

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

President Jude Makulec called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad (arr. 4:49 p.m.), Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor (arr. 4:31 p.m.)

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Seigel 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: 5-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 4:32 p.m. to 7:18 p.m.

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1. Call to Order – President Jude Makulec called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:25 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. She welcomed Dr. Jarrett’s Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee (SSAC) member Ella Gasparini, a senior at Guilford High School
 - 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.
 - Zamara Parkerson spoke in support of allowing seniors to personalize their graduation caps.
 - Pinky Langdon spoke of teaching critical race theory, safe passage and plan for students, and her concern of a teacher’s use of language.
 - Nina Giannangeli spoke of implementing restorative justice instead of punitive discipline.
Mrs. Makulec reminded community members that meetings for the Student Code of Conduct begin in January and that the public is invited to the meetings.
 - Brad Koloch spoke in opposition to vaccine mandates, masking, and weekly testing.
 3. Board Member Comments
 - A. Board Member Comments
 - Ms. Pearson began by acknowledging Mr. Earl Dotson, Jr. She received positive feedback from a school administrator. Mr. Dotson was present during a crisis between to students, stepping in to be part of the intervention which is going above and beyond his current role.
 - Ms. Muhammad thanked principals Don Rundall of Jefferson High School, Kirsten Garrigan of Lincoln Middle School, Jim Parker of East High School, Tammy Shippert of Roosevelt Community Education Center, and Shivana Baker of Jackson Charter School for meeting with her. As a new board member, she stated it was important for her to become familiar with the District schools.
 4. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett
Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Ella Gasparini, a member of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council. Ella introduced herself to members. She is a senior at Guilford and part of the Running Start Program, graduating as a high school senior and an associates degree from Rock Valley Junior College. She spoke to the discussion at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting regarding home-schooled students participating in District activities, stating support to opening it up.
 5. * Report and Action on Items that Proceeded through the Planning and Development Committee
 - A. *Board Policy 7.30 Students; Residence

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 5A, Board Policy 7.30 Students; Residence.

Approved: Unanimously

B. *Approval of 2021 Tax Levies – Ms. Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 5B, Approval of 2021 Tax Levies.

Approved Unanimously

There were no follow-up items.

6. *Board President's Announcements and Report and Action on items that Proceeded through Governance Committee

A. Board Policy 7.40 Students; Nonpublic/Non-Graded School Students, Including Home-Schooled Students

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 6A, Board Policy 7.40 Students; Nonpublic/Non-Graded School Students, Including Home-Schooled Students.

Approved: Unanimously

B. Board Policy 7.180 Students; Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 6B, Board Policy 7.180 Students; Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

Approved: Unanimously

7. *Consent Items – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders

D. Air Travel

E. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – October 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. Financial Results: October 2021 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

I. RFP 22-15 Full-Service Vending

J. ~~IFB 22-18 Wide Format Printer~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

K. IFB 22-19 Kitchen Ovens and Stands

L. Consortium for Education Change (CEC) – Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Flinn Middle School

M. ~~Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) District Wide Proposal – Dr. Tiffany Brunson~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel

N. Dreambox Learning – Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Flinn Middle School

O. Regional Office of Education – Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Flinn Middle School

P. Architectural and Engineering Services Contract with Richard L Johnson for Roof Replacements at Ellis ES and Lewis Lemon ES – Michael Phillips, Chief Operating Officer

Q. Civil Engineering Services Contracts – Michael Phillips – Chief Operations Officer

8. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

A. Meeting Minutes: Special Board Meeting 11/16/21; 11/09/21

B. Contract Purchase Orders

C. IMRF Benefit Protection Leave

D. Expense Reimbursement – K. Muhammad

E. Resolution Appointing Gregory W. Brown as School Treasurer – Lori L. Hoadley, General Counsel

F. Bus Driver Trainee Perfect Attendance Incentive in 2021/2022 School Year

G. Internal Audit Charter

H. ~~Freedom of Information Log~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins approve Consent Items not pulled.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Consent item pulled 7J, IFB 22-18 Wide Format Printer.

The qualifying bid is lower than other proposals, as the printer does not include extra features/items. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Consent item pulled 7M, Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) District Wide Proposal.

Mrs. Makulec's comments were reiterated regarding community input meetings begin in January for the Student Code of Conduct. Crisis Prevention Intervention training will minimize and prevent behavioral patterns and infractions. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Consent item pulled 8H, Freedom of Information Log. Comments included it is the District's responsibility to educate children and go to the extreme to identify students' learning styles. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

Approve: Unanimously

9. *Closed Session Consent Items
A. Appointment of Saar Alzoubi as 12 Month Bilingual and Multicultural Dean
B. HR Organization Report & Addendum
C. Notice of Charges and Dismissal of a Tenured Teacher/Administrator – Mathew Marker
10. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – Suspension Appeals and Expulsions
A. ~~GDM-4407-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
B. ~~GDM-4408-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
C. ~~GDM-4409-22 – the student is not expelled~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
D. ~~GDM-4410-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
E. ~~GDM-4411-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
F. ~~GDM-4412-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
G. ~~GDM-4414-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
H. ~~GDM-4415-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
I. ~~GDM-4418-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
J. ~~GDM-4419-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
K. ~~GDM-4420-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
L. ~~GDM-4422-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
M. ~~GDM-4423-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
N. ~~GDM-4424-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
O. ~~GDM-4426-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
P. ~~GDM-4428-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 through the entire 2022-2023 school year.~~
Q. ~~GDM-4429-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
R. ~~GDM-4430-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
S. ~~GDM-4427-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
T. ~~GDM-4425-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
U. ~~GDM-4413-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
V. ~~GDM-4417-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
W. ~~GDM-4431-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
X. ~~GDM-4432-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
Y. ~~GDM-4433-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
Z. ~~GDM-4434-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
AA. ~~GDM-4436-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
BB. ~~GDM-4435-22 – expelled for the remainder of the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
CC. ~~GDM-4416-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
DD. ~~GDM-4417-22 – pulled by Administration (Duplicate Entry)~~
EE. ~~GDM-4437-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
FF. ~~GDM-4438-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
GG. ~~GDM-4439-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022~~
11. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs
A. GDM-1090-22
B. GDM-1091-22

C. GDM-1092-22
D. GDM-8313-22
E. GDM-8314-22
F. GDM-8315-22
G. GDM-8316-22
H. GDM-8318-22
I. GDM-8319-22
J. GDM-8320-22
K. GDM-8321-22
L. GDM-8323-22
M. GDM-8324-22
N. GDM-8325-22
O. GDM-8327-22
P. GDM-8328-22
Q. GDM-8329-22
R. GDM-8330-22
S. GDM-8331-22
T. GDM-8332-22
U. GDM-8334-22
V. GDM-8335-22
W. GDM-8336-22
X. GDM-8337-22
Y. GDM-8338-22
Z. GDM-8339-22
AA. GDM-8340-22
BB. GDM-8341-22
CC. GDM-8342-22
DD. GDM-8343-22
EE. GDM-8344-22
FF. GDM-8345-22
GG. GDM-8346-22
HH. GDM-8347-22
II. GDM-8349-22
JJ. GDM-8350-22
KK. GDM-8351-22
LL. GDM-8352-22
MM. GDM-8353011
NN. GDM-8354-22
OO. GDM-8355-22
PP. GDM-8356-22
QQ. GDM-8358-22
RR. GDM-8359-22
SS. GDM-8360-22
TT. GDM-8361-22
UU. GDM-8362-22
VV. GDM-8363-22
WW. GDM-8365-22
XX. GDM-8366-22
YY. GDM-8367-22
ZZ. GDM-8368-22
AAA. GDM-8369-22
BBB. GDM-8280-22

CCC. GDM-8317-22
DDD. GDM-8322-22
EEE. GDM-8326-22
FFF. GDM-8333-22
GGG. GDM-8357-22
HHH. GDM-8370-22
III. GDM-8371-22
JJJ. GDM-8373-22
KKK. GDM-8374-22
LLL. GDM8372-22
MMM. GDM-8375-22
NNN. GDM-8376-22
OOO. GDM-8348-22
PPP. GDM-8364-22
QQQ. GDM-1093-22
RRR. GDM-8378-22
SSS. GDM-8379-22
TTT. GDM-8377-22
UUU. GDM-1094-22
VVV. GDM-8381-22
WWW. GDM-8332-22
XXX. GDM-8380-22
YYY. GDM-8383-22
ZZZ. GDM-8384-22

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Closed Session Consent items pulled, GDM-4407-22, GDM-4408-22, GDM-4409-22, GDM-4410-22, GDM-4414-22, GDM-4415-22, GDM-4418-22, GDM-4419-22, GDM-4420-22, GDM-4422-22, GDM-4423-22, GDM-4424-22, GDM-4426-22, GDM-4429-22, GDM-4413-22, GDM-4417-22, GDM-4431-22, GDM-4433-22, GDM-4434-22, GDM-4435-22, GDM-4416-22.

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

Nays: Ms. Pearson

Approved: 6-1-0

12. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

President Makulec asked if decorating graduation caps was a District-Wide or individual school decision. Mr. Gallagher, Chief of Schools, and high school principals will discuss this at their December meeting.

13. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:17 p.m.

Approved: 01/11/22

President: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

Secretary: *June Stanford /s/*