

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

**Rockford Public Schools, District 205  
501 7th Street  
Third Floor Board Room  
Rockford, IL 61104  
Saturday, June 10, 2023**

**The Board Member Retreat was called to order at 7:52 a.m.**

Present: President Denise Pearson Vice President Tiana McCall (arr. 7:57 a.m.), Secretary June Stanford, Ms. Nicole Bennett, Ms. Kimberly Haley (arr. 7:52 a.m.), Mr. Grant Schubert, Mr. Paul Carpenter

Absent: None

Administration: Superintendent Dr. Ehren Jarrett, Chief Human Resources Officer Matthew Zediker, Chief Information Officer Jason Barthel, Chief Communications Officer Earl Dotson, Jr., Chief Financial Officer Dr. Gregory Brown, Chief Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer Dr. Antoine Reed, Executive Director of Academics Mrs. Heidi Dettman, Chief of Schools Mr. Morgan Gallagher, Chief Operations Office Mr. Michael Phillips, General Counsel Atty. Lori Hoadley, Board Coordinator Ms. Laura Fromm

1. Board Committee Structure 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.
  - A. Why is there a Board Committee Structure?
  - B. Today's Objectives:
  - C. Opening Comments from Board President Pearson

Dr. Jarrett opened the meeting explaining the committee structures and the morning's objectives. President Pearson made opening remarks welcoming everyone to the session.

2. Committee Work Sessions 8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
  - A. Planning: Chair and Staff Liaisons
  - B. Performance Monitoring: Chair and Staff Liaisons
  - C. Stakeholders: Chair and Staff Liaisons
  - D. Governance: Chair and Staff Liaisons

Each committee broke into separate work session to review their items. They reconvened to present their work.

3. Report Out Committee Work Sessions 9:00 – 10:45 a.m.
  - A. Planning Committee
  - B. Performance and Monitoring
  - C. Stakeholders
  - D. Governance Committee

Planning Committee reviewed their goals, calendar, and committee evaluation. To view the documents, please click on this link: [Planning Committee](#). Performance and Monitoring and Stakeholders reviewed their work with members. To view the documents, please click on these links: [Performance & Monitoring](#), and [Stakeholders](#).

Dr. Jarrett and President Pearson reviewed the Governance Committee. An alternative meeting schedule was discussed with members. The proposal is for the Board to meet as a Committee of the Whole as it is currently scheduled and change from two board meetings to one board meeting each month. Currently regular board meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth

Tuesday of every month, except for July and December. Due to high school graduations in 2023, the regular board meeting will only take place on the fourth Tuesday of June 2023. Discussion included changing the Petitions & Communications speaking time from 2:00 minutes to 3:00 minutes. Concerns and discussion continued. The proposals will be brought to the July 11 Committee of the Whole, and request for approval on July 18, 2023. To view the documents please click on this link: [Governance Committee](#).

4. Meeting Wrap-Up – 10:45 – 11:00 a.m.
5. Petitions & Communications (Limited to 30 minutes)  
There were no speakers.
6. Adjournment  
Motion by Ms. McCall seconded by Mr. Carpenter to adjourn.  
Adjourned 11:01 a.m.

Approved: