

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes
Amended

Administration Building
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

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

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec (arr. 5:03 p.m.), Secretary Lisa Jackson (arr. 5:03 pm), Mr. Tim Rollins, Dr. Michael Harner, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

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: 5-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 5:01 p.m. until 6:41 p.m.

1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m.*
2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson (7:03 p.m.), 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. Recognition
A. Fall State-Level Recognitions – Earl Dotson, Jr.
The following teams and students were recognized for their achievements at recent State competitions:
 - *Two **Auburn High School** CAPA students were selected to participate in the All-State Production of "Rent" at Illinois State University January 8-9. Chase McIntosh is a cast member in the production; Nick Cordonnier is a member of the technical crew. Two Auburn staff members were also selected to participate – Teacher Joselyn Ludtke is in charge of costuming and props, and teacher Beth Heuer is the All-State Vocal Director.*
 - ***Auburn High School** senior Juwane Parchman was named to the IHSA All-State 7A Football Team by the Illinois Football Coaches Association.*
 - *Teyah Palmer, Katelyn Sayyalinh and Allison Vosberg represented **Eisenhower Middle School** at the IESA girls' state-level golf tournaments. Katelyn tied for sixth place in the state.*
 - *Adam Kuhar and Jack Holmstrom represented **Thurgood Marshall School** while Jaxon Pierce represented **Eisenhower Middle School** at the IESA boys' state-level golf tournament. Jack took fourth place in state.*
 - ***Eisenhower Middle School's** Anthony Farmer and **Flinn Middle School's** Makarious Luster represented their schools and RPS at the IESA Cross Country state tournament.*
 - ***Auburn High School** student Madasyn Pettersen took home the state title for individual play at the IHSA Girls Golf Tournament in October.*
 - *Emma Lai and Megan Mediratta represented **Auburn High School** while Carly Kasicki and Nicole Christensen represented **Guilford High School** in doubles play at the IHSA Girls Tennis state tournament. Carly Kasicki and Nicole Christensen ended one match shy of the top-eight state medal.*

5. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - A. Dr. Bob Griffin thanked the Board and staff for their leadership and service and celebrates the District's progress.
 - B. Allison Wang spoke of her concerns with budget cuts over the past school year.
 - C. Brandi Brown spoke of discrimination in the District and the Board's responsibility that it is taking place.
6. Board Member Comments
 There were no Board Member comments.
7. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 11/24/15
 - B. Purchase Orders
 - C. Payroll
 - D. Accounts Payable
 - E. Accounts Payable Pre-Approval of Payment
 - F. Construction Bid Pay Request Log
 - G. ~~Contracts under \$10,000~~ – pulled by Ms. Jackson
 - H. Travel
8. *Recurring Contracts
 - A. Certified Special Education Teacher – Procure (LG) – Ms. Colleen Cyrus
9. *Other Consent
 - A. Freedom of Information Act 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** to amend the motion to strike Consent Item pulled, 7G Contracts under \$10,000.
The agenda item detail section for the Creative Culture contract listed a different amount than the one on the contract. It was determined the contract was redundant and previously approved by the Board.
 Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
Approved: Unanimously
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Consent Item pulled, 7G as amended, for the remaining Contracts under \$10,000.
Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Dr. Harner, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo
Nays: Ms. Jackson
Approved: 6-1-0
10. *Closed Session Consent Items
 - A. ~~Appointment of Jason Grey as 12 Month Director of Talent Acquisition~~ – Pulled by Ms. Jackson
 - B. ~~HR Organizational Report & PD Report~~ – Pulled by Mr. Rollins
11. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline
 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. MCI 12 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and first semester of the 2016/2017 school year being executed on or before the next Board meeting.
 - B. JDM 13 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and the entire 2016/2017 school year being executed on or before the next Board meeting.
 - C. KCC 16 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and first semester of the 2016/2017 school year being executed on or before the next Board meeting.
 - D. JLG 17 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the FY 2015/2016 school year being executed on or before the next Board meeting.

- E. FJL 18 – expelled for the remainder of the FY2015/2016 school year and the first semester of the FY2016/2017 school year.
- F. CLE 19 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the FY2015/2016 school year being executed on or before the next Board meeting.
- G. DMC 20 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and first semester of the 2016/2017 school year being executed on or before the next Board meeting.
- H. TMK 23 – expelled for the remainder of the FY2015/2016 school year.

12. *Closed Session Consent Items – EIAs

- A. PRS 1
- B. CLS 2
- C. JCG 3
- D. EJH 5
- E. CP 6
- F. TNL 7
- G. CMB 8
- H. VNC 10
- I. CBG 11
- J. JMEK 15
- K. DLL 21

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

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** Closed Session Consent item pulled 10A – Appointment of Jason Grey as 12 Month Director of Talent Acquisition.

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

Abstain: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** Closed Session Consent item pulled 10B – HR Organizational Report and Addendum.

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo, Ms. Jackson, Mrs. Makulec, Dr. Harner

Abstains: Mr. Scrivano and Mr. Rollins

Approved: 5-0-2

13. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett

- A. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Jarrett expressed support of the Facilities Plan noting that the community supports the plan and that it is in the best interests of the students.

14. Committee Reports

- A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec

The Education Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

- B. Operations Committee – Mr. Rollins

The Operations Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

- C. Facilities Plan Oversight Committee – Dr. Harner

The Facilities Plan Oversight Committee has not met since the last Board meeting and the date for the next meeting is to be determined. Dr. Harner thanked the Oversight Committee for their hard work and willingness to conclude there is some feasibility to move forward with the plan.

Mr. Connor recognized Committee Member Mr. Holt who was present for his work.

15. *Action Items

- A. Facilities Plan Recommendation – Mr. Martin McConahay and Mr. Todd Schmidt

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** the Facilities Plan Recommendation.

- *Mr. Rollins suggested waiting until funds are available and spoke of his concerns regarding prior and present budget cuts.*

- *Mr. McConahay noted that the most significant findings to consider:*
 - *Approval of the plan will have minimal impact on projected operational budgets with tangible facility improvements Districtwide;*
 - *Approval of the two new schools option would provide the greatest long-term return on investment;*
 - *Postponement of a decision would increase the cost of the plan; and*
 - *Endorsement of related plans (furnishings and deferred maintenance) would be a responsible decision that would support capital commitments to all schools.*
- *Mrs. Makulec spoke of her concerns of being a fiscally responsible Board Member and not putting the District into a situation to fall below the 25% reserve and having to borrow money which would put the District in debt.*
- *Mr. Connor pointed out that the \$28M spent on two field houses a couple of years ago did not have a fraction of the budget discussion this plan has had.*

Motion by Mrs. Makulec seconded by Ms. Jackson to **approve** to table the vote for the Facilities Plan Recommendation to the next Board meeting on January 12, 2016.

- *Mr. Connor spoke of his skepticism that waiting one month will change anyone's mind.*
- *Mr. Rollins requested Administration involve the Board more in the budgeting process.*
- *Budget projections were made three years out which gives the District ample time to correct trends by taking the proper financial initiatives to address them.*

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Ms. Jackson, Mr. Rollins, Mrs. Makulec

Nays: Mr. Scrivano, Dr. Harner, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo

Failed: 3-4-0

Motion by Mrs. Makulec seconded by Ms. Jackson to **approve** tabling the vote for the Facilities Plan Recommendation to a Special Board meeting on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Approved: Unanimously

B. Contract Agreement - Mark Rose Land Acquisition – Mr. Todd Schmidt

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Dr. Harner to **approve** Mark Rose Land Acquisition contract.

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

Absent from the vote: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-0-1

16. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

"The Administration has requested the Board to suspend the rules to consider the following item."

A. ****ACT Testing Contract – Dr. Dan Woestman**

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to suspend the rules to consider the ACT Testing Contract.

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

Absent from the vote: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** the ACT Testing Contract.

There will be a loss of instructional time during the ACT testing being conducted during the school day.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent from the Vote: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-0-1

B. Technology Curriculum Integration Measurement Services – BrightBytes – Dr. Daniel Woestman
BrightBytes provides current State surveys and measurements regarding teachers' use of technology in the classroom and the alignment of technology to the curriculum. This is part of Strategy 5. Vendor will help write surveys and then take the results to provide best practices options tailored to the needs of each school. Mr. Woestman will provide the Board with a copy of the four standard reports that come for each school from BrightBytes to review.

This will return as an action item at the January 12, 2016 Board meeting.

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

Adjournment: 9:17 p.m.

Approved:09/13/16

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Michael S. Connor /s/*

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