The regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education was called to order by President Kenneth Scrivano at 5:00 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec (5:04 p.m.), Secretary Michael Connor, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. Tim Rollins (5:15 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel 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 5:02 p.m. until 6:52 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 Michael Connor, Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. Tim Rollins, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Jaime Escobedo

Absent: None

Mr. Scrivano congratulated Jefferson AV student Rod Weddle as he graduated from his school and for his assistance in running the cameras for the Board Meeting.

4. Recognition

A. Community Support/Volunteers

Community organizations First Free, I READ, and Rockford Reads were recognized for the support they give to the District. First Free has hosted an annual concert called Rockford Restart as a fundraiser to support Rockford students. United Way of Rock River Valley partnered with the Literacy Council to support students through the IREAD Program. For the past fifteen years, Rockford Reads volunteers have worked with District students. Mr. Bob Pressman of Rockford Reads thanked staff members and Mrs. Marsha Sisney for their work with the programs.

5. Petitions & Communications

Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.

- Attorney Afshan Khan spoke in regards to the employment termination of Peter Williams.

- Peter Williams spoke in opposition to his employment termination.

- Dr. Dennis Thompson, former superintendent of RPS205, spoke in support of naming the new elementary school in Cherry Valley for Leonard B. Keller, Rockford’s only Medal of Honor recipient for his actions in Vietnam War.

6. Board Member Comments

- Mr. Rollins clarified recent administrative raises approved at the June 27, 2017 meeting. A 1.9% aggregate wage increase was approved by the Board, with the majority of non-bargaining employees receiving a 1.5% increase. The administration was given the discretion to allocate the remaining .4% to adjust for position reclassifications, adjustments for internal pay equity, and the like. This compares to the recent overall average 8.95% increase bus drivers received as well as the overall average 3% increase in pay to nutrition services and para professionals.

7. Consent Items

A. Meeting Minutes: 06/27/17, 06/17/17 – Strategic Planning

B. Payroll

C. Accounts Payable

D. Purchase Orders

E. Contracts Under $10,000 – pulled by Mr. Seigel

F. Construction Bid Pay Request Log

G. Travel

8. Bid Recommendations

A. IFB 17-62 Nashold Elementary School Roof Replacement
9. Recurring Contracts
A. Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Advanced Medical (A.D.)
B. Certified Speech and Language Pathologist – Advanced Medical (A.T.)
C. Chancelight Therapeutic Day School

10. *Other Consent
A. Workers’ Compensation Settlement Agreement – SG
B. Annual Approval of Title I Plans – Dr. Woulfe – pulled by Mr. Seigel
C. AT&T Settlement Agreement – Telecommunication Services – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
D. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) New Teacher Mentoring
E. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) District Band, Orchestra, and Choir
F. MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) – Education Leave, Section 2 – Local 692 of Council 31 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees – pulled by Mrs. Makulec
G. Freedom of Information Log
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Consent items not pulled.
Approved: Unanimously
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Consent item pulled 7E, Contracts Under $10,000.
Administration was complimented for listening to Board members request for more detailed descriptions.
Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
Approved: Unanimously
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve Other Consent item pulled 10B, Annual Title I Plans.
Comments included the formatting of plans not standardized for each school. Dr. Woulfe explained that the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will review these issues and hopefully next year all plans will be standardized. Dr. Woulfe also explained that the remaining Title I Plans will be presented at the August 8, 2017 meeting.
Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
Approved: Unanimously
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve Other Consent item pulled, 10C, AT&T Settlement Agreement.
The agreement is a result of negotiations between AT&T and RPS 205 for payment of Centrex Services not covered in the initial contract approved on May 12, 2015.
Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
Approved: Unanimously
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to approve Other Consent item pulled 10F, MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) – Education Leave, Section 2 – Local 692 of Council 31 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.
This MOU supports the professional development of District paraprofessionals pursuing teaching degrees, allowing them to be paid while they student teach. This also ensures that the para will remain employed in the District for a period of two years.
Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
Approved: Unanimously

11. *Closed Session Consent Items
A. Appointment of Laura Korkus as 10 Month Elementary Dean at Barbour Elementary
B. Appointment of Kimberly Ward as 10 Month Elementary Dean at Johnson Elementary School
C. Appointment of Dennis Schwab as 10 Month Middle School Dean at Eisenhower Middle School
D. Appointment of Cynthia Sims as 10 Month Middle School Dean at Flinn Middle School
E. Appointment of Michelle Lara as 10 Month Elementary Dean of Special Education
F. Appointment of Treveda Redmond as 11 Month Elementary Principal at Beyer Elementary School
G. Appointment of Jonathan Gates as 12 Month Assistant Principal at Auburn High School
H. Appointment of Mercedes Brain as 12 Month Director of Talent Acquisition
I. Appointment of James Kaplanes as 12 Month Director of Building and Grounds
J. Appointment of Brian Doering as 12 Month Dean of Fine Arts and Physical Education
K. Appointment of Kimberly Ver Vooren as 12 Month Elementary Special Education Administrator
L. Appointment of Maria Treto-French as 12 Month Director of Allocations
M. Appointment of Jennifer Macek as 12 Month Director of MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support)
N. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

12. *Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline

"Unless otherwise modified below, the Board adopts and accepts the hearing officer’s findings and recommendations in the following cases in which the students expelled or suspended are prohibited from being on school grounds and school-sponsored activities without the prior written permission of the principal."
13. *Closed Session Consent Items – EIAs*
   A. GDM-1007-17
   B. GDM-3285-17
   C. GMD-3288-17
   D. GDM-3294-17
   E. GMD-3311-17

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

   **Approved: Unanimously**

14. **Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett**

   A. **Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Jarrett**
   Mr. Scrivano asked Dr. Vosberg for an update, as Dr. Jarrett was no present
   Dr. Vosberg highlighted positive events that have occurred in the District. Recently the District received extensive national media coverage of its athletics program. Board members approved a policy change in 2011 that changed how athletics would be viewed as interventions and not a privilege. Dr. Vosberg acknowledged Mrs. Makulec, Mr. Scrivano and Mr. Rollins who were members at that time. Mr. Parker, the athletic directors and coaches were thanked for their leadership. Auburn and Guilford High Schools were recognized in the Washington Post for their academic rigor. Dr. Vosberg also spoke of the District’s success with PAR (Peer Assistance Review). Administration has also started a continuous improvement program, one that is currently in place in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin school district. Implementation of this will monitor how well schools perform. Dr. Vosberg and staff members have visited the district and had classroom observations. Professional development is scheduled for August 7, 2017 for this, and filled voluntarily in six hours.

15. **Committee Reports**

   A. **Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec**
   The committee has not met since the last Board meeting, and will not meet in July. The committee will meet August 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

   B. **Finance Committee – Mr. Rollins**
   The committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The committee will meet Monday, August 7, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

   C. **Operations Committee – Mr. Connor**
   The committee met Monday, July 10, 2017. Agenda items included changes to Barbour School due to the success of the Two-Way Language Immersion Program. There is a need to add more space to the school. An update of the custodial contract was presented. Aramark has been asked to bring metrics to future committee meetings. An update of the Walker RFP was presented and the City did not receive any responses. Community members will be updated of the status. Mr. Schmidt will also contact the Rockford Park District regarding this property. Committee members received reports on the land sale by Jefferson High School and the Facilities Master Plan. The committee packet may be viewed by following this link: [July 10 2017 Operations Committee](#). The committee will meet Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

16. **Action Items**

   A. **Board Policy 7.30 Students – Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer – Todd Schmidt, Chief Operations Officer**
   **Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** item 16A, Board Policy 7.30 – Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer.
   The change to the policy is in effect for the 2017-2018 school year.

   **Yeas:** Mr. Escobedo, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mr. Seigel, Mr. Connor

   **Nays:** Mrs. Makulec

   **Approved: 6-1-0**

17. **Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations**

   **The Administration is requesting the Board suspend the rules to consider item 17A**

   A. **Real Estate Purchase, 626 South 3rd St., Rockford, IL – Todd Schmidt, Chief Operations Officer**
   **Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **suspend the rules** to consider item 17A.
The Administration is requesting the Board suspend the rules for a second reading for an immediate vote. Closing on the property is scheduled for August 3, 2017 prior to the next scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Approved: Unanimously

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 17A, Real Estate Purchase, 626 South 3rd St., Rockford, IL. The District just reached an agreement with the property owners on June 30, 2017. Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously.

B. Board Policy 8.30; Community Relations, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property – Atty. Hoadley
The policy revision reflects vapor items, e.g. e-cigarettes, cannot be used on School District premises. This will return for a vote at the August 8, 2017 meeting.

C. Real Estate Purchase, 528 Union St., Rockford, IL – Todd Schmidt, Chief Operations Officer
The real estate purchase is for property for the new elementary school at Kishwaukee. The fiscal impact is $27,500. This will return for a vote at the August 8, 2017 meeting.

D. RPS 205 Enrollment Update – RSP & Associates.
Mr. Robert Schwarz of RSP gave an update. Mr. Schwarz encouraged Board members to view the School Zone Locator on the District’s website in order to view the visual of the plan. Data is provided to RSP in order to determine enrollment and demographics. Mr. Schwarz reviewed enrollment, capacity and development with members. Maps outlining the attendance zones and planning areas were covered as well as the forecast model. Student In-Migration and Out-Migration was covered, dependent on head count and does not include drop-out rates. Past, present and future enrollment numbers were presented. The presentation may be viewed by following this link. RPS205 Enrollment Update.

18. Adjournment
Motion by Mr. Seigel seconded by Mr. Dixon to adjourn
Adjournment: 8:39 p.m.

Approved: 08/08/17

President: Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/

Secretary: Michael S. Connor /s/