

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

BOARD
APPROVED
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Rockford Public Schools
Administration Building
Tuesday, August 25, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education was called to order by President Kenneth Scrivano at 5:30 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson (arr. 5:54 p.m.) Mr. Tim Rollins, Dr. Michael Harner, Mr. Michael Connor

Absent: None

(Note for the record: Mrs. Laura Powers resigned from the Board on August 18, 2015.)

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins that the Board **hold** an executive session to consider the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; the discipline of students; pending or imminent litigation; collective bargaining matters; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2 (c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Approved: 5-0-1

The Board was in executive session from 5:30 p.m. until 6:50 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson, Mr. Tim Rollins, Dr. Michael Harner, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: None
4. Petitions
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Allison Wang spoke of Board members with public e-mail addresses.
 - Reverend Anthony Grier spoke regarding the selection of a member for the Sub District G vacancy.
 - Prophet Yusef spoke of segregation and how it impacts students.
5. Board Member Comments
 - Ms. Jackson thanked Mrs. Powers for her service. Mrs. Powers genuinely cared for people and District issues, and worked to find resolutions. Ms. Jackson wished her the best in her future endeavors.
 - Mr. Scrivano thanked Mrs. Powers for the four years she served on the Board. She worked diligently and was a champion for public education in the community.
 - Mr. Rollins spoke of how he, Mrs. Powers and Mr. Scrivano were all part of the Class of 2011, as they were all elected that year. Mr. Rollins just participated in the IBB process with Mrs. Powers to a successful conclusion. He wished Mrs. Powers best wishes and thanked her for her service on the Board.
6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 8/11/15
 - B. Purchase Orders
 - C. Payroll
 - D. Accounts Payable
 - E. Contracts Under \$10,000
 - F. Travel
7. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. Circles of Learning, Inc. Collaboration Agreement – Kimberly Nelson, Executive Director of Early Childhood – pulled by Mr. Rollins
 - B. 21st CCLC – Dr. Travis Woulfe
 - C. 21st CCLC Contract: Burpee Museum of Natural History – Dr. Travis Woulfe
 - D. 21st CCLC Contracts: Discovery Center Museum – Dr. Travis Woulfe
 - E. 21st CCLC Grant Contracts: Rockford Park District – Dr. Travis Woulfe
 - F. 21st CCLC Grant Contract : YMCA of Rock River Valley – Dr. Travis Woulfe
 - G. Special Education Private and Residential Placement Contracts – Colleen Cyrus

- H. FY 16 Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) Contract – Colleen Cyrus
- I. Intervention Development, LLC – Vic Morris – Colleen Cyrus
- J. Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Speech Garden R.M. – Colleen Cyrus
- K. ~~KMK Media – Earl Dotson, Jr – pulled by Mr. Rollins~~

8. *Other Consent

- A. ~~REA Memoranda of Understanding~~ – pulled by Ms. Jackson
- B. Freedom of Information Log

9. *Closed Session Consent Items – pulled by Ms. Jackson

- A. HR Organizational Report & Addendum
- B. Appointment of John Rossato as 10 Month Dean
- C. Appointment of Cherice Fuller as 12 Month Director of Early Childhood Curriculum and Assessment
- D. Appointment of Dr. Heather Psaltis as 12 Month Director of Special Programs
- E. Appointment of Larry Goodrich as 10 Month Assistant Principal
- F. Appointment of Blake Hand as 10 Month Assistant Principal
- G. Appointment of Ellen Masters as 12 Month Special Education Administrator
- H. Appeal of Uniform Grievance Decision Pursuant to Board Policy 2.260 (NW)

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Open and Closed Session Consent items not pulled.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled 7A, Circles of Learning, Inc. Collaboration Agreement.

Yeas: Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Dr. Harner, Mr. Connor

Abstain: Ms. Jackson, Mr. Rollins

Approved: 4-0-2

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled 7K, KMK Media.

The contract is for continuing services. The fiscal impact is \$20,000 which is fifty percent (50%) less than FY 2014/2015.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Dr. Harner, Mr. Connor

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Abstain: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 4-1-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Other Consent item pulled 8A, REA Memoranda of Understanding.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Dr. Harner, Mr. Connor

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 5-1-0

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** Closed Session Consent Items pulled 9A – 9H, HR Organizational Report & Addendum, Appointment of John Rossato as 10 Month Dean, Appointment of Cherice Fuller as 12 Month Director of Early Childhood Curriculum and Assessment, Appointment of Dr. Heather Psaltis as 12 Month Director of Special Programs, Appointment of Larry Goodrich as 10 Month Assistant Principal, Appointment of Blake Hand as 10 Month Assistant Principal, Appointment of Ellen Masters as 12 Month Special Education Administrator, Appeal of Uniform Grievance Decision Pursuant to Board Policy 2.260 (NW).

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Dr. Harner, Mr. Connor

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 5-1-0

10. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

- A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jarrett thanked Mrs. Powers for her service on the Board, particularly for her time with Interest Based Bargaining. Her service will be greatly missed. The District had a good start to the school year; everyone from the District office was at the schools. Dr. Jarrett spoke of the ACT scores for the Class of 2016. The average score in 2011 was 17.8. It has increased to 18.5, which can be attributed to the significant increase in participation in the ACT Prep program. Approximately six-hundred students took part in the program that took place on Saturdays.

11. Committee Reports

- A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec

The Education Committee met Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Topics included a presentation of the Strategic Plan and a discussion of how the Administration will report progress. The goals and indicators will be divided between the Education and Operations committees. Two new committee members were introduced. Discussion included additional reports committee members would like to review. Members will continue working with the Student Code of Conduct.

The committee will meet September 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

B. Operations Committee – Mr. Rollins

The Operations Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The committee will meet Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Facilities Plan Oversight Committee – Dr. Harner

The Facilities Plan Oversight Committee met Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Agenda items included monthly reports that may be viewed on BoardDocs. Committee members discussed communication plans and the posters that are displayed in all of the schools. A dialogue was started regarding its report to the Board in December. Members reviewed a template and elements needed for the report. Facility closures were discussed. A more in depth discussion of this will take place at the September meeting. The committee will meet Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

12. *Action Items

A. Grant Thornton LLP – Actuarial and Benefits Consulting Services – Early Retirement Promises – Ms. MeriAnn Besonen

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Grant Thornton LLP – Actuarial and Benefits Consulting Services – Early Retirement Promises.

Approved: Unanimously

B. \$100,000 Governors' Fitness Councils Grant Acceptance – Dr. Travis Woulfe

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** the \$100,000 Governor's Fitness Councils Grant Acceptance.

Mr. Connor thanked all the governmental groups for helping the District with the grant.

Approved: Unanimously

Board members agreed to vote on the following three items with one motion and vote.

C. Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Cumberland – Colleen Cyrus

D. Certified Speech and Language Pathologists – McGraw – Colleen Cyrus

E. Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Soliant – C. Jordan – Colleen Cyrus

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Action items 12C – 12E, Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Cumberland, Certified Speech and Language Pathologists – McGraw, Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Soliant – C. Jordan.

Approved: Unanimously

13. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Board Policy 8.20 Community Relations; Community Use of School Facilities – Attorney Hoadley

The change has been requested by Board member Makulec to amend the policy to allow the Superintendent to review and waiver up to a certain dollar amount in facility rental fees each fiscal year. The Legal Department added the fiscal criterion used, which is the same as Contracts under \$10,000.

This will return for a vote at the 09/8/15 meeting.

B. Board Vacancy

Mr. Scrivano and Attorney Hoadley reviewed the procedure with Board members.

- The vacancy must be filled within 45 days
- The applications are available online
- Applications will be accepted until September 11, 2015

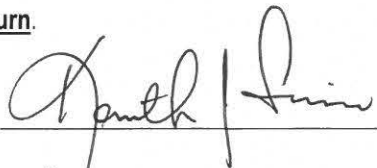
Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

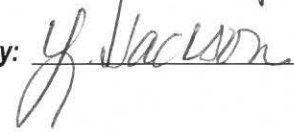
- US Citizen
- At least 18 years of age
- Registered voter
- Must reside in Illinois and in Sub District G for one year preceding the appointment

The appointment will be for the remainder of the term, which is through April 2017. The goal of the Board is to have this appointment made by the Regular Board meeting on September 22, 2015. The map for Sub District G is on the RPS 205 website. Interviews will be conducted the week of September 14, 2015. This will be an open meeting. Board members reached a consensus to hold the meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. An interview of all the applicants will take place. After the interview process, members will adjourn to Closed Session to make their decision. Mr. Scrivano will inform the applicants. The decision will be brought to the Board on September 22, 2015. Community members may submit questions to candidates on public comment cards.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Jackson seconded by Mr. Connor to **adjourn**.
Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

President: 

Secretary: 

Approved:

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