

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

**Administration Building**  
**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

Vice President Tim Rollins called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Vice President Tim Rollins, Ms. Denise Pearson, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad (arr. 5:09 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor

Absent: President Jude Makulec, Secretary June Stanford

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. Pearson 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 6:25 p.m.

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1. Call to Order – Vice President Tim Rollins called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.
    - A. Roll Call  
Present: Vice President Tim Rollins, Ms. Denise Pearson, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor  
Absent: President Jude Makulec, Secretary June Stanford  
Mr. Rollins 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  
There were no speakers
  3. Board Member Comments
    - A. Board Member Comments  
No Board Member comments.
  4. Superintendent’s Report
    - A. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett  
Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Mrs. Dettman, who will present the results of the Standards of Practice. These updates will twice a year. He spoke of the opportunities of how the District support schools, how they perform, and areas of improvement. Dr. Jarrett also spoke of his CEO Centric targets.
    - B. Standards of Practice – Year End Results  
Mrs. Dettman presented the year-end results to members. If school scores on the Standards of Practice improve, then performance on the school scorecard will improve. Standards of Practice for high schools are Quality Instruction, (Practice 1, Focus Skill Assessment, Practice 2, Number Talks, Practice 3 Academy Model Status, Practice 4, MTSS), Quality Relationships, (Practice 5, Student Belonging, Practice 6, School Quality, Practice 7 Employee Engagement) and Strategic Decisions (Practice 8, Equity Challenge). Middle School Standards of Practice are Quality Instruction, (Practice 1, Focus Skill Assessment, Practice 2 Number Talks, Practice 3, MTSS), Quality Relationships (Practice 4, Student Belonging, Practice 5 School Quality, Practice 6, Employee Engagement), Strategic Decisions (Practice 7, Equity Challenge). Standards of Practice for elementary schools are Quality Instruction (Practice 1, Reading Horizons, Practice 2, Units of Study, Practice 3 Number Talks, Practice 4 MTSS), Quality Relationships (Practice 5, Student Belonging, Practice 6, School Quality, Practice 7 Employee Engagement) and Strategic Decisions (Practice 8, Equity Challenge). Early Childhood Standards of

Practice are Quality Instruction (Practice 1 High Scope, Practice 2 Pyramid Model), Quality Relationships (Practice 3 School Quality, Practice 4 Employee Engagement), Strategic Decisions (Practice 5 Equity Challenge). Standards of Practice for Special Programs are Quality Instruction (Practice 1 MTSS), Quality Relationships (Practice 2 Student Belonging, Practice 3 School Quality, Practice 4 Employee Engagement), Strategic Decisions (Practice 5 Equity Challenge). Distribution of school averages by level were reviewed with members, as well as the average by standard. Underperforming standards are Number Talks/Integrated Math, High Scope, Focus Skills Assessments, Units of Study Writing and Model Academies. Key takeaways are: curriculum items are in need of greater focus and accountability, the team needs to analyze how surveys are accounted for within the Standards of Practice, and Reading Horizons focus, and support are showing positive signs. Next steps include focusing on teacher evaluation for underperforming Standards of Practice, restructuring of the Curriculum Implementation Leader position to support in curriculum areas of the Standards of Practice, and process improvement for survey items within the Standards of Practice. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [SoP - Year End Results](#).

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

A. \*Smart Board Donation

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 5A, Smart Board Donation

**Yeas:** Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

**Absent:** Mrs. Makulec, Ms. Stanford

**Approved: 5-0-2**

B. \*Chicago Bears Gatorade Junior Training Camp Program and Rockford Public Schools – Dawn Williamson, Director of Athletics

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** item 5B, Chicago Bears Gatorade Junior Training Camp Program and Rockford Public Schools

**Yeas:** Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Pearson

**Absent:** Mrs. Makulec, Ms. Stanford

**Approved: 5-0-2**

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

A. \*Resolution and Notice of Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2022-2023 – Greg Brown, Ed. D, Chief Financial Officer and Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 6A, Resolution and Notice of Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2022-2023.

**Yeas:** Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins

**Absent:** Mrs. Makulec, Ms. Stanford

**Approved: 5-0-2**

7. Board President’s Announcements and Report and Action on items that Proceeded through Governance Committee

A. Annual Review of Monthly Board Calendar

There were no updates or comments made to Dr. Jarrett regarding the calendar.

8. \*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. ADI Profession Learning

H. ~~Foundational Digital Tools – Google, Book Creator~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor

I. Constellation NewEnergy Utilities Contract – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer

J. Paridad – Heather Psaltis on behalf of Barbour Two Way Language Immersion

K. Star Autism Support Curriculum Training

L. Consolidated Contracts – Morgan Gallagher, Chief of Schools

- M. RFP 23-01 Travel Agency Services
- N. IFB 23-02 Administration Building A/V Equipment
- O. IFB 23-11 Administration Building Elevator Upgrades

9. \*Consent Items – Planning and Development Committee

- A. Handle with Care MOU – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office
- B. ~~317 Art Collective – ARP/ESSER – pulled by Mr. Seigel~~
- C. ~~Northwest Community Center – ARP/ESSER – pulled by Mr. Seigel~~
- D. ~~Rockford Park District at Washington Park – ARP/ESSER – pulled by Mr. Seigel~~
- E. Scholastic Consulting Agreement

10. \*Consent Items – Governance Committee

- A. Meeting Minutes: 07-19-2022
- B. Contract Purchase Orders (FY22)
- C. Contract Purchase Orders (FY23)
- D. Memorandum of Understanding Nutrition Services Uniforms (AFSCME Local 3210)
- E. Settlement Agreement-Testing Services Corporation (TSC)
- F. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement - RM
- G. Freedom of Information Log

**Motion** by Mr. Connor 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. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent item pulled, 8H, Foundational Digital Tools – Google, Book Creator

Concerns were raised regarding security and privacy of Google. Mr. Barthel spoke to these concerned.

Mr. Rollins called for the vote.

**Yeas:** Mr. Connor, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel

**Absent:** Ms. Stanford, Mrs. Makulec

**Approved: 5-0-2**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent Items pulled, 9B and 9C, 317 Art Collective and Northwest Community Center.

An update of the Live/Learn/Play programs was requested. This will be a follow-up item at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Rollins called for the vote.

**Yeas:** Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

**Absent:** Mrs. Makulec, Ms. Stanford

**Approved: 5-0-2**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent Item pulled 9D, Rockford Park District at Washington Park.

**Yeas:** Mr. Rollins, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Pearson

**Abstain:** Ms. Muhammad

**Approved: 4-1-2**

11. \*Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Cyrus Wimberly as 10 Month High School Dean assigned to Jeffers
- B. Appointment of Kelsey Scarpetta as 10 Month Elementary Dean assigned to Riverdahl – NIU Principal Cohort 23
- C. Appointment of Christy Garnhart as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal assigned to Lewis Lemon
- D. Appointment of Carol Egan as 10 Month Assistant Principal Assigned to Flinn Middle School
- E. Salary Adjustment for 11 Month Principal, Daniela Boer, assigned to Lathrop Elementary
- F. Appointment of Valerie Simon as 12 Month Program Administrator for Student Services at the Administration Building

G. Appointment of Dr. Antoine Reed as 12 Month Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer at the Administration Building

H. ~~HR Organization Report & Addendum~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

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

A. GDM-4564-22 - expelled through the entire 2022-2023 school year

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

A. GDM-8680-22

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

**Yeas:** Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins

**Absent:** Ms. Stanford, Mrs. Makulec

**Approved: 5-0-2**

**Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled 111, HR Organizational Report & Addendum

**Yeas:** Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Pearson, Ms. Muhammad

**Abstain:** Mr. Rollins

**Absent:** Ms. Stanford, Mrs. Makulec

**Approved:4-1-2**

14. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Member Action Steps

Action item: update for ARP/ESSER programs for the August Board meeting.

15. Adjournment

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

**Adjournment:** 7:59 p.m.

**Approved:**

**President:**

**Secretary:**