order – Vice President Tim Rollins called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: Ms. Kamrin Muhammad
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. Proclamation
 - A. Principals Week (Friday, October 29, 2021, Principals Day)
Mrs. Makulec read the following proclamation:
WHEREAS, school principals are responsible for promoting education and building relationships with parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that allow them to excel in the classroom; and,
WHEREAS, it is the primary responsibility of the State of Illinois to preserve and improve resources for schools so that all students have access to a quality education and a foundation for a successful future; and,
WHEREAS, educational leaders face many challenges in supporting and educating our young people and it is through their perseverance and passion that Illinois continues to produce quality, career ready students; and,
WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, which represents over 6,000 educational leaders statewide, believes that learning is a lifelong process and that the education of our children is the highest priority; and,
WHEREAS, during the 2021-2022 school year, the Illinois Principals Association will celebrate 50 years dedicated to developing, supporting, and advocating for innovative school leaders; and,
WHEREAS, school principals and learning leaders have faced unprecedented challenges related to COVID-19 during the 2019- 2020 and 2020-2021 school years, and worked tirelessly to provide uninterrupted learning during an ongoing pandemic; and,
WHEREAS, we must continue to encourage, support, and recognize our school leaders who have a positive impact on Illinois students and the educational system in the land of Lincoln;
THEREFORE, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, does hereby proclaim the week of October 24-30, 2021, as Principals Week and Friday, October 29, 2021, as Principals Day in Illinois to recognize principals for all that they do to help our children learn and succeed.
3. Petitions & Communications
Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines.
 - Vickie Anderson spoke of Critical Race Theory.

4. Board Member Comments
- A. Board Member Comments
- Mr. Connor spoke to the upcoming Joint Conference through the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). Resolutions being presented through the Delegate Assembly includes IASB Resolutions 2 – Student Safety and Protection Plan. He will support this as he agrees to the adoption of legislation giving local school boards the option to develop a Student Safety and Protection Plan. This will not compel Rockford Public Schools to adopt this, but gives local control enabling smaller, more remote districts in Illinois the ability to do this.
 - Ms. Pearson congratulated an Auburn student for consistently have a 4.0 GPA since elementary school.
 - Mrs. Makulec gave a shout-out to all principals in appreciation for all they do. They are the lynch pin as they deal not only with their building, but also downtown staff. She thanked principals for their work and what they do for District's students.
5. Superintendent's Report
- A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett
- Dr. Jarrett spoke of having exciting guests for the remainder of this school year. Each year, a Superintendent's Advisory Committee is picked. Earl Dotson Jr., and his team have supported this initiative for a number of years. It has been wonderful to learn directly from District students about policy, and watching them conduct service projects. Board President Makulec and Dr. Jarrett felt it was a wonderful time to expand their participation by inviting students, prioritizing seniors, but there will be at least one or two students attending the entire month of Board meetings as observers for the first and/or second meeting. Dr. Jarrett will then cede his Superintendent's Report time to have the students give their perspective to the Board and share student voice. This will be a great experience for students and a great example of democracy in action, working with publicly elected officials. The first two students joining the meetings in November, and they will be rotated through on a monthly basis.
- Dr. Jarrett also echoed the comments supporting and celebrating District principals. He spoke of being a former principal, and the declaration to him. Dr. Jarrett thanked the Board for taking the time to read the declaration, and supporting the work of the principals. He finished by stating principals are essential to the District's success and grateful for all they do.
6. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Performance and Monitoring Committee
- A. *Auburn CAPA Theater Trip – Edinburgh Fringe Festival – Dr. Heather Psaltis on Behalf of Auburn CAPA Program
- The original motion was tabled at the October 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting.*
- Board members spoke of their support and their concerns regarding the trip. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.
Yeas: Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford
Nays: Mrs. Makulec
Absent: Ms. Muhammad
Approved: 5-1-1
- There were no follow-up items.
7. *Consent Agenda – Performance Monitoring Committee
- A. Payroll
 B. Accounts Payable
 C. Purchase Orders
 D. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – September 2021 – Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
 E. Financial Results: First Quarter Ended September 30, 2021 – Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
 F. Construction Pay Request Log
 G. RPS Managed Work Change Order Logs – Scott Jensen Director of Design and Construction
 H. ~~RFP 22-09 457 and 403 (b) Administrative Services~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins
8. *Consent Agenda – Governance Committee
- A. Meeting Minutes:10-12-22
 B. Contract Purchase Orders
 C. Workers Compensation Settlement Agreement - KK
 D. Freedom of Information Log
- Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** Consent Items not pulled.
Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson
Absent: Ms. Muhammad
Approved: 6-0-1
- Motion** by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** Consent item pulled 7H, RFP 22-09 457 and 409(b) Administrative Services.

There is no fiscal impact to the District. This is a pass through model to vendors within the program and is a flat fee structure.

Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

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

Absent: Ms. Muhammad

Approved: 6-0-1

9. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Request for Administrative Student Transfer - AT
- B. HR Organization Report & Addendum

10. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline—Suspension Appeals and Expulsions – pulled Ms. Pearson

- A. GDM-4395-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
- B. GDM-4396-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
- C. GDM-4397-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year
- D. GDM-4398-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- E. GDM-4399-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, and through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
- F. GDM-4401-22– the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- G. GDM-4403-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year

11. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline—EIAs – pulled by Ms. Pearson

- A. GDM-1086-22
- B. GDM-8253-22
- C. GDM-8254-22
- D. GDM-8269-22
- E. GDM-8270-22
- F. GDM-8271-22
- G. GDM-8273-22
- H. GDM-8275-22
- I. GDM-8276-22
- J. GDM-8279-22
- K. GDM-8281-22

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

Yeas: Mr. Seigel, M. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Makulec

Absent: Ms. Muhammad

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled, 10A-10G, GDM-4395-22, GDM-4396-22, GDM-4397-22, GDM-4398-22, GDM-4399-22, GDM-4401-22, GDM-4403-22, 11A-11K, GDM-1086-22, GDM-8253-22, GDM-8254-22, GDM-8269-22, GDM-8270-22, GDM-8271-22, GDM-8273-22, GDM-8275-22, GDM-8276-22, GDM-8279-22, GDM-8281-22

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

Nays: Ms. Pearson

Approved: 5-1-1

12. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

- A. Board Member Action Steps

Mr. Rollins spoke of his concerns regarding the Auburn CAPA trip and asked Administration to speak when these types of trips become a Board sponsored activity.

Additionally, Board members have asked to have certain policies added to the agendas, and these will come forward in January 2022.

13. Adjournment
Motion by Ms. Pearson second by Mr. Connor to **adjourn.**

Adjournment: 7:39 p.m.

Approved: 11/09/21

President: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

Secretary: *June Stanford /s/*