

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

President Jude Makulec called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. David Seigel

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Ms. Stanford 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 5:04 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 7:24 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad
Absent: Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. David Seigel
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 students were recognized for their accomplishments. Ms. Muhammad, as co-chair of the Internal/External Stakeholders Committee presented them.
Illinois Art Education Association Statewide Exhibition
Zion Gibson
West Middle School CAPA student Zion Gibson was selected for the Illinois Art Education Association Statewide Exhibition.
She is one of only 45 students to have their artwork featured in the traveling exhibit.
She is an advanced art student in the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at West

IHSA State Qualifiers: Boys Tennis
Six RPS 205 high school students competed in the Illinois High School Association State Boys Tennis Tournament May 26-28
The tournament is held in the Chicago suburbs at several high schools and public tennis courts to accommodate the number of student athletes

<u>Auburn High School</u> Sharankumar Kamaraj Drew Licari Dhruv Ramaswami	<u>Guilford High School</u> Joe Gesmer Wyatt Lane Andrew Roberts
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IESA State Qualifiers: Track & Field

The Illinois Elementary School Association state track meet for both boys and girls were held in May at the Eastside Centre in East Peoria.

Two-Way Language Immersion at Barbour

Priscilla Sanchez

Eisenhower Middle School

Alonzo Latimore

Abigal Bondzi

De'Ovani Smith

Derriah Wren

Zariah Burnett

Flinn Middle School

Keyanna Holliman

Mi'Aerie Goode

Dereona Edison

Mariah Horne

Shawn Fleming

Christian Wheeler

Adonis Pickett

Janardie Turner

Thurgood Marshall School

Nora Wedwick

RESA Middle School

Kayumba Yenga

IHSA State Qualifiers: Track & Field

The Illinois High School Association state track meet for boys was May 26-28 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston

The IHSA state track meet for girls was May 19-21 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston

Guilford High School advanced student athletes to compete in seven events at the girls' state track meet – which is the most in program history.

Guilford High School

Natassja Bowman

DeNiya Gray

Anestasia Bruce

Jolena Site

Jalin Craigs-Ingram

Michelle Gasmund

A'Yana Gray

Madison Harmsen

Lillian Jarrett

Marya Ortra

Amanda Curry

Brandon Lawson

Mike Smith Jr

Auburn High School

Essence Horton-Graves

Jefferson High School

Chauncey Jackson

East High School

Leo Bueno

Jeremiah Crawford

Deterrace Dotson

Markquez Gray

Miles Lang

Trenton Lewis

IHSA State Qualifiers: Bass Fishing

The state final tournament was held May 20-21 at Carlyle Lake in Carlyle, Illinois – in southern Illinois, east of St. Louis.

Guilford High School

Alex Larson

Kyle Bear

Jack Markhardt

3. Celebrating RPS205

A. Welsh Elementary – Welsh Way and the Science of Reading

Instructional Coach, Annie Peiffer, 2nd Grade Teacher Whitney Reed, and 4th Grade Teacher Christopher Reuter presented their Science of Reading program to Board members. They began with their introduction of the journey, explain and demonstrating the Science of Reading in practice, results, and completed with a video.

They explained this is the first year of the program and is a supplement to current District programs. Their data showed growth from Spring 2019 to Spring 2022. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [Welsh Way and the Science of Reading](#).

4. Petitions & Communications

Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines.

- Mr. Wickson spoke in opposition to his son's discipline.
- Ms. Giannangeli spoke the need of professional development for the new Student Code of Conduct.

Mrs. Makulec commented regarding the first speaker that the discipline packet is not part of this meeting but will be presented at a future meeting.

5. Board Member Comments

A. Board Member Comments

- Ms. Pearson congratulated all the graduates from the Class of 2022. She also spoke specifically of Roosevelt students graduating and heard many promising futures because of the school. Ms. Pearson also thanked Lewis Lemon teachers speaking of her visit to the school. She commented that teachers' voices matter and thanked them for their unity and teamwork.
- Mr. Rollins congratulated everyone for making it through the school year. It has been a trying school year for everyone, not just the District but for educators across the country. He expressed the hope this is a transition period that hopefully everyone is more accustomed to attending school, people are becoming more socialized not on in the District but in the country. His comments also included that remote learning did not work, and that there was a significant learning loss. Mr. Rollins encouraged parents to sign-up their students in summer programs, hoped there would be a high uptick in them, and hoped they would make a difference.
- Mrs. Makulec congratulated the graduates and watched every graduation. She commented the District did a beautiful job with the stage and banners, personalizing for each school.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

There was no report.

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

A. *Board Policy 4.32 Operational Services; Tax Abatement

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** item 7A, Board Policy 4.32 Operational Services; Tax Abatement.

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

Absent: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-0-2

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

A. *Designation of Accrued Interest Earned – Greg Brown, Ed. D, CFO

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Ms. Stanford to **approve** item 8A Designation of accrued Interest Earned.

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

Absent: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-0-2

B. *Physical Security Assessment

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Ms. Stanford to **approve** item 8B, Physical Security Assessment.

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

Absent: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-0-2

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

A. *Resolution Authorizing Public Sale of the former Page Park and Stiles parcels – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** item 9A, Resolution Authorizing Public Sale of the former Page Park and Stiles parcels.

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

Absent: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-0-2

10. *Consent Items – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders (FY22)

D. Purchase Order (FY23)

- E. Air Travel
- F. Construction Pay Request Log
- G. Resolution Authorizing FY23 Depositories, Investment Managers, Dealers, and Brokers
- H. The Etnyre Foundation Grant – Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Kennedy MS
- I. Recurring Approval of Consolidated District Plan and Title I, 1003 (a) Plans – Dr. Woulfe
- J. Continuous Public Office Bond and Payment of Premium – Greg Brown, Ed., De., Chief Financial Officer
- K. Supplemental Retiree Plans Administrator – Allied Benefits Systems, Inc.
- L. Worker’s Compensation Excess Insurance – Star Insurance
- M. Hand2Mind Professional Learning
- N. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Professional Learning
- O. National Center for Civic Innovation (OpenSciEd) Professional Learning
- P. Reading Horizons Elevate
- Q. Regional Office of Education 4 Professional Learning
- R. School Specialty Professional Learning
- S. YSN Youth Services Network – Jennifer Lawrence
- T. YMCA Camp Winnebago – Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Kennedy Middle School
- U. IFB 22-39 Online Registration Software
- V. ~~IFB 22-47 Door Replacement, Mason Repairs, and Vestibule at Spring Creek E.S. – pulled by Mr. Rollins~~
- W. IFB 22-51 Construction Testing Services
- X. IFB 22-53 Athletic Training Services
- Y. RFP 22-54 Fire Alarm System Maintenance and Testing

11. *Consent Items – Planning & Development Committee

- A. Boys and Girls Club
- B. Grace United Methodist Church
- C. Rockford Art Museum
- D. Rockford Dance Company
- E. Rockford Symphony Orchestra
- F. YMCA

12. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

- A. Meeting Minutes: 5-24-22
- B. 2022-2023 Illinois Association of School Boards Annual Dues
- C. Contract Purchase Orders (FY23)
- D. Freedom of Information Log

Motion by Ms. Pearson seconded by Rollins to **approve** Consent Items not pulled.

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

Absent: Mr. Connor, Mr. Seigel

Approved: 5-0-2

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** Consent item pulled 10V, IFB 22-47 Door Replacement, Mason Repairs, and Vestibule and Spring Creek E.S.

One bid was received, although it was below budget. It is becoming more difficult to get competitive bidding as all contractors are busy. Mr. Rollins asked Administration to see if the District is being overly restrictive with the use of ARP/ESSER funds. Mr. Phillips and his team are working diligently to submit bids in July, August, and September for 2023 work. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-0-2

13. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Joanna Nelson as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal at Marsh Elementary
- B. Appointment of Casey Lepke as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal as Montessori
- C. ~~Appointment of John Paddock as 10 Month High School Assistant Principal at Auburn – pulled by Ms. Pearson~~

- D. Appointment of Brian Fleisner as 10 Month High School Assistant Principal at Auburn – pulled by Ms. Pearson
 - E. Appointment of Thomas O'Brien as K-5 Interim Administrator at Welsh Elementary
 - F. Appointment of Laura Greier as 11 Month Elementary Principal at Spring Creek
 - G. Appointment of Aleshia Jones as 11 Month Elementary Principal at Lewis Lemon
 - H. Appointment of Ryan Nachreiner at 12 Month Assistant Principal at Auburn High School
 - I. Appointment of Jacob Sayre as 12 Month Secondary Principal at Lincoln
 - J. Appointment of Jessica Graefe as 12 Month Director of Special Education
 - K. HR Organization Report & Addendum
14. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – Suspension Appeals and Expulsions
- A. GDM-4531-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2022-2023 school year.
 - B. GDM-4532-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2022-2023 school year.
 - C. ~~GDM-4533-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
 - D. GDM-4534-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2022-2023 school year which would include the successful completion of the ReFresh program.
 - E. GDM-4535-22 – expelled through the 2023-2024 school year.
 - F. ~~GDM-4536-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
 - G. GDM-4537-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2022-2023 school year.
 - H. GDM-4538-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - I. GDM-4539-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - J. GDM-4540-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year
 - K. GDM-4541-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - L. GDM-4542-22 – expelled through the 2023-2024 school year.
 - M. GDM-4543-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - N. GDM-4544-22 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - O. GDM-4545-22 – expelled through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.
 - P. GDM-4546-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - Q. GDM-4548-22 – expelled through the 2022-2023 school year
 - R. ~~GDM-4549-22 – expelled through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
 - S. ~~GDM-4550-22 – expelled through the end of the 2022-2023 school year~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
 - T. GDM-5017-22 – the 4-day suspension is affirmed
 - U. GDM-5018-22 – the 4 day suspension is affirmed.
15. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs
- A. GDM-1124-22
 - B. GDM-1125-22
 - C. GDM-1126-22
 - D. GDM-1129-22
 - E. GDM-8600-22
 - F. GDM-8601-22
 - G. GDM-8602-22
 - H. GDM-8603-22
 - I. GDM-8604-22
 - J. GDM-8605-22
 - K. GDM-8606-22
 - L. GDM-8610-22

M. GDM-8611-22
N. GDM-8612-22
O. GDM-8613-22
P. GDM-8614-22
Q. GDM-8616-22
R. GDM-8617-22
S. GDM-8618-22
T. GDM-8619-22
U. GDM-8620-22
V. GDM-8621-22
W. GDM-8624-22
X. GDM-8626-22
Y. GDM-8627-22
Z. GDM-8628-22
AA. GDM-8631-22
BB. GDM-8632-22
CC. GDM-8633-22
DD. GDM-8635-22
EE. GDM-8636-22
FF. GDM-8638-22
GG. GDM-8639-22
HH. GDM-8641-22
II. GDM-8642-22
JJ. GDM-8647-22
KK. GDM-8648-22
LL. GDM-8649-22
MM. GDM-8650-22
NN. GDM-8651-22
OO. GDM-8652-22
PP. GDM-8654-22
QQ. GDM-8655-22
RR. GDM-8656-22

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

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

Absent: Mr. Connor, Mr. Seigel

Approved: 5-0-2

Motion by Ms. Pearson seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Closed Session Consent items pulled, 13A and 13D, Appointment of John Paddock as 10 Month High School Assistant at Auburn, and Appointment of Brian Fleisner as 10 Month High School Assistant Principal at Auburn.

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

Nays: Ms. Pearson

Abstain: Ms. Muhammad

Absent: Mr. Connor, Seigel

Approved: 3-1-1-2

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Ms. Stanford to approve Closed Session Consent items pulled 14C, 14F, 14R, 14S, GDM-4533-22, GDM-4536-22, GDM-4549-22, GDM-4550-22.

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

Nays: Ms. Pearson

Abstain: Ms. Muhammad

Absent: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

Approved: 3-1-1-2

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

Ms. Pearson requested a report of Title I funding during the Committee of the Whole regarding items that are approved and not approved. Mrs. Dettman stated a report is scheduled for the June 28, 2022, meeting that will be presented by Dr. Woulfe, Dr. Brown, and Mr. Gallagher.

17. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:33 p.m.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: