

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Rockford Public Schools

Administration Building
Tuesday, September 22, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education was called to order by President Kenneth Scrivano at 5:01p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec (arr. 5:03 p.m.), Secretary Lisa Jackson (arr. 5:26 p.m.) Mr. Tim Rollins, Dr. Michael Harner, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: None

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: 4-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 5:02 p.m. until 6:05 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:00 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
Mr. Scrivano introduced Jefferson High School Media students Jonathon Mandujano and Roddie Weddle, who work with District staff to operate the broadcasting equipment.
4. Recognitions
Mr. Dotson welcomed and recognized the new teachers, present for a reception held by Professional Development prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Scrivano wished them success, and formally welcomed them to the District.
A. 2016 National Merit Semifinalists – Earl Dotson, Jr.
Auburn High School seniors Muneeb Haroon and Cole Timmerwilke were named semifinalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among 16,000 students in the country. Students are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments and potential for success in demanding college studies. Finalists will be named in February 2016.
5. Petitions & Communications
There were no public speakers.
6. Board Member Comments
 - *Mr. Connor spoke of the Facilities crew response to the water damage at East High School. Mr. Connor toured the gym and the pool. He spoke highly of Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Kaplanes and the work they accomplished.*
7. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 09/08/15, 09/16/15 – Committee of the Whole
 - B. Purchase Orders
 - C. Payroll
 - D. Accounts Payable
 - E. Construction Bid Pay Request Log
 - F. Contracts Under \$10,000
 - G. Travel
8. *Bid Recommendations – pulled by Ms. Jackson
 - A. IFB 16-06 Boiler and Chiller Analysis Services
 - B. IFB 16-10 Flinn Middle School Window Replacement
 - C. IFB 16-11 General Grounds and Lawn Mowing Services
9. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) FY 16 ADA Assessment Fee – Ms. Colleen Cyrus
 - B. Certified Bilingual Special Education Teacher C.R. – Sunbelt – Ms. Colleen Cyrus

C. Hanover Research—Dr. Daniel Woestman, Chief Quality and Process Improvement Officer – pulled by Ms. Jackson

10. *Other Consent

- A. Annual Recognition of Schools – Dr. Daniel Woestman
- B. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement
- C. Workers' Compensation Settlement Agreement
- D. Freedom of Information Log

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Consent items not pulled.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Bid Recommendations pulled 8A – 8C, IFB 16-06 Boiler and Chiller Analysis Services, IFB 16-10 Flinn Middle School Window Replacement, IFB 16-11 General Grounds and Lawn Mowing Services.

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

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 5-1-0

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Recurring Contract pulled 9C, Hanover Research. *The contract terms are for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. The cost has increased \$1,200 from 2014/2015. The two research projects have not been identified. The District uses the library extensively on a regular basis. Part of the subscription is to continue access to it.*

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 5-1-0

11. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Appointment of Kimberly Ver Vooren as 10 Month Special Education Administrator
- B. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

12. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline – pulled by Ms. Jackson

Student Discipline in which all students are prohibited from being on school grounds and school-sponsored activities without the prior written permission of the principal.

- A. DSB 2 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the first trimester of the 2015/2016 school year.
- B. EMM 3 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year.
- C. BIM 4 – expelled for the first semester of the 2015/2016 school year.
- D. LLH 6 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the first and second trimester of the 2015/2016 school year.
- E. DNT 7 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the first trimester of the 2015/2016 school year.
- F. LF 8 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the first and second trimester of the 2015/2016 school year.
- G. DJP 9 – expelled for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year.

13. Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline – EIAs

- A. EIA – TB 1
- B. EIA – CP 10
- C. EIA – TJC 11
- D. EIA – CEJ 12
- E. EIA – TDS 13

Motion by Dr. Harner seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Closed Session Consent items not pulled.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** Closed Session Consent items pulled Student Discipline pulled 12A – 12G.

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

Abstain: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 5-0-1

14. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

- A. Superintendent's Report

The Academy Expo will take place October 15, 2015 and it promises to be a record breaking event. Board members interested in touring can contact him for tours. The Expo is a great learning day for the District's students. The "Those

Who Excel Awards" are on October 17th. Three staff members are being recognized. An additional upcoming event is the Alignment Institute on October 19-20. Approximately six communities will be attending to learn about alignment practices. High schools will be visited, and the redesign model will be reviewed. Ford Next Generation Learning will be making an announcement during that time period.

15. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec

(Dr. Harner gave the Education Committee Report)

The Education Committee met Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Agenda items included a presentation by Dr. Woestman of Strategy 5, Facilities and Technology, and Strategy 8: Monitor, Track & Report. Members provided feedback to the presentation. This will continue to be an ongoing process; team members will return to the committee on a regular basis to present additional data. The information may be viewed on by on BoardDocs by following this link:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/il/rps205/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=A27TH65E9F83>. The Education Committee will meet Tuesday, October 20, 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, October 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

C. Facilities Plan Oversight Committee – Dr. Harner

The Facilities Plan Oversight Committee met Tuesday, September 15, 2015. The standing reports were reviewed; all projects are progressing in a positive and timely direction. Many of the larger projects will be completed in the fall. These may be viewed on BoardDocs by following this link:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/il/rps205/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9TN5XD5A2E7B>. A draft of the report to the Board was reviewed. Discussion included facility closing process and options the District could use. In addition, there will be a special committee meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for additional work on the draft report. A proposal will be brought to the 10/13/15 Board meeting regarding building closures. The next regularly scheduled committee meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

16. *Action Items

A. Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Brooke Adams – Colleen Cyrus

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** item 16A, Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Brooke Adams.

Approved: Unanimously

B. Third Amendment to BMO Lease Agreement

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** item 16B, Third Amendment to BMO Lease Agreement.

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

Abstain: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 5-0-1

C. Sub District G Selection and Administration of Oath of Office to New Board Member - Mr. Scrivano

Motion by Mr. Scrivano seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** item 16C, Sub District G Selection and Administration of Oath of Office to Mr. Jaime Escobedo.

Approved: Unanimously

Mr. Scrivano administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Escobedo, who was then seated at the Board table.

17. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Special Education Private and Residential Facility – Clarinda Academy – Colleen Cyrus

This agreement is to meet the needs of a particular student. The facilities the District normally utilize do not meet the student's needs. The room and board will be reimbursed at 100% by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Out-of-State facilities are only used if those in Illinois do not meet the students' needs.

This will return for a vote at the October 13, 2015 meeting.

B. Revisions to Board Policy 2.40, Board Member Qualifications

C. Board Policy 4.55 – Operational Services – Use of Purchasing Cards

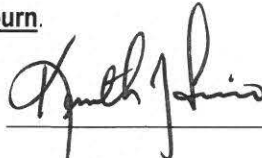
Attorney Hoadley presented the policies. Board Policy 4.55 sets guidelines for the use of District purchasing cards. The policy sets limits on the use of the cards, up to \$1,000 per single purchase.

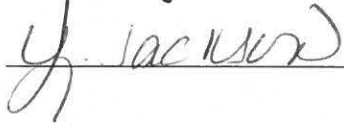
Revisions to Board Policy 2.40 were made at the request of Board President, Mr. Scrivano. This sets in place the same process used for District volunteers who could possibly have regular contact with students. The revisions also reflect the school code. Volunteers have to undergo a criminal background check, a check of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry, and the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry. The requested changes were suggested for appointed Board members versus elected ones. The added language is based on the Illinois School Code. Any comments regarding Board Policy 2.40 may be sent to Mr. Scrivano.

Board Policy 4.55 is a new policy for the District. The language was developed by the Finance and Legal departments and prompted by the previous year's (2014/2015) audit. The policy provides guidance to the District's employees and codifies it to the extent that it cannot change without Board approval. The policies will return for a vote at the October 13, 2015 meeting.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Jackson seconded by Mr. Connor to **adjourn**.
Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.

President: 

Secretary: 

Approved:

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