

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

**BOARD
APPROVED**

MAY 14 2013

Rockford Public Schools

**Swedish American Hospital
1401 East State Street
Fourth Floor Board Room
Rockford, IL 61104
Saturday, May 4, 2013**

- I. Call to Order – *President Kenneth J. Scrivano called the special meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 8:37 a.m.*
- II. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Michael Harner, Mr. Tim Rollins, Mrs. Laura Powers
Absent: None
Mrs. Donnette Nailor, Regional Office of Education, facilitated the Special Board meeting.
- III. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Petitions and Communications – *the guidelines were read by Mr. Scrivano*
None.
- V. Review of Core Values
The Core Values were reviewed and adopted as follows:
 - a. *Build integrity and trust through open, respectful and honest communication.*
 - b. *Create a service culture of commitment and accountability to all we serve.*
 - c. *Incorporate and execute diversity in all practices.*
 - d. *Demand financial accountability and good stewardship of all resources.*
 - e. *Maximize the opportunity for:*
 - i. *Each student to reach his or her potential*
 - ii. *Staff professional engagement, development and growth for student achievement*
 - iii. *Parents to be active partners in their children's education*
 - iv. *The entire community to support and be involved in education*
 - f. *Maintain operational effectiveness processes for improvement in all departments and schools.*
- VI. Review of Mission and Vision
The Mission and Vision were reviewed and adopted as follows:
 - a. *Mission: We serve the community through educational opportunities that prepare all of our students for their future success.*
 - b. *Vision: With support of parents, staff and the entire community, all students will be prepared for college, for a career and for life.*
- VII. Review of Priorities
The Priorities were discussed as follows:
 1. *Develop and execute a plan for recruiting, developing and retaining diverse talent.*
 2. *Execute the facilities plan.*
 3. *Address safety in all schools.*
 4. *Develop and implement a plan for improving IT in the school system.*
 5. *Develop and implement a targeted multi-year improvement plan focused on Middle Schools.*
 6. *Develop a process plan to address benchmarks for "soft" (employability, 21st century, non-cognitive behavior) skills.*
 7. *Develop a plan to address the 5 Readiness Rocks with an emphasis on "Preschool for All" and "College for All" Rocks.*

VIII. Review of Recommendations from Board Self-Evaluation

This will be discussed in Executive Session at the regular May 14, 2013 Board meeting.

IX. Discussion of Committees

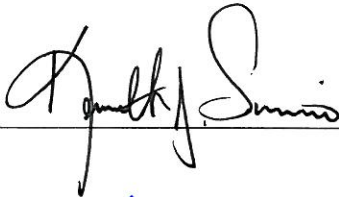
Mr. Scrivano appointed Mrs. Makulec as Chairman of the Education Committee. Mr. Scrivano appointed Mr. Harner and Mrs. Powers to the Education Committee.


Mr. Scrivano appointed Mr. Rollins as Chairman of the Operations Committee. Mr. Scrivano appointed Mr. Connor and Ms. Jackson to the Operations Committee.

*The next Board retreat will be scheduled either on July 21, 2013 or July 27, 2013. The Recording Secretary to the Board will poll members and they will respond **individually** their preference.*

X. Adjournment

Board adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

President:  _____

Secretary:  _____

Approved:

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