

**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes**

**Administration Building
Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

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. 5:05 p.m.), Mr. Tim Rollins, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Jaime Escobedo (arr. 5:03 p.m.)

Absent: Secretary Lisa Jackson

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Connor 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 5:01 p.m. until 7:01 p.m.

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1. Call to Order – *President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:11 p.m.*
 2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson (arr. 7:26 p.m.), Mr. Tim Rollins, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor, Mr. Jaime Escobedo
Absent: None
Mr. Scrivano thanked Jefferson High School AV student Rod Weddle for his assistance in running the cameras for the Board Meeting.
 4. Recognition
 - A. REBA Champions – Earl Dotson, Jr.
Fifty eight RPS 205 teams, approximately nine-hundred students, participated in The Rockford Elementary Basketball Association (REBA). Lewis Lemon Girls team won the girls' division and the Conklin Coed team won the boys' and coed division. The basketball program is open to fourth and fifth grade students.
 - B. State Competitors
The following teams and students were recognized for their achievements at recent State competitions.
 - *Flinn Middle School chess team finished 7th in the IESA State Chess Tournament.*
 - *Flinn Middle School Eight Grade Girls won the IESA Class 4A State Championship in Rochester, IL.*
 - *RPS 205 sent three teams to the FIRST LEGO League Northern Championship Tournament in January. Congratulations to The Froberg Bricks of Froberg Elementary School; Thundering Mustangs of Thurgood Marshall School; and Is It Snack Time Yet? of Eisenhower Middle School.*
 - *Auburn High School students Nick Cordonnier and Chase McIntousch participated in the All-State Theatre Festival production of "Rent."*
 - *Auburn High School student Frey Lemonholm participated in the Illinois Honors Choir at Illinois State Music Festival and the American Choral Directors' Association Music Festival in Chicago. Douglas Chan qualified for the Illinois Music Education Association District 8 band for all four years and qualified for ILMEA All State as both junior and senior.*
 5. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - A. Dr. Brandi Brown spoke of academic justice and disciplinary systems.

B. Xica Davis spoke to taking care of all children and being kind to everyone.

C. Prophet Yusef spoke of education.

6. Board Member Comments

- *Mr. Connor spoke of the Building Disposition community meeting. Approximately ten people attended the first meeting at Roosevelt Community Education Center, and seventy-five to eighty attended the second meeting at Walker. The committee is still collecting surveys from residents. The final meeting will take place May 12, 2016 at St. Peter's.*

7. *Consent Items

- A. Meeting Minutes: 04/12/16
- B. Payroll
- C. Accounts Payable
- D. Purchase Orders
- E. Contracts Under \$10,000
- F. Construction Bid Request
- G. Travel

8. *Bid Recommendations

- A. IFB 16027 Maintenance, Repair and Operations Supplies
- B. IFB 16-39 West Middle School HVAC and Electrical Renovations – Corrected
- C. ~~IFB 16-41 Auburn and Guilford High School Stadium Storage~~ – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
- D. IFB 16-44 Roosevelt Community Education Center Boiler Replacement
- E. IFB 16-45 Kennedy Middle School Boiler Replacement
- F. IFB 16-46 Kitchen Equipment
- G. IFB 16-48 Brookview Elementary School Additions and Renovations

9. *Recurring Contracts

- A. ~~Graduation Ceremonies at BMO Harris Center and Coronado Performing Arts Center~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

10. *Other Consent

- A. Monthly Investment Report – March 2016 – Ms. MeriAnn Besonen, Executive Director of Finance
- B. Interest Transfer – March 2016 – Ms. MeriAnn Besonen, Executive Director of Finance
- C. Financial Results YTD – March 2016 – Ms. MeriAnn Besonen, Executive Director of Finance
- 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 Recommendation pulled 8C, IFB 16-41 Auburn and Guilford High School Stadium Storage.

The stadium storage is not part of the Facility Plan budget. Auburn and Guilford High Schools are requesting more storage space, and this won't be charged to the buildings. Half of the amount is budget for the current fiscal year and the remaining half for FY2016/2017.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-1-0

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled 9A, Graduation Ceremonies at BMO Harris Center and Coronado Performing Arts Center.

Yeas: Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Abstain: Mr. Rollins

Approved: 5-1-1

11. *Closed Session Consent Items

- A. Collective Bargaining – Educational Office Personnel Association (EOPA)

- B. Request for Administrative Student Transfer - JO
 C. HR Organizational Report & PD Report – pulled by Mrs. Powers
12. *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. AKG 3 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and the first semester of the 2016/2017 school year.
 B. ZMD 5 – 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.
 C. BAK 6 – 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.
 D. GCH 7 – expelled for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and the entire 2016/2017 school year.
 E. BRPE 9 – 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.
 F. VJJ 10 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and the first semester of the 2016/2017 school year.
 G. ~~AAG 15~~ – pulled by Administration
 H. ELC 16 – expelled for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and the entire 2016/2017 school year.
 I. JOPG 18 – expelled for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and the first semester of the 2016/2017 school year.
 J. EB 19 – expelled for the remainder of the 2015/2016 school year and the entire 2016/2017 school year.

13. *Closed Session Consent Items – EIAs

- A. NRS 2
 B. AV 4
 C. ALR 8
 D. XCH 12
 E. DKC 13
 F. DSC 14
 G. OMK 17

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

Yeas: Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano

Abstain: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-0-1

14. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

- A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Jarrett ceded his time to Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Richard Schroeder.

- B. Goals Update

Mr. Schroeder presented Goal 1, Growth and Achievement. The 5 Year Vision, lagging and leading indicators for each strategy was reviewed with Board members, as well as recent accomplishments; establishing Curriculum Leadership Teams and adopting a 5 year calendar. Documents may be viewed by following this link:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/rps205/Board.nsf/files/A9E32D04BACB/\\$file/Strategy%201%202%205%20-%20Goal%201.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/rps205/Board.nsf/files/A9E32D04BACB/$file/Strategy%201%202%205%20-%20Goal%201.pdf)

Goal 3, Strategy 4, Optimal Climate was reviewed with Board members. The 5 Year Vision, lagging and leading indicators, and the five year calendar was discussed. Recent accomplishments include; school counselors advance their preparation toward RAMP Certification. The information may be viewed at:

[http://www.boarddocs.com/il/rps205/Board.nsf/files/A9E32J04BC1B/\\$file/Strategy%204%20-%20Goal%203.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/il/rps205/Board.nsf/files/A9E32J04BC1B/$file/Strategy%204%20-%20Goal%203.pdf)

Discussion of the Strategic Plan will take place in May. This will be added as an agenda item. Conversation will include what will be reported.

15. Committee Reports
A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec
The Education Committee met Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Agenda items included the 2016/2017 Student Code of Conduct. The SCOC is aligned with the changes in law with regards to zero tolerance and consequences and placement. This will be presented to the Board May 10, 2016. The second agenda item discussed was Middle School update. The teaming model was based on a self-assessment that resulted in three areas of concern:

1. *Lack of common purpose for the middle schools*
2. *Assessment fatigue*
3. *Too many transitions for middle school students*
4. *Insufficient technology infrastructure*

Committee documents may be viewed by clicking on this link:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/il/rps205/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=A92W34631FA8>.

The next Education Committee meeting is May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Agenda items will include Early Childhood report and updates on the academies.

B. Operations Committee – Mr. Rollins

The Operations Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. There will be a joint Operations Committee/Budget & Finance Subcommittee meeting Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

16. *Action Items

A. Curriculum Associates Web-Based Services and Professional Development for Summer CAMP – Dr. Woulfe

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** the Curriculum Associates Web-Based Services and Professional Development for Summer CAMP.

Approved: Unanimously

B. Resolution Providing for the Issue of Approximately \$29,100,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, For the Purpose of Improving the Sites Of, Building and Equipping Additions To and Altering, Repairing and Equipping School Buildings and Facilities In and For the District, Providing For the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest On Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, in Connection with the Sale of Said Bonds - Mr. Martin McConahay, Interim Chief Financial Officer

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** the Resolution Providing for the Issue of Approximately \$29,100,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, For the Purpose of Improving the Sites Of, Building and Equipping Additions To and Altering, Repairing and Equipping School Buildings and Facilities In and For the District, Providing For the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest On Said Bonds, and Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, in Connection with the Sale of Said Bonds.

Approval of this resolution will enable the District to deposit the bond funds into an interest bearing account.

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-1-0

C. Resolution for Authorization of Eminent Domain – Todd Schmidt, Chief Operations Officer

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Escobedo to **approve** the Resolution for Authorization of Eminent Domain.

Yeas: Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel

Nays: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-1-0

D. Education Pathway Proposal – Mrs. Linda Lumpkin

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** the Education Pathway Proposal.

Approved: Unanimously

17. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. Speech Language Pathologist – Soliant Staffing – Colleen Cyrus

Attorney Hoadley presented this to Board members. The contract will enable the District to hire the speech pathologist and will fill a permanent position.

This will return for a vote at the May 10, 2016 meeting.

18. Organization of the Board

A. Adjournment Sine Die

Motion by Ms. Jackson seconded by Mr. Escobedo that the Board **adjourn** Sine Die.

Approved on voice vote

B. Selection of President Pro Tempore

Motion by Mr. Scrivano seconded by Mrs. Makulec that the Board **approve** Mr. Rollins as President Pro Tempore.

Approved: Unanimously

C. Election of Board President – *Mr. Connor nominated Mr. Scrivano.*

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Ms. Jackson to **close** nominations for President

Approved: Unanimously

Mr. Scrivano was congratulated and took his seat as Board President.

D. Election of Board Vice President – *Mr. Connor nominated Mrs. Makulec.*

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **close** nominations for Vice President.

Approved: Unanimously

Mrs. Makulec was congratulated and took her seat as Board Vice President.

E. Election of Board Secretary – *Mr. Rollins nominated Ms. Jackson, Mr. Escobedo nominated Mr. Connor*

Motion by Seigel seconded by Mr. Escobedo to **close** nominations for Board Secretary

Ms. Jackson: Ms. Jackson, Mr. Rollins,

Mr. Connor: Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo

Mr. Connor was congratulated and took his seat as Board Secretary.

F. Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates and Place

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Establishment of Regular Meeting Dates and Place.

Yeas: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor, Mr. Escobedo

Absent from the Vote: Ms. Jackson

Approved: 6-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **adjourn.**

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

Approved: 05/10/16

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/

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