

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

**Administration Building
Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

President Denise Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: President Denise Pearson, Vice President Ms. Tiana McCall, Ms. Nicole Bennett, Mr. Paul Carpenter, Ms. Kimberly Haley (arr. 5:05p.m.), and Secretary June Stanford

Absent: Mr. Grant Schubert

Motion by Ms. McCall seconded by Mr. Carpenter 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 5:02 p.m. to 6:44 p.m.

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1. Call to Order – President Denise Pearson called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:10 p.m.
 - A. Roll Call
Present: President Denise Pearson, Vice President Ms. Tiana McCall, Ms. Nicole Bennett, Mr. Paul Carpenter, Ms. Kimberly Haley, and Secretary June Stanford
Absent: Mr. Grant Schubert
Ms. Pearson thanked Kim Pedersen who produces the Board’s broadcast on Channel 20, and YouTube Live.
 - 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
Ms. Pearson read the guidelines.
 - Ricky Naylor spoke of his dissatisfaction with the Administration and Board.
 - John Tac Brantlee spoke of his meeting with Dr. Reed and working with kids.
 3. Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Performance Committee.
 - A. *RFQ 23-56 Planning Consultant – Facilities Master Plan – Michael Phillips, Chief Operations Officer
Motion by Ms. Stanford by Ms. McCall to **approve** RFQ 23-56 Planning Consultant – Facilities Master Plan.
Yeas: Ms. Pearson, Ms. McCall, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Haley, Ms. Stanford
Absent: Mr. Schubert
Approved: 6-0-1
 - B. *MOU with Blackhawk Technical College
Motion by Ms. Bennett seconded by Ms. Haley to **approve** MOU with Blackhawk Technical College.
Yeas: Ms. McCall, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Carpenters, Ms. Haley, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson
Absent: Mr. Schubert
Approved: 6-0-1
 4. Board President’s Announcements and Report and *Action on Items that Proceeded through the Governance Committee
 - A. *Schedule of Regular Meetings of the Board of Education
Motion by Ms. Haley seconded by Mr. Carpenter to **approve** Schedule of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.
Yeas: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Haley, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson, Ms. McCall
Absent: Mr. Schubert

Approved: 6-0-1

B. *Board Policy 2.230 Board of Education: Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings

Motion by Ms. Bennet seconded by Ms. McCall to **approve** Board Policy 2.230 Board of Education: Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings.

Yeas: Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Haley, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson, Ms. McCall, Ms. Bennett

Absent: Mr. Schubert

Approved: 6-0-1

C. *Mission State Proposed Change – Board President Pearson

Motion by Ms. Bennett seconded by Mr. Carpenter to **approve** Mission Statement Change.

Yeas: Ms. Haley, Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson, Ms. McCall, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Carpenter

Absent: Mr. Schubert

Approved: 6-0-1

5. *Consent Agenda – Performance and Monitoring Committee

A. Payroll

B. Accounts Payable

C. Purchase Orders (FY23 & FY24)

D. Contract Purchase Orders (FY23 & FY24)

E. Air Travel

F. Construction Pay Request Log

G. ESSER-RPS Managed Change Order Log

H. IFB 24-01 Asbestos Abatement at Auburn & Guilford – SMARTboards Project

I. Active Internet Technologies – Earl Dotson, Jr.

J. Safe and Civil Schools – Morgan Gallagher, Chief of Schools

K. Northern Illinois University – Principal Cohort 4 – Dr. Morgan Gallagher, Chief of Schools

L. Consolidated Contracts – Morgan Gallagher, Chief of Schools

M. KP Counseling – Dr. Morgan Gallagher on behalf of Whitehead Elementary School

N. First Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding between City of Rockford and Board of Education, Rockford Public Schools, District of No. 205 Winnebago-Boone Counties, Illinois

O. Teacher Professional Learning – Cengage Addendum

P. Grouptrail

Q. Dual Credit/Articulated Credit Agreement with Rock Valley College

R. Senior Semester IGA with Rock Valley College

S. Roosevelt Manufacturing Donation

T. Panorama Addendum

U. Agape Therapies & Educational Services

V. Healthcare Staffing Professionals

W. Power School Extension

X. ~~Star Renaissance at Juvenile Detention Center~~ – pulled by Administration.

Y. Nearpod Contract Renewal

6. *Consent Items – Planning Committee

A. NIA SUB Region II Ballot

7. *Consent Items – Governance Committee

A. Meeting Minutes: 06-27-23

B. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement

C. Freedom of Information Long

Motion by Ms. McCall seconded by Ms. Stanford to **approve** Consent items not pulled.

Yeas: Ms. Stanford, Ms. Pearson, Ms. McCall, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Haley

Absent: Mr. Schubert

Approved: 6-0-1

8. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Nikisha Johnson as 10-Month Elementary Assistant Principal assigned to Bloom.

- B. Appointment of Prentiss Ragland as 10 Month Middle School Dean Assigned to West – NIU Cohort 2025
- C. Appointment of Andrew Wimberly as 10-Month Elementary Dean assigned to Ellis – NIU Cohort 25
- D. Appointment of Ayla Peczkowski as 12 Month Principal K-5, assigned to Johnson Elementary School.
- E. HR Report & Addendum

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

- A. B0034X-23
- B. D0023X-23
- C. H0157X-23
- D. H0158X-23
- E. H0159X-23
- F. H0161X-23
- G. H-162X23
- H. H0163X-23
- I. P0191X-23
- J. P0192X-23

10. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline (EIAs)

- A. B00232-23
- B. D0021-23
- C. D0022-23
- D. H0154-12
- E. H0155-23
- F. H0156-23
- G. H0160-23
- H. H0164-23
- I. P0173-23
- J. P0175-23
- K. P0174-23
- L. P0176-23
- M. P0177-23
- N. P0178-23
- O. P0179-23
- P. P0180-12
- Q. P0181-23
- R. P0182-23
- S. P0183-23
- T. P0194-23
- U. P0185-23
- V. P0186-23
- W. P0188-23
- X. P0189-23
- Y. ~~P0190-23~~ – pulled by Mr. Carpenter

Motion by Ms. Haley seconded by Ms. Stanford to **approve** Closed Session Consent items not pulled.

Yeas: Ms. Pearson, Ms. McCall, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Haley, Ms. Stanford

Absent: Mr. Schubert

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Ms. Stanford seconded by Ms. Bennet to **approve** Closed Session Consent item pulled, 10Y, P0190-23.

Yeas: Ms. McCall, Ms. Haley, Ms. Stanford

Nays: Ms. Bennett, Mr. Carpenter, Ms. Pearson

Motion failed: 3-3-1

11. Superintendent's Update

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett welcomed Rockford Education Association (REA) President Claudia Marshall, and REA Vice President Christine Nash, thanking them for attending the meeting. He gave a quick shout-out to Board members for attending the Golden Apple Foundation event, also thanking them for their community outreach. The District won the "Tip Jar" competition. Dr. Jarrett also spoke of working with each member, then collectively for Superintendent Targets for the 2023-2024 school year. He has asked cabinet members for core area focus. The proposal for a starting base is improving student attendance, specifically chronic truancy. Improvements have been made but there is more work to be done.

12. Board Member Comments

- Ms. Bennett gave a shout-out to Administration for the quick responses received, information, and extra support by individuals taking time to meet with Board members.
- Ms. Pearson thanked the Board for supporting the fund raiser event. She also shared feedback received from community members, appreciation of the new Board members and their efforts, and their responses to concerns. Ms. Pearson explained the Board has two employees: Dr. Jarrett and Attorney Hoadley. She reminded community members that superintendents in any school district have the right to build their team, which is how the District works. Ms. Pearson congratulated Ms. Gilg, a teacher at Whitehead, for earning her master's degree in three months.
- Mr. Carpenter thanked Administration and Cabinet members for their work at the Golden Apple fundraiser.
- Ms. McCall acknowledged students excelling in their sports during the summer. Guilford student Jordan Hanserd played softball over the summer, her team won the championship and she the National MVP. She also spoke of several girls wrestling teams that have excelled in their sport in the past week.

13. Other Business/New Business Agenda Recommendations

- Ms. Bennett had an action item regarding the teen dating violence policy. This will be in the Superintendent's Update on July 28, 2023.
 - Ms. Pearson spoke of reviewing Board policies and will be speaking to Dr. Jarrett and Attorney Hoadley.
- Motion** by Ms. McCall seconded by Ms. Stanford to adjourn.

Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.

Approved:

President:

Secretary: