

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

President Jude Makulec called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Present: President Jude Makulec, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Tiana McCall (arr. 5:13 p.m.) Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor

Absent: Ms. Denise Pearson

Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Connor 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: 6-0-1

The Board was in executive session from 5:03 p.m. to 6:44 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. Tiana McCall, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: Ms. Pearson
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 Saidi Ishmail from East 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. Flinn Falcon Time – Flinn Middle School
Mr. Cory Shrank presented they program, Flinn Falcon Time to Board members. This is a daily opportunity to connect with students and build relationships. Daily lessons are geared toward “All About Myself, All About School, and All About Relationships.” Ongoing teacher professional development is focused on outcomes, opportunities to provide feedback on the framework and system, and a commitment from the team to support Falcon Time for at least two years. The goals are: an increase in a sense of belonging for students and staff, an increase in daily attendance, a decrease in discipline referrals, and an increase in academic achievement. Success criteria included reduction in office discipline referrals, increase in sense of belong, increase in academic achievement, on-track, and goal setting for students/groups. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [Flinn Falcon Time](#).
 3. Petitions & Communications

Mrs. Makulec read the guidelines

 - Ricky Naylor spoke of his dissatisfaction with District leadership.
 - Mel Champion thanked members for their service and her frustration with e-mails not being answered.
 - DuWayne Peters spoke of bullying being allowed at his daughter’s school and of his frustration with the District.
 - Kathie Mattison spoke of the importance of AP and Dual Credit courses for students of color.
 4. Board Member Comments
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 - Mr. Connor spoke of Veterans’ Day on November 11, 2022, and thanked veterans for their service, including Mr. Rollins, Mr. Dotson, Jr., and Mr. Barthel.

- Mr. Rollins spoke of the Illinois State Report card and comparisons of Rockford Public Schools with the Peoria school district. He also commented on universal testing of kindergartners and nonverbal testing which the District has done for a decade.
- Mrs. Makulec spoke of the opportunity to donate to Rockford Promise via Amazon Prime. She also requested Communications to send the opportunity to parents.

5. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Dr. Psaltis and Mrs. Brenner

B. International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program Candidate School Update – Heather Psaltis

Dr. Psaltis and Mrs. Brenner presented the update. The choice of Conklin Elementary School for the International Baccalaureate Program (IB). The school currently has the TBE (Transitional Bilingual Education) program, as IB offers world language and global studies focus. Seats will be offered in year one to current Conklin families as opt in. Estimated costs for planning and start up are \$276,000 that include principal cost, \$120,000, planning/curriculum stipend, \$80,000, staff training pay for summer, \$25,000, application/affiliation fees, \$13,500, professional development, \$35,000, and marketing outreach \$2,500. Costs for 2024 include staff training \$25,000 and professional development, \$25,000. 2025 estimated costs are \$25,000 for professional development. International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) fees for year one are: application fee \$4,000, candidate school fee \$9,500, making the Primary Years Programme (PYP) happen \$12,600, Leading the Learning (AP/Coordinator) \$1,110, Learning the Learning (MS/HS Admin), \$1,110, and Head of School training (Principal), \$2,540. Current work and next steps were reviewed. Parent informational meetings will take place at Conklin, McIntosh, Welsh, and West View. The application window for Conklin families opens November 18, 2022. Seat confirmation letters will be sent to Conklin families November 19, 2022. Internal job postings for IB school positions will be available to Conklin staff on November 28, 2022, with Conklin IB staffing decisions/determination deadline December 7, 2022. The contract for IBO and the IB MOU will be presented at the December 13, 2022, regular meeting. To view the presentation, please click on this link: [IB Primary Years Program Candidate School Update](#).

6. Report and *Action on items that Proceeded through the Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. *Fiscal Year (FY)2022 Audited Financial Statements – Jamie Murray/Baker Tilly

Motion by Mr. Connor second by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 6A, Fiscal Year (FY)2022 Audited Financial Statements.

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

Absent: Ms. Pearson

Approved: 6-0-1

7. *Consent Agenda – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Order

D. Air Travel

E. Construction Pay Request Log

F. IFB 23-04 Kenney M.S. Pointing & Repairs

G. IFB 23-06 Pest Control Services

H. ~~IFB 23-14 HVAC Upgrades at Johnson, Conklin, Froberg, Auburn, West View, and Fairview Schools~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

I. IFB 23-33 Advanced Network Clock/PA Installation

J. Resolution Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 (Qualified School Construction Bonds)

K. Digital Resource – Panorama Behavior Analytics

L. ~~Additional Licenses TITAN Nutrition Services Software – Colleen Koehler, Executive Director of Nutrition Services~~

M. Recurring Contract – RSP Associates Annual Enrollment Analysis, Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer

N. Engineering Services Contract Amendment – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer

- O. Donation Acceptance – Our Savior’s Lutheran Church (Outside Classroom Johnson) – Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Johnson Elementary – Pulled by Administration
- P. Memorandum of Understanding – RPS205 and Special Olympics Illinois Unified Champion
- Q. Independent Speech Language Contractor
- 8. *Consent Items – Planning Committee
 - A. Boys and Girls Club ARP/ESSER
 - B. The Music Academy ARP/ESSER
 - C. Rob & Rocky Consulting, LLC – ARP/ESSER
- 9. *Consent Items – Governance Committee
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 10-25-22
 - B. Contract Purchase Orders
 - C. ~~Rockford FIRE Invitational Track Meet (Rockford Park District) – Fee Waiver – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer~~ – pulled by Administration
 - D. Freedom of Information Log

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. McCall to **approve** Consent Items not pulled.
Yeas: Ms. McCall, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins
Absent: Ms. Pearson
Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Consent item pulled, 7H IFB 23-14 HVAC Upgrades at Johnson, Conklin, Froberg, Auburn, West View, and Fairview Schools
Administration asked for clarification for the HVAC upgrade at Auburn. The previous Facilities Plan included upgrades of the Univents at Auburn and Guilford high schools. Discussion from that time included adding air conditioning at both schools at a lower cost than the bid. Infrastructure needs to be installed. Mr. Phillips will follow up with air conditioning costs from the previous Facilities Plan. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.
Yeas: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Ms. McCall
Absent: Ms. Pearson
Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent item pulled 7L, Additional Licenses – TITAN Nutrition Services Software.
Comments included the high amount of sodium, sugar, and calories for food items. Nutrition and calories can be viewed on TITAN by clicking on the items. Recommendations included adding more protein items for students and increasing the quality of the food. Mrs. Makulec called for the vote.
Yeas: Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Ms. Stanford, Mr. Rollins, Ms. McCall, Mrs. Makulec
Nays: Ms. Pearson
Approved: 6-0-1
- 10. *Closed Session Consent Items
 - A. Appointment Dianny Sobojinski as 12 Month, Life Safety Engineer/Architect assigned to Operations
 - B. HR Organization Report & Addendum
- 11. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – Suspension Appeals and Expulsions
 - A. H0012X-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.
 - B. H0013X-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.
 - C. H0014X-23 is expelled for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.
 - D. H0015X-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.
- 12. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline – EIAs
 - A. B0003-23
 - B. B0004-23
 - C. D0002-23

- D. G0018-23
- E. H0011-23
- F. P0024-23
- G. P0025-23
- H. P0026-23
- I. P0027-23
- J. P0028-23
- K. P0029-23
- L. T0004-23
- M. T0005-23
- N. T0006-23

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

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

Absent: Ms. Pearson

Approved: 6-0-1

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

- Mr. Phillips will provide air conditioning comparisons from the previous Facilities Plan.
- Ms. Koehler will provide a balanced discussion regarding nutrition
- The TITAN link will be sent to Board Members
- Communications was requested to send out information of donating to Rockford Promise via Amazon Prime

Mrs. Makulec thanked Board members as November 15 is National School Board Member Day

14. Adjournment

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

Adjournment: 8:31 p.m.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: