

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, October 25, 2022

President Jude Makulec called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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: 6-0-0

The Board was in executive session from 5:03 p.m. to 6:51 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 7:00 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Denise Pearson (arr. 7:03), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: None
Mrs. Makulec 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. Recognitions
 - A. Recognitions
The following students were recognized for their accomplishments.
Auburn High School Students Alexander Crowell, Ruth Mathew, and Sinecio Morales are semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship. Sinecio also earned a perfect score on the ACT exam, 36. Auburn High School student Jessica Perez-Ferman was appointed to the Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council. She also serves as vice president of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council. Guilford High School senior Kayla Sayyalinh finished second in the IHSA Class 2A girls golf state tournament. Thurgood Marshall School’s fifth grade soccer team were recognized for their championship for the Rockford Elementary Soccer League.
 3. Petitions & Communications

Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines

 - Harlan Johnson spoke of radical equity.
 - Justin Saichek spoke in opposition to resource officers in schools
 - Flossie Hoarde spoke of physical conditions at Auburn High School
 - Sky Gia Garcia spoke in opposition to resource officers in schools.
 - Ricky Naylor spoke in opposition to how the District operates.
 - Terry Gano spoke of diversifying the teacher workforce and its importance to minority students.
 - Tyler Krieter spoke in opposition to resource officers.
 - Christina Tobler spoke of removing fish from school lunch menus as she is very allergic to it.
 - Joe Lesner spoke in opposition to schools being open on Veteran’s Day.

4. Board Member Comments

A. Board Member Comments

- Mr. Seigel thanked community members for speaking and would take their comments into consideration. He spoke of progress being made although it was not a quick process. Mr. Seigel acknowledged and recognized Ms. Tiana McCall, who was going to be sworn in as the new board member for Sub District C.
- Ms. Pearson thanked community members, expressed her appreciation for the comments, and that they are not going unheard. She repeated the safety of District children is number one and they deserve respect and dignity by adults and their peer. She spoke of matters that can and cannot be discussed publicly, only in closed sessions due to legal and confidentiality reasons; however, it does not mean there isn't an advocate for the students. She continued of the importance of understanding the process and continue to do things with dignity and respect. She addressed the need to respect others while they speak and that being disrespectful is not productive. She spoke of the need for everyone to work together.

5. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Superintendent's Student Advisory Representative Andrea Vazquez. She began by thanking the Board and spoke of her appreciate for their work. She has been a student at Rockford Public Schools, first at Barbour, then Jefferson. She spoke of the difficult transition to high school as she had to make new friends and adapt to a new school environment. She spoke of a student not attending school due to bullying. Although she hasn't notice bullying in school for a while, she stated there is cyber bullying. Some kids don't want to attend school as they are tired, and some have been working since they were 15, to help their parents in need. With the student supported EBT program, local families benefit including hers. As a student, she spoke that parents need to be there for their kids; who they hang out with, asking how the school was, being their friend, and having those limits to teach them as they are growing up. She spoke of the many resources provided to the schools and to the District; however, many families do not know where to look for them and how to ask.

B. Principal Appreciation Week – October 16, 2022 – October 22, 2022

Dr. Jarrett entered into the record a proclamation on behalf of the State of Illinois respecting citing the great work of principals, and it being a celebration of Principal Appreciation Week.

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

A. *Board Policy 7.30 Students; Residence

Motion by Mr. Rollins second by Mr. Connor to **approve** item 6A, Board Policy 7.30 Students; Residence

Approved: Unanimously

7. *Consent Agenda – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Order

D. Air Travel

E. Financial Results: September 2022 – Ms. Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

F. Monthly Cash and Investment Report – September 2022 – Jamie Murray, CPA, Executive Director of Finance

G. Construction Pay Request Log

H. RPS Managed Work Change Order

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J. IFB 23-05 Roofing Maintenance and Repair

K. IFB 23-19 Sterling Holley Garage Renovations

L. IFB 23-21 Barbour School Roof Replacement

M. IFB 23-22 Door Replacement at Kennedy & Haskell Schools

N. IFB 23-25 Tennis Court Resurfacing at Guilford and Auburn High Schools – Rebid

O. ~~IFB 23-28 Asbestos Abatement at Lathrop, Spring Creek, Bloom & Guilford Schools~~ – pulled by Mr. Seigel

P. Recurring Contracts, Cintas Uniform Rental – Wilson Bailey, Director of Facilities

Q. Addendum to Youth Services Network Agreement

8. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

- A. Meeting Minutes: 10-18-2022 Special Board Meeting, 10-11-2022, 10-01-22 Board Retreat
- B. Contract Purchase Orders
- C. ~~IASB Resolutions~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor
- D. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement - JW
- E. Freedom of Information Log

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** Consent item pulled, 70, IFB 23-18 Asbestos Abatement at Lathrop, Spring Creek, Bloom & Guilford Schools.

Administration was asked number of buildings remaining for asbestos abatement. There are several older buildings with flooring and/or piping insulation joints that still have a form of asbestos. The abatement for this bid is addressing some flooring and pipe insulation. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** Consent item pulled 8C, IASB Resolutions.

The recommendation is to support and adopt the Illinois Association of School Boards' position on the proposed resolution. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.

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

Nays: Mr. Connor

Approved: 5-0-1

9. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. ~~Appointment of Megan McNeill as 12-Month, Staff Attorney assigned to the Legal Department~~ – Pulled by Administration
- B. HR Organization Report & Addendum

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

- A. H0007X-23 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year which can be terminated early upon the successful completion of the ReFresh program.
- B. ~~H0008X-23 – expelled for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
- C. ~~H0009X-23 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.~~ – pulled by Ms. Pearson
- D. H0010X-23 – expelled for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

11. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs

- A. B0001-23
- B. D0002-23
- C. P0011-23
- D. P0012-23
- E. P0013-23
- F. P0014-23
- G. P0015-23
- H. P0016-23
- I. P0017-23
- J. P0018-23
- K. P0019-23
- L. P0020-23
- M. P0021-23
- N. P0022-23
- O. P0023-23
- P. T0003-23

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled, 10B, H0008X-23 and 10C, H0009X-23.

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

Nays: Ms. Pearson

Approved: 5-0-1

12. *New Board Member Oath of Office

A. Sub District C Selection and Administration of Oath of Office to New Board Member – Mrs. Makulec

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. Pearson to **approve** Sub District C Selection and Administration of Oath of Office to Ms. Tiana McCall.

Mrs. Makulec administered the Oath of Office to Ms. McCall, who was then seated at the Board table.

Ms. McCall thanked Board members and vowed to do her best and be a great advocate for her sub district.

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

There were no action steps.

14. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:04 p.m.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: