

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

Vice President Tim Rollins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor

Absent: President Jude Makulec, Ms. Denise Pearson,

Motion by Mr. Connor 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 6:01 p.m. to 6:52 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 7:02 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Kamrin Muhammad, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: President Jude Makulec Ms. Denise Pearson
Mr. Rollins thanked Conner Childers who produces the Board’s broadcast on Channel 20, and YouTube Live. Mr. Rollins welcomed Superintendent’s Student Advisory Representative Keniya Parks-Collins from Guilford 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. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Rollins read the guidelines
 - Sandra Patlan, President of Local 692, spoke in support of reopening the contract for higher wages.
 - Catina Barnett, President of Local 3210 and Local 1275, asked to reopen the collective bargaining agreements for higher wages.
 - Sara Dorner, Local AFL-CIO President, spoke of reopening the AFSCME units collective bargaining wages for higher wages.
 - Laura O’Brien spoke of in support of higher wages, and her concerns for her grandson at Nashold Elementary school.
 - Nina Giannangeli spoke of the importance of hiring teachers of color.
 - Terry Gano commented in support of hiring and retaining teachers of color.
 - Simone Ariri spoke of the new school code.
 - Dawn Nivinski invited Board members to visit the schools to see paraprofessionals’ job obligations.
 - Ricky Naylor spoke of his concerns with Evidence Based Funding and poor academic growth of students.
 - Marilyn Smallwood spoke of her support for the union and asked for Chromebooks so that she and other paraprofessionals could help students they support.
 3. Board Member Comments
 - A. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Seigel thanked the public speakers who came to the meeting and offered his support. He also spoke of the Freshman Academy upcoming report, of students succeeding in math their freshman year, are more likely to

graduate high school. He also commented on the importance of attendance, and how academic success is tied to attendance.

- Ms. Muhammad acknowledged the speakers and their concerns. She also spoke of the importance of critical conversations.

4. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett ceded his time for the Freshman Academy report.

B. Freshman Academy – Accountability

Mr. Morgan Gallagher, Chief of Schools, began the presentation with the District's Equity Imperative; "To create learning environments that work for *all* of our students and interrupt the predictability of student outcomes based on zip code." The universal goal is to increase graduation rate and Freshman-On-Track rate to 75% by 2024. Overall increase from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022 was five percent increase, from sixty-seven percent to seventy-two percent. Year over year increase in Hispanic was ten percent, from sixty-seven percent in 2020-2021 to seventy-seven percent in 2021-2022. Two or more races saw an increase of ten percent, from fifty-five percent in 2020-2021 to sixty-five percent in 2021-2022. African American increase was six percent from fifty four percent in 2020-2021 to sixty percent in 2021-2022. Rates for Caucasian and Asian were flat; seventy-seven percent for Caucasian students, and ninety-one percent for Asian students. Contributing factors to growth included strategically identify students, target and differentiate supports, and strategies based on specific school needs. Next steps for improvement include strengthening Small Learning Communities (SLCs). Administration recommends keeping the program. To view the information, please click on this link: [Freshman Academy](#).

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

A. *Resolution to Adopt 2022-2023 Budget – Greg Brown, Ed. D, CFO and Ms. Michele Sather, Executive Director of Budget

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 5A, Resolution to Adopt 2022-2023 Budget.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Ms. Pearson, Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-2

6. *Consent Agenda – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders

D. Air Travel

E. Construction Pay Request Log

F. IFB 23-12 HVAC Upgrades at 4 Schools (Lathrop, Bloom, Spring Creek, and Guilford)

G. IFB 23-17 Administration Building 2nd Floor Renovation

H. The Master Teacher – PD for Paraprofessionals

I. Northern Illinois University Principal Cohort – Morgan Gallagher, Chief of Schools

J. Recurring Contracts, Richard L. Johnson – Secure Vestibule Design

7. *Consent Items – Planning & Development Committee

A. Discovery Center – Making the Move

B. Salvation Army

C. Stateline Youth For Christ – ARP/ESSER

8. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

A. Meeting Minutes: 08-23-2022, 08-17-2022 Special Board Meeting

B. Contract Purchase Orders

C. Rockford Building Maintenance Association Tentative Agreement

D. Memorandum of Understanding: Family Attendance

E. Memorandum of Understanding: Missed Planning Time & Other Compensation Activities Pay

F. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement - MP

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

Yeas: Ms. Muhammad, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins

Absent: Mrs. Makulec, Ms. Pearson

Approved: 5-0-2

9. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Scott Lazar as a 10-Month High School Assistant Principal assigned to Auburn High School
- B. Appoint of John Cornacchia as a 10-Month Middle School Assistant Principal assigned to West
- C. Appointment of Sarah Brenner as a 12 Month International Baccalaureate Candidate Principal assigned to the Administration Building
- D. Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of a Non-Certified Educational Support Personnel (Internal Auditor
- E. HR Organization Report & Addendum

10. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

- A. T0001-23

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

Yeas: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Ms. Muhammad

Absent: Ms. Pearson, Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-2

11. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

- A. Board Member Action Steps

There were no action steps.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Connor second by Mr. Seigel to **adjourn**.

Adjournment: 7:54 p.m.

Approved: 09/27/22

President: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

Secretary: *June Stanford /s/*