

The regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education was called to order by President Kenneth Scrivano at 5:03 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec (arrived 5:10 p.m.), Secretary Lisa Jackson, Mr. Tim Rollins, Mr. Michael Connor (arrived 5:05 p.m.), Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Absent: Dr. Michael Harner

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Escobedo 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: 4-0-3

The Board was in executive session from 5:03 p.m. until 6:22 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, Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Absent: None
Mr. Scrivano thanked Jefferson High School AV students Jonathon Mandujano and Rod Weddle for their assistance in running the cameras for the Board Meeting.
4. Petitions
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - *Mr. Robert Esmond, President of West Gateway Coalition spoke about the organization. They are establishing a scholarship fund and Community Foundation of Northern Illinois will match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000.*
 - *Mr. Jim Claeysen, Mayor of Cherry Valley, spoke about the possibility of having a new elementary school located on the southeast side of Winnebago County.*
5. Board Member Comments
 - *On behalf of the Board, Mr. Scrivano offered his condolences to Mr. Carl Armato and his family for the loss of their daughter.*
6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 11/10/15
 - B. Purchase Orders
 - C. Payroll
 - D. Accounts Payable
 - E. Construction Bid Pay Request Log
 - F. Travel
7. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. Insurance Plan Administrators Renewals – Mrs. Linda Lumpkin
 - B. Insurance Plan Administrator Update – Mrs. Linda Lumpkin
 - C. Certified Special Education Teacher – Sunbelt Staffing; R. Yaun – Ms. Colleen Cyrus
8. *Other Consent
 - A. Monthly Investment Report – October 2015 – Mrs. Meriann Besonen
 - B. Interest Transfer – October 2015 – Mrs. MeriAnn Besonen
 - C. Financial Results YTD – October 2015 – Mrs. Meriann Besonen
 - D. Freedom of Information Log

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Consent items.
Approved unanimously.
9. *Closed Session Consent Items – Pulled by Ms. Jackson

- A. Appointment of Amanda Jushka as 12 Month Administrator of Bilingual and Multi-Culture
 B. Appointment of Alla Harnish as 12 Month Administrator of Bilingual and Multi-Culture
 C. HR Organizational Report & Addendum
10. *Closed Session Consent Items For 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. JYG 4
 B. VDH 5
 C. ALP 10
 D. DMB 14
 E. THW 15
 F. LDD 16
 G. PRS-17 – Pulled by Administration
 H. DSL 18
 I. FNA 20
11. *Closed Session Consent Items - EIAs
 A. CRS 1
 B. GJB 2
 C. FC 3
 D. PSB 7
 E. ER 8
 F. GRCR 9
 G. JTG 11
 H. KMS 12
 I. JMJ 19
- Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve the Closed Session Consent Items not pulled.
Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo, Ms. Jackson
Abstain: Dr. Harner
Approved: 6-0-1
- Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Closed Session Consent Items pulled 9A. Appointment of Amanda Jushka as 12 Month Administrator of Bilingual and Multi-Culture; 9B. Appointment of Alla Harnish as 12 Month Administrator of Bilingual and Multi-Culture; 9C. HR Organizational Report & Addendum.
Yeas: Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo, Mr. Rollins
Abstain: Dr. Harner, Ms. Jackson
Approved: 5-0-2
- Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline pulled, 10A through 10I.
Yeas: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano
Nays: Ms. Jackson
Abstain: Dr. Harner
Approved: 5-1-1
12. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett
 A. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Jarrett thanked Dr. Harner and Mr. Connor, staff and community members for their work on the Facilities Plan Oversight Committee Report. Dr. Jarrett also acknowledged Sikich and the entire Budget and Finance Team on the audit which was a significant improvement. Mrs. Besonen introduced the auditor Ms. Carla Paschal. Dr. Jarrett also thanked her and the team for the outstanding work they did. Ms. Paschal highlighted some items in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and reviewed the Board Communication for the Board. The audit produced no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies this year. Ms. Paschal stated they would add a schedule in the financial statements to break out food service, grant and education funds.
13. Committee Reports
 A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec
The Education Committee met on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. The agenda included reviewing Strategies 1, 2 and 4 and a report of the special programs which include year-round Haskell, dual language, CAPA, Renaissance and Montessori programs. Committees will be formed to review these. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2015 at 5:30 pm.
 B. Operations Committee – Mr. Rollins

The Operations Committee has not met since the last Board Meeting. The December and January meetings have been cancelled and consolidated into a single meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

14. *Action Items

A. Water Connection Agreement Marsh School – Mr. Todd Schmidt

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** the Water Connection Agreement Marsh School.

Yeas: Dr. Harner, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano

Absent from the vote: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

(Board Members agreed to vote on items B, C, D, and F with one motion and one vote.)

B. Board Policy 2.250 Board of Education; Access to District's Public Records – Attorney Hoadley

C. Board Policy 4.130 Operational Services; Free and Reduced-Price Food Services

D. Board Policy 4.140 Operational Services; Waiver of Student Fees

E. ~~Board Policy 5.30 General Personnel; Hiring Process and Criteria~~ – Pulled by Ms. Jackson

F. Repeal Board Policy 8.80 Community Relations; Public Gifts to the District

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Action Items not pulled 14B. Board Policy 2.250 Board of Education; Access to District's Public Records, 14C. Board Policy 4.130 Operational Services; Free and Reduced-Price Food Services, 14D. Board Policy 4.140 Operational Services; Waiver of Student Fees and 14F. Repeal Board Policy 8.80 Community Relations; Public Gifts to the District

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo, Ms. Jackson, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Dr. Harner

Absent for the vote: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** Action Item pulled 14E. Board Policy 5.30 General Personnel; Hiring Process and Criteria

The nepotism policy is for direct supervisory relationships. An administrative procedure has been created with a form accompanying it that will go out to all the supervisors to identify any conflicts. Mr. Connor gave the District credit for having the transparency in recognition that this is a situation that can occur and thanked the Legal team for the work in updating these policies.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent for the vote: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-0-1

15. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Facilities Plan Oversight Committee Report – Dr. Harner and Mr. Connor

Dr. Harner and Mr. Connor acknowledged members of the committee and thanked Administration and Ragnar Benson for the reporting tools they created. Mrs. Makulec and the Facilities Task Force were thanked for the initial ground work. The timeline and funding were presented. The Committee finds it is financially feasible to move forward with the remainder of the planned program to include two new schools. The changes are about improvements in education and he has heard nothing but positive comments from the principals, teachers and parents because of the positive effect it has not only on the building, but on the children, the students and all those factors around education. Mr. Schmidt commented on the types of communications done at the individual buildings. Mr. Connor presented the guiding principles for the disposal of buildings which includes no negative impact on the neighborhood or community, is cost neutral, the process is transparent and the District does not want to be a landlord or owner of property not being used for school purposes.

Board Member Comments and Concerns:

- *A communications plan will be created.*
- *The Board will consider options building by building.*
- *Furniture will be funded from the General District Operating Funds.*
- *Concerns were raised for air-conditioned buildings. Currently, air-conditioning is in 40% of student occupied space and will be at 45% by the end of the plan.*
- *Comprehensive budget discussion was requested.*
- *The lack of a State budget.*
- *Administration is currently examining funding for:*
 - *Buses*
 - *IT refreshment plan*
 - *Middle school math books*
 - *Maintenance and capital refreshment plan*
 - *SMART Process and professional development*
 - *Resources for struggling schools*

- There are risks to any plan.
- Now is the time to invest in the community in areas that have been neglected.
- Funding sources and track record were discussed.
- A follow-up detailed report will be created for the Board.
- Board is aware of the priorities.
- State is funding public education at 92% plus an additional \$6 million.
- There is a State budget deficit with a possible resolution in January.

B. Facilities Plan Resolution – Mr. Todd Schmidt

- The resolution to approve the Facilities Plan as recommended by the Facilities Plan Oversight Committee.

This will return for a vote at the December 8, 2015 meeting.

C. Contract Agreement – Mark Rose Land Acquisition – Todd Schmidt

- Funded out of capital facilities plan.
- Hiring consultant for three years replacing Capital Management position.

These will return for a vote at the December 8, 2015 meeting.

D. ~~Technology and Curriculum Integration Measurement Services BrightBytes~~ – Pulled by Administration

E. Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Advanced Medical; C. Daughtery

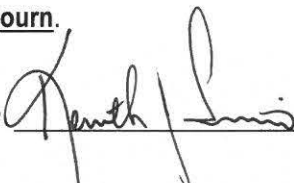
- Will reduce the vacancies to two.
- All schools will be covered.

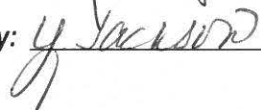
This will return for a vote at the December 8, 2015 meeting.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Connor to **adjourn**.

Adjournment: 9:12 p.m.

President:  _____

Secretary:  _____

Approved:

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