

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday April 30, 2013

The special meeting of the Rockford Board of Education was called to order by President Harmon Mitchell at 5:07 p.m.

Present: President Harmon Mitchell, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson (arr. 5:09 p.m.), Ms. Ronnell Moore (arr. 5:11 p.m.), Mr. Kenneth Scrivano, Mr. Tim Rollins, Mrs. Laura Powers (arr. 5:09 p.m.)
Absent: None

Motion by Mrs. Makulec seconded by Mr. Scrivano that the Board **hold** an executive session to consider the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; 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 5:08 p.m. until 6:24 p.m.

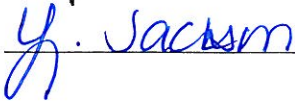
1. Call to Order – President Harmon Mitchell called the special meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:04p.m.
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present: President Harmon Mitchell, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson, Mr. Kenneth Scrivano, Mr. Tim Rollins, Ms. Ronnell Moore, Mrs. Laura Powers
Absent: None
Mr. Mitchell introduced Auburn High School Media Class students: Audra Lewis, Marie Stravinskias, Dreamas McCoy, Stephan Hahlen, and Andrew Kimball, who work with District staff to operate the broadcasting equipment.
4. Petitions & Communications
 - Dawn Granath - thanked outgoing Board Members Ms. Ronnell Moore and Mr. Harmon Mitchell for their service and welcomed new members Michael Connor and Michael Harner.
5. Board Member Comments
Mr. Rollins thanked Ms. Moore and Mr. Mitchell for their service and highlighted the Board's accomplishments over the past two years.
 - Facilities Update Plan, including funding identification
 - Referendum Passed for Facility Update
 - Successful Teacher Negotiations – 4 year contract
 - Better Budgeting – decreasing budget variance
 - Expansion of Early Childhood
 - Addressing of Fine Arts – identifying problems and working to solve them
 - Montessori and Gifted Programs expanded
 - Addition of Seven Period Day
 - Redesign of high schools to career themed academies
 - Expansion of alternative education activities
 - Purchase of new Administration Building
 - Succession plan for superintendent
 - Expansion of programs
 - Lower taxes - \$.58 levy

6. Organization of the Board
- A. Administration of Oath of Office to New Board Members
Mr. Mitchell administered the oath of office to elected members. Ms. Lisa Jackson (sub-district A), Mr. Tim Rollins (sub-district B), Mr. Kenneth J. Scrivano (sub-district C), Mrs. Makulec (sub-district D), Mr. Michael Harner (sub-district E), Mr. Michael Connor (sub-district F), and Mrs. Laura Powers (sub-district G) were sworn in as members of the Board.
- B. Recognition of Retiring Board Members
*Ms. Moore and Mr. Mitchell were presented plaques by Mrs. Makulec in recognition of their service to the Board. Each made parting statements to community and Board members.
Dr. Willis spoke of how the Board was able to move boldly, which is unusual in one the size of District 205; and how this Board has been an asset to the community. As a result of Mr. Mitchell's leadership, Rockford schools are better today than they were two years ago. Dr. Willis thanked Ms. Moore for her service and Mr. Mitchell for his leadership.*
- C. Adjournment Sine Die
Motion: by Mr. Connors seconded by Mr. Rollins that the board **adjourn** sine die.
Approved on voice vote
- D. Selection of President Pro Tempore
Motion: by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Scrivano that the board **approve** Mrs. Jude Makulec as President Pro Tempore.
Approved: unanimously
- E. Election of Board President - Mr. Rollins nominated Mr. Scrivano.
Yeas: Ms. Jackson, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Harner, Mr. Connor
Abstain: Mrs. Powers
Approved: 6-0-1
Mr. Scrivano was congratulated and took his seat as Board President.
- F. Election of Board Vice President – Mr. Rollins nominated Mrs. Makulec.
Motion: by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **close** nominations for Vice President of the Board.
Yeas: Ms. Jackson, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Harner, Mr. Connor
Abstain: Mrs. Powers
Approved: 6-0-1
Mrs. Makulec was congratulated and took her seat as Board Vice President.
- G. Election of Secretary – Mr. Rollins nominated Ms. Jackson.
Motion: by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to **close** nomination for Board Secretary.
Yeas: Ms. Jackson, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Harner, Mr. Connor
Abstain: Mrs. Powers
Approved: 6-0-1
Ms. Jackson was congratulated and took her seat as Board Secretary
- H. Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates and Place
Motion: by Mr. Harner seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates and Place. Discussion centered on the March 25, 2014 meeting date, as it takes place during Spring Break.
Motion: by Mrs. Powers seconded by Mr. Rollins to **amend** Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates and Place, changing the March 25, 2014 to April 1, 2014.
*Mr. Scrivano called for the vote on the **motion to amend** Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates and Place.
Approved: unanimously.
Mr. Scrivano called for the vote to **approve** the Regular Meeting Dates and Place as **amended**.
Approved: unanimously.
Ms. Jackson inquired when committee assignments would take place. Mr. Scrivano assured members they would meet within the week for the discussion.
Ms. Powers abstained from voting for Board officers as she had hoped there would be discussion of these roles with fellow members before the actual nominations took place.*

7. Adjournment
Motion by Ms. Jackson seconded by Mrs. Makulec to adjourn.
Approved on a voice vote.

Board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

President: 

Secretary: 

Approved:

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