

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

**Administration Building**  
**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

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

Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins (arr. 5:05 p.m.), Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad (arr. 5:04 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor

Absent: Ms. Denise Pearson

**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 6:57 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 7:12p.m.
    - A. Roll Call  
Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, 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 and welcomed Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council Representative, Kylee Olejniczak from Jefferson 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. Celebrating RPS205
    - A. Small Group Literacy Instruction – Carolyn Timm, Principal, Cherry Valley Elementary School  
Ms. Timm presented the success of the Small Group Literacy instruction, and the methods used by staff members. Sections covered included “Start Where You Are,” “Consistency is Key,” “Intentional Practices,” and “Embedded Practices.”
  3. Petitions & Communications

Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines.

    - Antonio Turner spoke of inequity regarding student discipline.
    - Latricia Smith spoke of not utilizing a 504 plan effectively regarding student expulsion.
    - Terry Gano spoke of the need to hire minority teachers.
  4. Board Member Comments
    - A. Board Member Comments
      - Ms. Muhammad thanked the community members for their feedback, especially voicing their concerns. She stated she is happy to assist in any way she can.
      - Ms. Pearson thanked Pastor Martin of Providence Baptist Church, appreciating his feedback. She thanked community members for their comments also reintroduced herself to them.
      - Mr. Seigel thanked community members who came to the meeting and thanked Carolyn Timm for her school’s efforts and success.
      - Mrs. Makulec spoke regarding the visit by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Her comments included how well the District looked, how she was impressed with the Administration team presentations

explaining their responsibilities. She also spoke of she feels they left thinking the District is doing their best, being proactive, coming up with solutions and work with many areas. She thanked Dr. Jarrett and his, Ms. Fromm, and everyone who put together the presentation. It is nice being recognized by the rest of the State as a great place to be.

5. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett ceded the majority of his time to Kylee Olejniczak. He provided a positive update regarding the NIU LEAP Cohort and Rockford University Pathway Cohort. The NIU LEAP Cohort consisting of RPS employees in various roles. They have associates degrees, but not a bachelor's degree in teaching; however, have great experience working with parents and students. The first two cohorts have launched, one in February, and another in a few months. Of the twenty nine applicants in both pools, ten are African American, three are Hispanic, and sixteen are white. The Rockford University Pathway under Jason Pope and Dr. Brunson's leadership is thriving. Rockford University allowed the District to exceed the twenty students for acceptance with twenty-six. Six are African American, ten are Hispanic, and ten are white. Dr. Jarrett also gave the Cherry Valley Elementary School team recognition and thanked them for their hard work.

Kylee Olejniczak spoke of the Handle with Care presentation and student comments of not having a sense of belonging. She spoke of here experience as a student at Jefferson High School, of how a teacher helped students her freshman year and throughout her years at Jefferson.

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

A. 2023 Preliminary Budget Requests (Schools Team)

Morgan Gallagher presented the preliminary FY23 budget. Departments include schools, elementary/secondary support, and special programs. Highlights include the fourth year of student based budgeting, and theory of action to align allocations and resources to student needs. Student based budget includes grants. The FY23 summary is \$236,796,293 a variance of \$10,342,932. New requests include an Auburn CAPA/Gifted 10 month assistant principal at \$118,775, and a 10 month assistant principal at \$118,775. The budget summary for elementary and secondary school support is \$1,574,060 a variance of \$18,412. The contract detail is \$180,000, a variance of (\$146,000). Special Programs highlights include ongoing differentiated curriculum work and professional learning to support Special Program achievement initiatives/focus areas, support for 5 year goals for Special Programs; including differentiated materials, and support for CAPA Auditions, Gifted Testing, TWI at Barbour/STEAM Academy at Haskell and Montessori lotteries. The preliminary budget is \$569,481, a variance \$13,721. The contract details are \$60,000 a variance of \$10,100. New requests include an International Baccalaureate principal for \$120,000, and International Baccalaureate start up costs of \$156,000. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [Schools Team FY23 Budget presentation](#).

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

There were no follow-up items.

7. \*Consent Items – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders

D. Air Travel

E. Construction Pay Request Log

F. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – February 2022 – Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

G. Financial Results: February 2022 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

H. ~~IFB 22-23 HVAC and Roofing at Lincoln, East, Washington, and Flinn~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

I. IFB 22-26 Security Vestibule Renovations at Carlson, Beyer, Rolling Green, and Fairview

J. IFB 22-29 Asbestos Abatement at Riverdahl and West

K. IFB 22-27 West View Elementary School Roof Replacement Project

L. IFB 22-22 HVAC and Roofing Projects at Riverdahl Elementary School and West Middle School

8. \*Consent Items – Governance Committee

A. Meeting Minutes: 03-08-22

B. Contract Purchase Orders

C. Freedom of Information Log

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel **approve** Consent Items not pulled.

**Approved Unanimously**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Consent item pulled, 7H, IFB 22-23 HVAC and Roofing at Lincoln, East, Washington, and Flinn.

Bids are coming in at thirty percent higher than budgeted. Challenges include the number of people bidding. Mr. Phillips and his team are reviewing current designs. Phase II and Phase II will address the four oldest buildings with deferred maintenance, and aging equipment. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

**Approved: Unanimously**

9. \*Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Andrew Lippert as 12 Month Interim Technology Services Director
- B. General Counsel Salary Increase
- C. Superintendent's Salary Increase
- D. Salary Adjustment for Non-Bargaining Employees – Corrections
- E. Notice to Remedy Ann Conner
- F. HR Organization Report & Addendum

10. \*Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – Suspension Appeals and Expulsions

- A. ~~GDM-2058-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year through the entire 2022-2023 school year. – pulled by Ms. Muhammad~~
- B. ~~GDM-4463-22 – expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year through the entire 2022-2023 school year. – pulled by Ms. Muhammad~~
- C. GDM-4468-22 - expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- D. ~~GDM-4473-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year through the entire 2022-2023 school year. – pulled by Ms. Muhammad~~
- E. GDM-4474-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year through the entire 2022-2023 school year
- F. GDM-4475-22- the expulsion is held in abeyance through the 2022-2023 school year which can be terminated upon the successful completion of the Step Up Program.
- G. GDM-4477-22 - expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year through the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- H. GDM-4478-22 - expelled student for through the entire 2021-2022 school year, the entire 2022-2023 school year, and the entire 2023-2024 school year.
- I. GDM-4479-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- J. ~~GDM-4480-22 – Expel for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year through the entire 2022-2023 school year. – pulled by Ms. Muhammad~~
- K. GDM-4481-22 - expelled student for through the entire 2021-2022 school year, the entire 2022-2023 school year, and the entire 2023-2024 school year.
- L. GDM-4482-22 - expelled student for 2 calendar years from the date of the board action, March 29, 2024.
- M. GDM-4483-22 - expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, and the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- N. GDM-4484-22 - expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, and the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- O. GDM-4485-22 - expelled for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, and the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- P. GDM-5015-22 – the seven day suspension and 1 day of SILE is affirmed

11. \*Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

- A. GDM-8470-22
- B. GDM-8481-22
- C. GGM-8482-22

- D. GDM-8483-22
- E. GDM-8484-22
- F. GDM-8485-22
- G. GDM-8486-22
- H. GDM-8487-22
- I. GDM-8488-22
- J. GDM-8489-22
- K. GDM-8490-22
- L. GDM-8491-22
- M. GDM-8492-22
- N. GDM-8494-22
- O. GDM-8495-22
- P. GDM-8496-22
- Q. GDM-8497-22
- R. GDM-8498-22
- S. GDM-8499-22
- T. GDM-8501-22

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

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

**Nays:** Ms. Muhammad

**Abstain:** Ms. Pearson

**Approved: 5-1-1**

**Motion** by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled 10A, 10B, 10D, 10J, GDM-2058-22, GDM-4463-22, GDM-4473-22, GDM-4480-22.

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

**Nays:** Ms. Muhammad

**Abstain:** Ms. Pearson

**Approved: 5-1-1**

12. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

There were no items.

13. Adjournment

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

**Adjournment:** 8:22 p.m.

**Approved: 04/12/2022**

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

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