

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

Vice President Tim Rollins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad (arr. 5:06 p.m.), Ms. Denise Pearson (arr. 5:06 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor

Absent: President Jude Makulec

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: 4-0-3

The Board was in executive session from 5:01 p.m. to 6:23 p.m.

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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: Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, Ms. Denise Pearson (dept. 8:30 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: President Jude Makulec
Mr. Rollins thanked Conner Childers who produces the Board’s broadcast on Channel 20, and YouTube Live and welcomed Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council Representative, Mackenzie Wallace from East 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. Recognitions
 - A. Student Athletes – Mr. Earl Dotson, Jr.
Mr. Seigel recognized the following students for their accomplishments:
REBA Champions: the girls’ team from Brookview and the boys’ team from Spring Creek
IESA Wrestling - Hayden Roach, Flinn Middle School, David Cannon, Flinn Middle School, Malachi Cannon, Flinn Middle School, Orion Losiniecki, Flinn Middle School, Joshua Sprout Hernandez, Flinn Middle School, Saya Hongmoungkhoun, Eisenhower Middle School, Antonio Osorio-Pasillas, RESA Middle School, Joseph Rodriguez, Kennedy Middle School
Jasyah Tyus, Kennedy Middle School
IHSA Chess
Auburn High School - Ethan Vanderkolk, Ian Wan, Sayana Bilguun, Michele Luu, Gian Sasan, Sophia Rimorin, Vedant Patel, Andrew Maier
Guilford High School - Joey Domino, Minjmaa Amarsaikhan, Adrian Cal, Nathan Czerwin, Wade Little, Christian Owens, Casey Pawlowski, Annabel Keaster, Sophia Nelson, Meredith Dady
IHSA Bowling - Mackenzie Wallace, East High School, Devan Skridla, Guilford High School, Payton Alexander, Auburn High School
IHSA Boys Swimming - Camden Taylor, East High School, Hunter Hinrichs, East High School
 - B. Rockford University Pathway Scholars – Dr. Brunson, Mr. Jason Pope
Highlights for this year’s pathway include it the sixth cohort and the largest with twenty-six RPS students. Sixty percent are minority based, and this is the first year for Roosevelt to have two scholars.
The Rockford University Pathway scholars are:
Auburn High School - Autym Guidry, Brooklyn Harnesk, Holden Johnson, James Wallis
East High School - Briana Erickson, Denise Hernandez-Ortega, Evelyn Carreno, Jasmin Pinedo
Guilford High School - Joey Domino, Kali Hess-Szostek, Nicole Facer, Nicholas Rich, Owen Luenemann

Jefferson High School - Adara Barrera Medina, Ana Camilla Contreras, Arwen Guzman-Servin, Brenda Adame-Flores, Jennifer Arellano, Jenna Barnes, Karina Campos, Kelcy Dodd, Mya Barrett, Yael Maya
Roosevelt - Harmony Perry, Daizja Nichols, Raven Packer

3. Celebrating RPS205

A. Flinn Middle 8th Grade ELA teachers will showcase how their students are using choice within the continuous improvement model surrounding learning targets and the PDSA model

Students from Flinn Middle School spoke of their experiences with the PDSA model to research topics of their choosing and cross collaboration. To view their topics, please click on this link: [Flinn Middle School](#).

4. Petitions & Communications

Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines.

- David Sanders spoke in support of Lisa Dyas and the elimination of the counseling position.
- Jennifer Sanders spoke in support of Lisa Dyas and the closing of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing position.
- CJ Reynolds of her child to Board members.
- Lisa Dyas explained why her position should not be eliminated.
- Millisa Jaycox spoke in opposition to the elimination of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing school counselor position.
- Ricky Naylor spoke in support of the new Student Code of Conduct.
- Lori S. Pea spoke of naming the Lewis Lemon Library to Mrs. Jacqueline G. Mannery
- Karen Marks spoke on behalf of Lori Pea's request to name the Lewis Lemon Library after Jacqueline G. Mannery.

5. Board Member Comments

A. Board Member Comments

- Ms. Pearson commended the all the students recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, and City Council members April Prunty and Janessa Wilkins for taking the time to attend the Board meeting
- Mr. Seigel thanked everyone for coming out to the Board meeting and appreciated everyone for being there.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett echoed sentiments shared by Board members and spoke of the wonderful opportunity to celebrate excellence of student athletes, and the hard work of faculty, staff, parents, and students to build the District's largest Rockford University Pathway class. Dr. Jarrett also extended his gratitude for those who addressed the board.

7. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Internal/External Stakeholder Relations Committee

A. *Naming of the Lewis Lemon Library to The Mrs. Jacqueline G. Mannery Library - Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Lewis Lemon School

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** item 7A, Naming of the Lewis Lemon Library to The Mrs. Jacqueline G. Mannery Library.

Yeas: Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

B. Follow-up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole

There were no follow-up items.

8. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. *Board Policy 2.20 Board of Education; Powers and Duties of the Board of Education

B. *Board Policy 4.160 Operational Services; Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds

C. *Board Policy 4.165 Operational Services; Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors

D. *Board Policy 5.90 General Personnel; Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

E. *Board Policy 5.120 General Personnel; Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest

F. *Board Policy 6.60 Instruction; Curriculum Content

G. *Board Policy 6.120 Instruction; Education of Children with Disabilities

H. *Board Policy 7.310 Students; Restrictions on Publications; Elementary and Middle Schools

I. *Board Policy 7.315 Students; Restrictions on Publications; High Schools

Board members agreed to one motion and second to approve items 8A-8I.

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** items 8A-8I, Board Policy 2.20 Board of Education; Powers and Duties of the Board of Education, Board Policy 4.160 Operational Services; Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds, Board Policy 4.165 Operational Services; Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors, Board Policy 5.90 General Personnel; Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, Board Policy 5.120 General Personnel; Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest, Board Policy 6.60 Instruction; Curriculum Content, Board Policy 6.120 Instruction; Children with Disabilities, Board Policy 7.310 Students; Restrictions on Publications; Elementary and Middle Schools, Board Policy 7.315 Students; Restrictions on Publications; High Schools.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved:

J. *Student Code of Conduct – Jennifer Lawrence, Executive Director of Student

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 8J, Student Code of Conduct.

Comments included this was a departure from the previous code providing greater interventions. Additional remarks included what is the District messaging to school administrators to correctly implement the code. Mr. Rollins called for the vote.

Yeas: Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

K. *Tier 3: A-ROI Freshman Academy – Report

Teams from Auburn, East and Guilford presented their methods for success with Board members. East High School took advantage of Win Wednesdays with their students and were supported by the Regional Office of Education. The Freshman on Track goal for the 2021-2022 school year is seventy-five percent, with the actual mid-year on track of seventy-nine percent, exceeding the goal. Discussion included data -drive action plan for students. To view the presentation, please click on this link:

[Freshman Academy.](#)

L. Follow-up on Items Presented at Committee of the Whole

There was no follow-up on items.

9. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Planning and Development Committee

A. *Resolution for Advanced Spending – Fiscal Year 2023 Draft Budget – Greg Brown, Ed. D, Chief Financial Officer and Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 9A, Resolution for Advanced Spending, Fiscal year 2023 Draft Budget.

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

Absent: Ms. Pearson, Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-2

B. *Administration Building Second Floor Renovation – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 9B, Administration Building Second Floor Renovation.

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

Absent: Ms. Pearson, Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-2

C. *International Baccalaureate – Dr. Heather Psaltis, Executive Director of Schools and Special Programs

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 9C, International Baccalaureate.

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

Absent: Mrs. Makulec, Ms. Pearson

Approved: 5-0-2

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

There were no follow items.

10. *Consent Items – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders

D. Air Travel

E. Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Student Fees – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

- F. IFB 22-25 Lincoln MS Chimney Demolition (Rebid)
- G. RFP 22-34 Multifunction Copiers
- H. Transfinder Routing Software – Michael Slife, Executive Director of Transportation
- I. Addendum to Internet High Availability and Redundancy
- 11. *Consent Agenda – Planning and Development Committee
 - A. Tier 1 PDSA – Nutrition Services Software – Colleen Koehler, Executive Director of Nutrition Services
- 12. *Consent Items – Governance Committee
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 03-29-22
 - B. Contract Purchase Orders
 - C. Freedom of Information Log

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel **approve** Consent Items not pulled.
Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford
Absent: Mrs. Makulec, Ms. Pearson
Approved: 5-0-2
- 13. *Closed Session Consent Items
 - A. Appointment of Dawn Williamson as 12 Month Director of Athletics
 - B. HR Organization Report & Addendum
- 14. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – Suspension Appeals and Expulsions
 - A. GDM-4476-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year
 - B. GDM-4486-22 – The expulsion is held in abeyance contingent on an Expulsion in-Abeyance Agreement through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
 - C. GDM-4487-22 - expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
 - D. GDM-4488-22 - The expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement through the end 2022 – 2023 school year.
 - E. GDM-4489-22 – The expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.
 - F. GDM-4490-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - G. ~~GDM 4491-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Muhammad
 - H. GDM-4492-22 – The expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - I. GDM-4493-22 – expelled for one calendar year from the date of Board action.
 - J. GDM-4494-22 – no disciplinary consequences will issue
 - K. ~~GDM 4495-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Muhammad
- 15. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs
 - A. GDM-1100-22
 - B. GDM-1101-22
 - C. GGM-1102-22
 - D. GDM-1103-22
 - E. GDM-8445-22
 - F. ~~GDM-8458-22~~ – pulled by Administration
 - G. GDM-8476-22
 - H. GDM-8502-22
 - I. ~~GDM-8503-22~~ – pulled by Administration
 - J. ~~GDM-8504-22~~ – pulled by Administration
 - K. GDM-8505-22
 - L. GDM-8507-22
 - M. GDM-8508-22
 - N. GDM-8509-22
 - O. GDM-8510-22

- P. GDM-8511-22
- Q. GDM-8513-22
- R. GDM-8514-22
- S. GDM-8515-22

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

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

Absent: Ms. Pearson, Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-2

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Siegel to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled 14G, 14K, GDM-4491-22, GDM-4495-22

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

Nays: Ms. Muhammad

Absent: Mrs. Makulec, Ms. Pearson

Approved: 4-1-2

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

There were no items.

17. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 9:02 p.m.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: