

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

President Jude Makulec called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Mr. Michael Connor Ms. Kamrin Muhammad

Motion by Mr. Rollins 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: 5-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 5:03 p.m. to 6:40 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 7:00p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, Mr. David Seigel
Absent: Mr. Michael Connor
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. Recognitions
 - A. Recognitions
The following teachers were 2022 Golden Apple Nominees: Deanna Ballard, Guilford, Weston Brabeck, Guilford Matthew Green, Roosevelt, Lorrie Hill, Eisenhower, Mark J. Peterson, Auburn, Chelsea Spinello-Johnson, Marshall. Mr. Matt Green was recognized with the Golden Apple Award. The following bus drivers were lauded for their heroic efforts, keeping District students safe. Mark Hanson, Ronald Baldwin, and Yvette Jordan were recognized by the District. The National Scholastic Art and Writing Students recognized were:

<u>Auburn High School</u>	<u>Guilford High School</u>
Evelin Ortiz	Devin Gonzalez
Jacklyn Solis	
Jade Stone	<u>JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL</u>
Leslie Soberanis	Emma Carmona
Pah Sa Khin	Giovanni Ruiz
Rachel Espino	Lizbeth Medina
Seraphine Ott	Uriel Fernandez
Veronica Bratina	Yareidi Zarate

The Auburn High School Scholastic Bow Team was recognized. For the past nineteen years, the team has qualified for State. Team members include Sinecio Morales, Ashley Thammavong, Coby Thammavong, Massimo Chiarrelli, Brielle Rach, Huan Lin, Alex Crowell, Luis Angeles, and Luke Snyder. Team members Alex Crowell and Sinecio Morales were named to the Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association All State Class AA First Team. The team will compete in the NAQT High School National Championship Tournament over Memorial Day weekend.
 3. Petitions & Communications

Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines.

- Ron Simmons spoke of the importance of hiring teachers of color in the District reminding members to recruit, mentor and retain. He also spoke of Lincoln Middle School students being bused to Washington Park, when Patriot's Gateway is closer.
- Minnie Stewart spoke of hiring minority teachers, and when people to see positive results. She also spoke of using retired minority teachers as part of the recruiting process.
- John Tac Brantley spoke of the need of the District to partner with the City, and County Board to build a bike bath from West State (Concord Commons) to McIntosh, Kennedy, and Auburn schools so that students can safely ride bikes. He also asked the District provide bike racks at the schools.

4. Board Member Comments

A. Board Member Comments

- Mr. Seigel thanked the people who came to speak. He also spoke of items brought forward for approval include bids to improve schools, and contracts for
- Ms. Denise Pearson expressed her appreciate for the public speakers and their perspectives.

5. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett highlight Superintendent's Student Advisory Council student Ben Bathje, who was unable to attend, as he is on the baseball team, and playing in a game that was rescheduled. He will be at the May 24, 2022, meeting.

6. Report and Action on Items that Proceed through the Internal/External Stakeholders Relations Committee

A. Follow-up on Items Presented at the Meeting of the Whole

7. Report and *Action on Items that Proceed through the Performance and Monitoring Committee

- A. *Board Policy 4.170 Operational Services; Safety
- B. *Board Policy 5.10 General Personnel; Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- C. *Board Policy 5.30 General Personnel; Hiring Process and Criteria
- D. *Board Policy 5.100 General Personnel; Staff Development
- E. *Board Policy 5.330 Educational Support Personnel; Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- F. *Board Policy 7.60 Students; Residence

Board members agreed to vote on items 7A-7F with one motion and one vote.

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** items 7A-7F, Board Policy 4.170 Operational Services; Safety, Board Policy 5.10 General Personnel; Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, Board Policy 5.30 General Personnel; Hiring Process and Criteria, Board Policy 5.100 General Personnel; Staff Development, Board Policy 5.330 Educational Support Personnel; Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves, Board Policy 7.60 Students; Residence.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

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

There were no follow-up items.

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

A. *Rockford Promise to Support the Work of Rockford Promise with K-12 RPS Students – Dr. Ehren Jarrett, Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 8A, Rockford Promise to Support the Work of Rockford Promise with K-12 RPS Students.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

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

There were no follow-up items.

9. Board President's Announcements and Report and *Action on items that Proceeded through the Committee of the Whole

A. *Board Policy 2.110 Board of Education; Qualifications, Terms, Duties of Board Officers

- B. *Board Policy 2.120 Board of Education; Board Member Development
- C. *Board Policy 2.220 Board Education; Board Meeting Procedure
- D. ~~Resolution Authorizing Public Auction of the former Page Park and Stiles parcels Michael Phillips – Pulled by Administration~~

Board members agreed to vote on items 9A-9C with one motion and one vote.

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** items 9A-9C, Board Policy 2.110 Board of Education; Qualifications, Terms, Duties of Board Officers, Board Policy 2.120 Board of Education; Board Member Development, Board Policy 2.120 Board of Education; Board Member Development.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

E. Follow-up on Items Presented at the Committee of the Whole
There were no follow-up items.

10. *Consent Items – Performance and Monitoring Committee

- A. Payroll
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Purchase Orders
- D. Air Fare
- E. Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Third Quarter Treasurer’s Report – Greg Brown, Ed.D. – Chief Financial Officer
- F. IFB 22-40 East HS Student Parking Lot Improvements
- G. IFB 22-41 Bloom and Marshall Schools Hard Surface Playground Improvements
- H. ~~IFB 22-42 Jefferson HS Tennis Court Improvements – pulled by Mr. Rollins~~
- I. IFB 22-43 RESA MS Parking Lot Improvements
- J. IFB 22-44 Kennedy MS Parking Lot Improvements
- K. IFB 22-46 Electronic Message Ground Signs at Seven (7) Schools
- L. Discovery Center Summer Programming – Dr. Woulfe
- M. Discovery Center Rental – Early Childhood
- N. ~~Rockford Park District Lockwood Park – pulled by Ms. Muhammad~~

11. *Consent Items – Internal/External Stakeholders

- A. IHSA Renewal – 2022-2023 – Earl Dotson, Jr. – Chief Communications Officer

12. *Consent Items – Planning & Development Committee

- A. Masters Cohort for Math with NIU
- B. Alignment Rockford
- C. Comprehensive Community Solutions
- D. Discovery Center
- E. Kendel Sherman Foundation
- F. Rockford Area Arts Council
- G. The Wabongo Leadership Council

13. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

- A. Meeting Minutes: 4-26-22
- B. Contract Purchase Orders
- C. ~~Freedom of Information Log – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~

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

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent item pulled, 10H, IFB 22-42 Jefferson HS Tennis Court Improvements.

The cost of the project is high as all eight tennis courts will be demolished, replaced with six new courts. This will be the same as East and Auburn high schools. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** Consent item pulled 10N, Rockford Park District Lockwood Park.

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

Abstain: Ms. Muhammad

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-1-1

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Consent item pulled 13C, Freedom of Information Log.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 6-0-1

14. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Scott Dimke as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Lincoln Middle School
- B. Appointment of John Schmelzer as 11 Month Elementary Principal at Ellis Elementary School
- C. Appointment of Daniela Boer as 11 Month Principal at Lathrop Elementary School
- D. Appointment of Catherine Ellis as 12 Month Director of Operations
- E. Appointment of David Graffy as 12 Month Director of Student Services
- F. Appointment of Andria Mitchell as 12 Month Executive Director of Schools - Certified
- G. HR Organization Report & Addendum

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

- A. GDM-4504-22 - expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year
- B. GDM-4505-22 - expelled through the first semester of the 2022-23 school year
- C. ~~GDM 4506-22 – expelled for 2 calendar years from the date of Board action, which would be May 10, 2024 – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~
- D. GDM-4507-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance agreement through the end of the 2022-2023 school year
- E. ~~GDM 4508-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~
- F. GDM-4509-22 - expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year
- G. GDM-4510-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance agreement through the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year
- H. ~~GDM 4511-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~
- I. GDM-4512-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance agreement through the end of the 2022-2023 school year
- J. GDM-4513-22 - expelled for 2 calendar years from the date of Board action, which would be May 10, 2024

16. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

- A. GDM-1107-22
- B. GDM-1108-22
- C. GDM-1109-22
- D. GDM-1110-22
- E. GDM-1111-22
- F. GDM-1112-22
- G. GDM-1114-22
- H. GDM-8521-22
- I. GDM-8524-22
- J. GDM-8525-22
- K. GDM-8527-22
- L. GDM-8528-22
- M. GDM-8534-22

- N. GDM-8541-22
- O. GDM-8542-22
- P. GDM-8547-22
- Q. GDM-8548-22
- R. GDM-8550-22
- S. GDM-8551-22
- T. GDM-8552-22
- U. GDM-8554-22
- V. GDM-8555-22
- W. GDM-8556-22
- X. GDM-8558-22
- Y. GDM-8559-22
- Z. GDM-8560-22
- AA. GDM-8561-22
- BB. GDM-8562-22
- CC. GDM-8563-22
- DD. GDM-8564-22
- EE. GDM-8565-22
- FF. GDM-8566-22
- GG. GDM-8567-22
- HH. GDM-8568-22
- II. GDM-8569-22
- JJ. GDM-8570-22
- KK. GDM-8571-22
- LL. GDM-8572-22
- MM. GDM-8575-22

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

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

Abstain: Ms. Muhammad

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-1-1

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled 15C, 15E, 15H, GDM-4506-22, GDM-4508-22, GDM-4511-22.

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

Nays: Ms. Pearson

Abstain: Ms. Muhammad

Absent: Mr. Connor

Approved: 4-1-1-1

17. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

18. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:43 p.m.

Approved: 05/24/2022

President: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

Secretary: *June Stanford /s/*