

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
BOARD APPROVED
Meeting Minutes

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Rockford Public Schools

Administration Building
Tuesday, December 15, 2015

1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the Special Board 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 (7:02 p.m.), Mr. Tim Rollins, Dr. Michael Harner, Mr. Michael Connor, and Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Absent: None
4. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - A. Jeffrey Wang requested the Board reconsider the risk model in the Facilities Plan Recommendation.
 - B. Brandi Brown spoke of African American children and now is not the time to build new schools.
 - C. Dr. Rudy Valdez spoke of his support to build new schools.
5. Board Member Comments
There were no Board Member comments.
6. *Action Items
 - A. Facilities Plan Recommendation – Mr. Martin McConahay and Mr. Todd Schmidt
Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** the Amendment to the Facilities Plan.
The motion for the recommendation of the administration to build two new schools in accordance with the 2012 ten-year facilities plan proposed by the administration as modified by the Board in 2014 and updated in 2015; provided that the Board expects and directs the administration to comply with the following stipulations:
 - The entire facilities plan will be funded and implemented within the timeframes proposed to the Board in December 2015,
 - All of the deferred maintenance needs of the District that have been identified as being outside the facilities plan will be funded and addressed during the original ten-year term of the 2012 facilities plan,
 - All of the new furniture requirements that have been identified as being outside of the facilities plan will be funded and addressed during the original ten-year term of the 2012 facilities plan,
 - The Administration will ensure that all of the foregoing is accomplished while also adequately funding all of the District's needs for educational and operational resources,
 - The Administration will regularly report and discuss ongoing implementation status of the facilities plan, deferred maintenance and furniture at Operations Committee meetings, consistent with current metrics, and
 - The Administration will provide the Board with annual reports of its progress in meeting these conditions as part of a detailed budget briefing and discussion in connection with the administration's budget development process, to occur no later than February 28 of each year.

Board member comments:

 - *Basic monitoring tools have been developed to monitor the ongoing process of construction with regular reporting.*
 - *There is always risk.*
 - *The two new schools will provide improvements needed based on the educational needs of the children.*
 - *It will be more costly later.*
 - *This is an investment in one of the poorest areas in the city of Rockford.*

- *Stipulations in the amended motion provide sufficient and adequate guidance.*
- *The purpose of the Facilities Plan Oversight Committee can be redefined.*
- *Administration and the Board will be accountable.*
- *Administration is committed to working with the Board on the annual budget for appropriate oversight throughout the process.*

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote to **approve** the Facilities Plan Recommendation as amended.

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

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-1-0

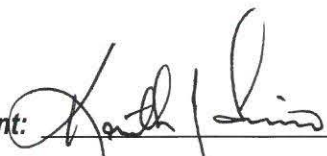
Ms. Jackson spoke of her concerns with the PARCC test and also the student report card and requested the Board start looking at that data and having those conversations.

This will be put on the agenda for the Saturday retreat in February for discussion.

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

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Approved:

President: 

Secretary: 

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