

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

**Administration Building**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

President Jude Makulec called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 5:02 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 7:11 p.m.
    - A. Roll Call  
Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel  
Absent: Mr. Michael Connor Ms. Kamrin Muhammad  
Mrs. Makulec thanked Conner Childers who produces the Board’s broadcast on Channel 20, and YouTube Live. Mrs. Makulec welcomed Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council Representative Ben Bathje 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. Recognitions  
Four students and one team from Rockford Public Schools advanced to compete at the IESA State Bowling tournament in April.  
In girls bowling, Flinn Middle School 7th grader Abbie Wilkerson had the highest finish from Rockford in 22nd place. The other girls’ qualifier is Thurgood Marshall School fifth grader Isabella McCoy, one of the youngest competitors in the whole tournament. Boys bowling include, Lukas Marinelli, an 8th grader at West Middle School, with the highest finish from Rockford in 11th place. Thurgood Marshall School 8th grader Zachary Spates also qualified to compete in individual play. Flinn Middle School’s entire team qualified for the state tournament. Jefferson High School students Emma Carmona, Giovanni Ruiz, Lizbeth Medina, Uriel Fernandez, and Yareidi Zarate were recognized as National Scholastic Art & Writing Award winners. Entries are selected without knowledge of the student’s gender, age, ethnicity, or hometown. Jurors look for works that exemplify the Awards’ core values; originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Auburn students Alexander Ferry and Jay Gupta were name as National Merit Scholarship Finalists in September. Jay was named as a National Merit Scholarship winner in May. Flinn Middle school teacher, Christina Koblosh was recognized for her critical role supporting a student suffering from a medical emergency. Fortunately, the student is fine thanks in part to Ms. Koblosh and her quick response and assistance.
  3. Celebrating RPS205
    - A. Gregory Elementary School will be Sharing Their Mindfulness and Yoga Journey

Principal Ms. Kristine Leider began the presentation explain how the school began using Zones of Regulations. This is a curriculum designed for foster self-regulation and emotional control. Strategies include deep breathes, drink of water, fidgets, color or draw, reading a cook, talking to a friend, thinking of someone you love, stretch, and practice yoga. Zones of Regulation are divided into four colors; blue, green, yellow, and red. Ms. Leider reviewed each with members. Ms. Andrea Holm then demonstrated techniques used with students. She also spoke of her Thursday yoga classes and how students are chosen by teachers to participate. To view the presentation and the link to the demonstration, please click on this: [Mindfulness & Yoga Journey](#).

4. Petitions & Communications

Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines.

- Ms. Fannie Owens spoke of the need of diversity training for students.

5. Board Member Comments

A. Board Member Comments

- Mr. Seigel spoke as a parent and supporter public education. He commented the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Texas and how our thoughts are with them hoped there is some peace in that community.
- Mr. Rollins commented this is the worst jobs of being a school board member is bearing some of the responsibility for the safety of children in the District and know some of it is outside your control. Mr. Rollins emphasized to the community that the District did an extensive security audit in 2015. The audit is being updated. He also spoke of the need to change the dynamics, of children and staff going through active shooter drills. He expressed his thoughts go out to the people in Texas.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett began with recognizing Lynn Stockton from Jefferson and expressed his appreciation. He has visited her students' annual show over the years and had a student guided tour again this year. It was wonderful to see the National Merit scholars, the District's lifesaving teacher, and bowling recognitions. It was a nice night for recognitions. Dr. Jarrett also thanked Ben Bathje for three years of service on SSAC. Ben is a seven sport athlete at East High School. Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Ben, asking him to share his time as a member. Ben spoke of being a member of SSAC and his experiences pre COVID. Participation included food and toy drives, hosted the District Dodgeball Tournament (his personal favorite), Stroll on State and march in the parade. Events planned in his sophomore year including, Wesley Willow Senior Senior Prom, and District-Wide talent show were cancelled due to the pandemic. His junior and senior year posed problems finding new events to participate in due to COVID restrictions. SSAC members persevered and continued the toy drive and volunteered at the Freshman Academy Expo. The dodgeball tournament remained the same, were able to participate in Stroll on State, and found new activities such as raising money to buy supplies for the Boys and Girls Club of Rockford. Members also found more opportunities to volunteer at food banks. This year, they participated in the Illinois State Board of Education luncheon. He spoke of being grateful to have served on SSAC, an experience he will not forget, growing as a leader and connecting to the Rockford and School communities. He ended by thanking Dr. Jarrett for starting the council, thanking Mrs. Laumer for being a great advisor, and is excited to see what the future of SSAC holds.

Dr. Jarrett thanked Ben for his service and are now in the process of choosing new members. He thanked Mrs. Laumer for her help as advisor and thanked the students for their participation.

7. \*Consent Items – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders (FY22)

D. Purchase Orders (FY23)

E. Air Fare

F. Construction Pay Request Log

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

H. Financial Results: April 2022 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

I. Rockford University Education Pathway Contract Extension

- J. Rockford Park District – Summer Sports Camps – Earl Dotson, Jr., Chief Communications Office
- K. IFB 22-45 West M.S. Roofing Project
- L. IFB 22-48 OSC Electrical Buildout of Print Shop
- M. IFB 22-49 Administration Building Lower-Level Renovations

8. \*Consent Items – Governance Committee

- A. Meeting Minutes: 5-10-22, 4-30-22 – Board Retreat
- B. Contract Purchase Orders (FY22)
- C. Contract Purchase Orders (FY23)
- D. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement - RJ
- E. Freedom of Information Log

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

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

**Absent:** Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Connor

**Approved: 5-0-2**

9. \*Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Amber Lee-Black as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Roosevelt
- B. Appointment of Maureen Jackson as 10 Month Assistant Principal at Lathrop Elementary School
- C. HR Organization Report & Addendum

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

- A. ~~GDM 4514-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance through the entire 2022-2023 school year in the student's zone school. In addition, the student is referred to the reFresh Program. – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~
- B. ~~GDM 4515-22 – expelled for 2 calendar years from the date of Board action through May 24, 2024. – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~
- C. GDM-4516-22- expelled through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- D. ~~GDM 4517-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022/2023 school year. – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~
- E. GDM-4518-22 - expelled through the end of the 2022/2023 school year.
- F. GDM-4519-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance agreement through the end of the 2022/2023 school year.
- G. GDM-4520-22 - expelled through the end of the 2022/2023 school year.
- H. ~~GDM 4523-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022/2023 school year. – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~
- I. GDM-4524-22 - expelled through the end of the 2022/2023 school year.
- J. GDM-4525-22 - expelled through the end of the 2022/2023 school year.
- K. GDM-4526-22 - expelled through the end of the 2022/2023 school year.
- L. GDM-4527-22 - expelled through the end of the 2022/2023 school year.
- M. GDM-4528-22 - expelled through the first semester of the 2022/2023 calendar year.
- N. GDM-4529-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance agreement through the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- O. GDM-4530-22 - expelled through the first semester of the 2022/2023 school year.
- P. ~~GDM 5016-22 – The three day suspension is affirmed. – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~

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

- A. GDM-1115-22
- B. GDM-1117-22
- C. GDM-1118-22
- D. GDM-1119-22
- E. GDM-1120-22
- F. GDM-1121-22
- G. GDM-8549-22
- H. GDM-8557-22
- I. GDM-8574-22
- J. GDM-8576-22
- K. GDM-8577-22

- L. GDM-8578-22
- M. GDM-8579-22
- N. GDM-8580-22
- O. GDM-8581-22
- P. GDM-8582-22
- Q. GDM-8583-22
- R. GDM-8584-22
- S. GDM-8585-22
- T. GDM-8586-22
- U. GDM-8587-22
- V. GDM-8588-22
- W. GDM-8589-22
- X. GDM-8590-22
- Y. GDM-8591-22
- Z. GDM-8593-22
- AA. GDM-8594-22
- BB. GDM-8595-22
- CC. GDM-8596-22
- DD. GDM-8597-22
- EE. GDM-8598-22
- FF. GDM-8599-22

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

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

**Absent:** Mr. Connor, Ms. Muhammad

**Approved: 5-0-2**

**Motion** by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled, 10A, 10B, 10D, 10H, 10P, GDM-4512-22, GDM-4515-22, GDM-4517-22, GDM-4523-22, GDM-5016-22.

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

**Nays:** Ms. Pearson

**Absent:** Mr. Connor, Ms. Muhammad

**Approved: 4-1-2**

12. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

13. Adjournment

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

**Adjournment:** 7:51 p.m.

**Approved:**

**President:**

**Secretary:**