

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

Rockford Public Schools

**Administration Building
Superintendent's Conference Room
Tuesday, September 30, 2014**

The special meeting of the Rockford Board of Education was called to order by President Kenneth Scrivano at 5:04 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Mr. Tim Rollins, Dr. Michael Harner, Mr. Michael Connor, Mrs. Laura Powers (arr. 5:08 p.m.)

Absent: Secretary Lisa Jackson

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins that the Board **hold** an executive session to conduct a self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics in the presence of a representative of a statewide association of which the body is a member; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Approved: 5-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 5:05 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

- I. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the Special Meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 6:25 p.m.*
- II. Roll Call
Board Members:
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Mr. Michael Connor, Dr. Michael Harner, Mrs. Laura Powers
Absent: Secretary Lisa Jackson
- III. Petitions & Communications
There were no public speakers.
- IV. Discussion Items
 - A. Committee Structure
Mr. Scrivano opened up the floor for discussion of committee structure. Currently, there are two Ad-Hoc committees of the Board, Accountability and Community Input (CIC). In addition, there is one subcommittee, Budget and Finance, which currently does not have a chairperson.
Administrative Perspective
 - *Recommendation that discussion of Committee of a Whole wait until after the Strategic Plan is completed and tabled for this discussion. Conversation should focus on the Ad-Hoc and Sub-Committees.*
Discussion Points
 - *CIC and Accountability formed to engage community members, tap into expertise, and provide more transparency and involvement with the District.*
 - *Budget & Finance has added value to the District with conversations of revenue assumptions.*
 - *Accountability Committee members have brought concepts to the District such as value stream mapping.*
 - *CIC has engaged community members, most recently with the Facilities Plan community meetings.*
 - *The creation of a new strategic plan will help bring focus to all the Board committees.*
 - *The Accountability and Community Input committees need focus and direction from the Board. They also need to submit timely reports to Board members.*
 - *Administration raised concerns with the addition of another committee: staff support, reports, etc.*
 - *Purpose of Ad-Hoc committees is needed.*

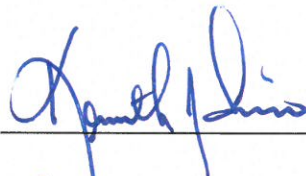
Extensive conversation continued regarding the roles of committees, if changes were needed now or should change take place once the Strategic Plan is complete and approved by the Board. Members and Administration also spoke that committees should reflect the function of the upcoming plan. Administration spoke of the value the Ad-Hoc committees have provided to the District. Functions started by those committees have become part of internalized methods used by Administration.

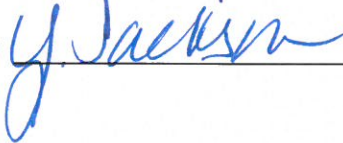
Mr. Scrivano announced to members that five community members have been chosen for the Facilities Oversight Committee. Dr. Harner will be the chairperson, and Mr. Connor will also serve on the committee. The appointments will come to the Board for a vote at the October 14, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. Board members reached consensus regarding the Accountability and Community Input committees. The committees will be on hiatus until the Strategic Plan is in place.

Motion by Mr. Connor to **adjourn**.

Approved: on voice vote

V. **Adjournment:** 7:42 p.m.

President: 

Secretary: 

Approved:
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