

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

Vice President Tim Rollins called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

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

Absent: President Jude Makulec, Mr. Michael Connor

Motion by Mr. Seigel 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: 4-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 5:20 p.m. to 5:56 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, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson, Mr. David Seigel,
Absent: President Jude Makulec, Mr. Michael Connor
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 Andrea Vazquez from Jefferson 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. Celebrating RPS205
 - A. Washington Elementary
Principal Angelique Malone and Assistant Principal Erica Schwanke presented their House System to members. The house system is a dynamic, exciting way to create a powerful and positive school climate. This creates a sense of belonging for students, academic excellence, community service and character building. Washington has four houses, one for each strand. They are Amistad, Isibindi, Altruismo, and Rêveur. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [Washington Elementary School](#).
 3. Petitions & Communications

Mr. Rollins read the guidelines

 - Bob Babcock spoke of the need of trauma informed schools.
 - Flossie Hoard expressed here concerns of a security booth at Auburn.
 - Mel Champion spoke in opposition to corporal punishment.
 - Bobbi Sorensen spoke in support of paraprofessionals and opposition to school resource officers
 - Ronald Simmons spoke of the need to recruit and retain teachers of color.
 - Tyler Krieter spoke in opposition to school resource officers.
 - Ricky Naylor spoke of how the District is not integrated.
 - Skye Gia Garcia spoke of removing school resource officers.
 - Nina Giannangeli commented on the importance of empathetic and inductive approach to school discipline.
 - Richard Bunch spoke in opposition to school resource officers.
 4. Board Member Comments
 - A. Board Member Comments
 - Ms. Pearson thanked community members for their feedback as it is appreciated. Ms. Pearson shared a quote from Dr. Charles Washington who frequently said, “if you are going to present a complaint, a problem, come with

a solution.” She spoke of the importance of coming together as a community to solve issues and address those issues proactively versus reactively. To solve problems, all hands must be on deck. She encouraged people to continue with their calls, and the multiple streams of communication available including Let’s Talk, the website, the Student Code of Conduct, and parent handbook. She also spoke of the chain of command and the importance of following it. With issues at schools, the first person to contact is the school principal, counselor, or anyone at the school level; then follow that chain to the “captain of the ship,” Dr. Jarrett. She reiterated the importance of everyone working together for students and their families.

- Mr. Rollins spoke of the difficulty when situations arise upsetting people, there is only a piece of the story they know. Board members are aware of these items but cannot speak of them due to confidentiality and privacy statutes, and possible litigation. If members do not respond it is because they are not allowed. He reminded everyone there are multiple sides to each story.
- Mr. Seigel thanked community members for their feedback. He also spoke of a larger group of people tasked with solving issues and encouraged community members to help with solutions.

5. Superintendent’s Report

A. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett did not have a formal report; however, he reminded Board members that Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council Representative Andrea Vasquez will be speaking at the October 25, 2022, meeting. There is unfinished business from the retreat, Superintendent’s Targets and support for struggling schools that will be covered at next regular meeting.

6. *Consent Agenda – Performance and Monitoring Committee

- A. Payroll
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Purchase Order
- D. Construction Pay Request Log
- E. Air Travel
- F. IFB 23-03 Hot Pizza
- G. RFP 23-13 Security Alarm Monitoring and Response
- H. IFB 23-24 Ellis School Roof Replacement – Rebid
- I. IFB 23-26 Asbestos Abatement at West M.S.
- J. IFB 23-27 Asbestos Abatement at East, Washington, and Flinn Schools
- K. Discovery Center Contract
- L. Digital Resource – TCI
- M. KP Counseling – Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Whitehead Elementary
- N. Midwest Dairy Grab & Go Equipment – Colleen Koehler, Executive Director of Nutrition Services
- O. Recurring Contracts: PowerSchool Group, LLC. eSchoolPlus SIS Enterprise Management Service (EMS)
- P. Regional Office of Education – Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Flinn Middle School
- Q. Recurring Contract – RSP Associates, North-West Quadrant Schools Boundary Analysis, Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer
- R. Sunbelt – VocoVision Speech Pathologist

7. *Consent Items – Internal/External Stakeholders

- A. Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Rockford Five-0 Program at Auburn – Earl Dotson, Jr., Chief Communications Officer

8. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

- A. Meeting Minutes: 09-27-2022
- B. Contract Purchase Orders
- C. Fee Waiver – YWCA Literacy Council ESL Adult Education Classes, Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer
- D. Memorandum of Understanding AFSCME Local 692, Council 31 (Paraprofessionals)
- E. Memorandum of Understanding AFSCME Local 1275, Council 31 (Bus)
- F. Memorandum of Understanding AFSCME Local 3210. Council 31 (Nutrition Services)
- G. Workers’ Compensation Settlement Agreement – Freedom of Information Log
- H. Freedom of Information Log

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

Yeas: Ms. Pearson, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Seigel, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Connor

Approved: 4-0-2

9. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. HR Organization Report & Addendum

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

A. H0001X-23 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

B. H0006X-23 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement through the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year which can be terminated early with successful completion of the ReFresh program and the suspension term be affirmed.

11. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

A. T0002-23

B. P0006-23

C. P0007-23

D. P0008-23

E. P0009-23

F. P0010-23

G. H0003-23

H. H0004-23

I. H0005-23

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

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Seigel, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson

Absent: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Connor

Approved: 4-0-2

12. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

There were no action steps.

13. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 7:57 p.m.

Approved: 10-25-22

President: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

Secretary: *June Stanford /s/*