

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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

Present: President Jude Makulec, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor (arr. 5:04 p.m.)

Absent: Vice President Tim Rollins, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad

Motion by Ms. Pearson 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 6:45 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 7:02 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Jude Makulec, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: Vice President Tim Rollins, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad
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. Petitions & Communications
Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines.
 - Ms. Ann Rundall spoke of how students are being taught about voting rights and recommended the movie “Selma” be shown to all students who graduate from District high schools.
 - Ms. Angel Brown spoke of an incident from 2019 that involved her daughter, and her unhappiness regarding her daughter’s treatment.
 3. Board Member Comments
 - A. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Seigel publicly acknowledged this year’s graduates and spoke of what he heard and saw at the ceremonies. He also commented on the challenging school year, how poor student attendance is disheartening. He also expressed his hope the movie “Selma” would be shown.
 - Mrs. Makulec spoke of the flag box in the District’s lobby for placement of American flags that need to be retired. Once flags are retired, there is a ceremony for them. She also reminded everyone of Amazon Smile and that Rockford Promise is on the list that receives donations through purchases made.
 4. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett
Dr. Jarrett gave a brief overview of the Board Governance calendar. Drafts of the three major committee calendars will be previewed in July. Dr. Jarrett asked members to e-mail him with any questions.
 - B. Title I Presentation – Dr. Woulfe, Dr. Brown, Mr. Gallagher
The overview consisted of the definition. Title I, Part A provides financial assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all

children meet challenging state academic standards. Title 1, 1003 (a) is to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable and high-quality education and to provide adequate resources to substantially raise the achievement of children in lowest-performing school. Rules for spending were reviewed. Proposed purchases or service costs should be reasonable, necessary, and allocable. The summary for FY22 Title I and IV Dollars is: \$29,175,049, carryover of \$10,431,647 (due to the pandemic, Districts were allowed to carryover excess funds), for a total of \$39,606,696. The summary of projected FY23 Title I and IV funds are: \$23,215,196, carryover of \$4,518,325 (15% carryover) for a total of \$27,733,521. Schools with Title I funds are Auburn, East, Jefferson, Eisenhower, Flinn, Kennedy, Lincoln, RESA, West, Barbour, Bloom, Carlson, Cherry Valley, Conklin, Ellis, Froberg, Gregory, Haskell, Hillman, Johnson, Constance Lane, Lathrop, Lewis Lemon, McIntosh, Riverdahl, Rolling Green, Washington, Welsh, West View, Whitehead, Galapagos, Jackson, and Legacy. Targeted assistance for private schools is All Saints Academy, Alpine Academy, Alpine Christian, Boylan, Cathedral Baptist, Christian Life, Concordia Lutheran, Holy Family, Keith Day, Kikifers, Montessori Private, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Rockford Christian, Rockford IQRA, Rockford Lutheran, Spectrum, St. Bridget, St. Rita, and North Love Academy. Schools not served are Roosevelt, Marshall, Marshall Elementary, Guilford, Brookview, Montessori, Spring Creek, and Early Childhood sites. Targeted assistance for underperforming schools served with Title 1, 1003(a) funds are Jefferson, Eisenhower, Bloom Carlson, Cherry Valley, Hillman, Johnson, Constance Lane, Lathrop, Rolling Green, Spring Creek, Washing, West View, Whitehead, and Galapagos. Comprehensive support for lowest performance schools is Auburn, East, Flinn, Kennedy, Lincoln, RESA, West, Conklin, Ellis, Haskell, Lewis Lemon, McIntosh, Riverdahl, Welsh, and Jackson. Extensive discussion took place regarding the subject matter. Board members asked for trend data by site and how the schools decide to spend the funds. To view the presentation please click on this link: [Title I](#).

5. *Consent Items – Performance and Monitoring Committee

- A. Payroll
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Purchase Orders (FY22)
- D. Purchase Order (FY23)
- E. Construction Pay Request Log
- F. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – May 2022 – Jamie Murray, CPA Executive Director of Finance
- G. Financial Results: May 2022 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance
- H. Reed Group – Leave of Absence Administration
- I. CPI Contract Extension – Dr. Tiffany Brunson
- J. IFB 22-53 Athletic Training Services
- K. RFP 22-54 Fire Alarm System Maintenance and Testing

6. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

- A. ~~Meeting Minutes: 6-14-22~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel
- B. Contract Purchase Orders (FY22)
- C. Contract Purchase Orders (FY23)
- D. Closed Session Minutes Release – 6/14
- E. Freedom of Information Log

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

Yeas: Ms. Pearson, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Pearson

Absent: Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad

Approved: 5-0-2

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Ms. Stanford to **approve** Consent item pulled, Meeting Minutes: 6-14-22.

Yeas: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson

Abstain: Mr. Seigel

Absent: Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad

Approved: 5-0-2

7. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Ryan Miller as 10 Month Elementary Dean at Haskell.
- B. Appointment of John McClintock as 10 Month Assistant Elementary Principal at West View

- C. Appointment of Brian Lamm as 10 Month Assistant Elementary Principal at Ellis
- D. Appointment of Joseph Ferguson as 10 Month Middle School Assistant Principal at Eisenhower
- E. Appointment of Diane Berogan as 10 Month Dean-NIU Cohort at Ellis
- F. Appointment of Viviana Salinas as 10 Month Dean-NIU Cohort High School - Certified
- G. Appointment of Christopher Berogan as 10 Month Dean-NIU Cohort at Jefferson
- H. Appointment of Sarah Craig as 11 Month Elementary Principal at West View
- I. Appointment of Désirée Wrightsel as 11 Month Early Childhood Principal at Nashold
- J. Appointment of Alvena Ivy as 12-Month Director of Instruction
- K. Appointment of Kimberly Jensen as 12 Month Curriculum Dean
- L. Appointment of Craig Pate as 12 Month Program Administrator for Special Education
- M. HR Organization Report & Addendum

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

- A. GDM-2061-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year
- B. ~~GDM-2062-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
- C. ~~GDM-4551-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
- D. ~~GDM-4552-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
- E. GDM-4553-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- F. GDM-4557-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year and the entire 2023-2024 school year
- G. GDM-4558-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- H. ~~GDM-4559-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
- I. GDM-4560-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- J. GDM-4561-22 - the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2022-2023 school year.
- K. GDM-4562-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year
- L. GDM-4563-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year
- M. GDM-5019-22 - the 2 day suspension is affirmed.
- N. GDM-5020-22 - the 1 day suspension is affirmed.

9. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

- A. GDM-1130-22
- B. GDM-8660-22
- C. GDM-8661-22
- D. GDM-8662-22
- E. GDM-8663-22
- F. GDM-8664-22
- G. GDM-8665-22
- H. GDM-8666-22
- I. GDM-8667-22
- J. GDM-8668-22
- K. GDM-8669-22
- L. GDM-8670-22
- M. GDM-8672-22
- N. GDM-8676-22
- O. GDM-8677-22
- P. GDM-8678-22
- Q. GDM-8679-22

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

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

Absent: Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Rollins

Approved: 5-0-2

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Ms. Stanford to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled 8B, 8C, 8D, 8H; GDM 2062-22, GDM-4551-22, GDM-4552-22, GDM-4559-22.

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

Nays: Ms. Pearson

Absent: Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Rollins

Approved:4-1-2

10. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

11. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: