

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

Administration Building
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 5:07 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins (arr. 5:08 p.m.), Mr. Anthony Dixon (arr. 5:43 p.m.), Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor

Absent: Secretary Jude Makulec

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: 4-0-2

The Board was in executive session from 5:08 p.m. to 6:05 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 7:00p.m.
 2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Tim Rollins, Secretary Jude Makulec (arr. 7:22 p.m.) Mr. Anthony Dixon, Mr. David Seigel, Mr. Michael Connor
Absent: None
Mr. Scrivano thanked Conner Childers and RPS 205 graduate Rod Weddle who are working behind the scenes to produce the Board's broadcast on Channel 20.
 4. Petitions & Communications
Mr. Scrivano read the guidelines.
 - Nancy Gdowski spoke in support of cell phone restrictions in the Student Code of Conduct
 5. Board Member Comments
 - Mr. Dixon wished every father a Happy Father's Day.
 - Mr. Connor commented on his American Flag tie thanking veterans for their service, as he was unable to do so on Memorial Day. He also reminded everyone that Friday, June 14 was Flag Day.
 - Mr. Rollins spoke of high school graduation. When he started serving on the Board, the size of the graduating classes was 200. He was pleased this past set of graduations with the number of students graduating. East had 365 and the remaining schools in the high 200's. Hopefully this is an indication the District is doing something right and that the numbers show up on the State's graduation rate statistics.
 - Mr. Scrivano spoke of attending all the graduations along with fellow Board members. He thanked Mr. Dotson, Jr and his team for coordinating all the hard that needs to be done. He also spoke of the staff retirement dinner and congratulated those that retired.
 - Mr. Seigel spoke of the success of graduations and the recognitions many students received for academic and regular programs. It is a privilege to celebrate with the students. He and Mr. Dixon were able to greet their own children as they walked across the stage.
 6. *Consent Items
 - A. Meeting Minutes: 5/28/19
 - B. Payroll
 - C. Accounts Payable
 - D. Purchase Orders (FY19)
 - E. Purchase Orders (FY20)
 - F. Contracts Under \$10,000
 - G. Construction Bid Request Log
 - H. Travel
 7. *Bid Recommendation
 - A. IFB 19-35 Filter Service – Rebid

B. ~~IFB 19-37 Bread and Buns – Nutrition Services~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

C. ~~IFB 19-38 Drug Testing and Medical Services~~ – pulled by Mr. Rollins

8. *Recurring Contracts

A. Danielson Contract August 2019 Teacher Institute – pulled by Mr. Connor

B. ~~Forecast5 Analytics Fiscal Year 2020 Renewal – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer~~ – pulled by Mr. Connor

C. Rock Valley College Facility Rental – Mat Parker, Director of Athletics

9. *Other Consent

A. Property, Casualty, Student Accident Program Liability Insurance – Fiscal Year 2020 Renewal – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

B. Builder's Risk Insurance Annual Renewal – Ms. Michelle R. Jahr, CPA, Chief Financial Officer

C. Acceptance of Classroom Tables

D. Freedom of Information Log

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Consent Items not pulled

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

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Bid Recommendation pulled 7B, IFB 19-37 Bread and Buns – Nutrition Services.

One bid was received for this item. This was sent to five local bakeries. Part of the issue is the large daily volume and number of delivery stops for all of the schools. The bid was sent through Demand Star for more bakeries, but responses were not received. This is bid-out every five years. Once the new Operations Center is open, Administration hopes to have one central delivery point.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Bid Recommendation pulled 7C, IFB 19-37 Drug Testing and Medical Services.

Discussion has taken place regarding the overall clinic partnership with the City of Rockford. Board members requested Administration continue the discussion with the City regarding sharing services such as drug testing and medical services.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-1

Motion by Mr. Rollins seconded by Mr. Dixon to **approve** Recurring Contract pulled 8B, Forecast5 Analytics Fiscal Year 2020 Renewal.

Comments included rolling out the metrics to Board members so that it can be used on a regular basis.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-1

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to **approve** Other Consent item pulled 9A, Property, Casualty, Student Accident Program Liability Insurance.

Comments included appreciating Administration for structuring the agreement, as it is complex.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

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

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 5-0-1

10. *Closed Session Consent Items

A. Appointment of Lanatasha Bell as 12 Month Director of Recruitment/Diversity Recruitment

B. Appointment of Carrie Norder-Pagan as 12 Month Dean of Mathematics

C. Appointment of Pati Strehl as 11 Month Elementary Principal at Bloom Elementary School

D. Appointment of Willie Boyd as 10 Month High School Assistant Principal at Guilford High School

E. Appointment of Ebony Wren as 10 Month Elementary Assistant Principal at Lewis Lemon Elementary School

F. Appointment of Sarah Craig as 10 Month Dean at West View Elementary School

G. Settlement Agreement and Release – A.S.

H. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

11. *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 students expelled or suspended are prohibited from being on school grounds and school-sponsored activities without the prior written permission of the principal.

A. GDM-4284-19 – expelled through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

B. GDM-4285-19 – expelled through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

C. GDM-4286-19 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2019-2020 school year.

D. GDM-4287-19 – expelled for the entire 2019-2020 school year through the entire 2020-2021 school year.

E. GDM-4288-19 – the expulsion is held in abeyance contingent upon an Expulsion in Abeyance Agreement for the entire 2019-2020 school year.

F. GDM-4289-19 – expelled through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

G. GDM-5012-19 – the three-day suspension is upheld.

H. GDM-5013-19 – the five-day suspension is upheld.

12. Closed Session Consent Items – Student Discipline (EIAs)

A. GDM-1051-19

B. GDM-1052-19

C. GDM-1053-19

D. GDM-1054-10

E. GDM-1055-19

F. GDM-1056-19

G. GDM-1057-19

H. GDM-1059-19

I. GDM-1060-19

J. GDM-1061-19

K. GDM-3913-19

L. GDM-3915-19

M. GDM-3920-19

N. GDM-3921-19

O. GDM-3923-19

P. GDM-3924-19

Q. GDM-3925-19

R. GDM-3926-19

S. GDM-3929-19

T. GDM-3930-19

U. GDM-3931-19

V. GDM-3933-19

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

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

Abstain: Mr. Dixon

Absent: Mrs. Makulec

Approved: 4-1-1

13. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Jarrett

Dr. Jarrett invited the District Charter partners to speak during his update. Legacy spoke to Board members of the accountability plan put in place. Galapagos spoke to Board members spoke common core aligned curriculum for all subjects.

14. *Action Items

A. Renewal for Galapagos Rockford Charter School – Dr. Travis Woulfe

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 14A, Renewal for Galapagos Rockford Charter School.

Approved: Unanimously

B. Renewal for Legacy Academy of Excellence Charter School – Dr. Travis Woulfe

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve item 14B, Renewal for Legacy Academy of Excellence Charter School.

Approved: Unanimously

C. Rockford Systems, LLC Safeguard Donation

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve item 14C, Rockford Systems, LLC Safeguard Donation. Rockford Systems performs two types of audits, Life Safety and audits for equipment to be State of the Arts. Both audits were conducted at Guilford. Life Safety audits were conducted at the remaining high schools. All equipment is safe for District students. The District has committed with Rockford Systems to perform the State of the Arts audit at the remaining high schools. The fiscal impact is \$7,000.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

D. Rockford Park District Facility Rental – Mat Parker, Director of Athletics

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 14D, Rockford Park District Facility Rental.

Approved: Unanimously

E. New Playground Equipment at Lewis Lemon Elementary

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve item 14E, New Playground Equipment at Lewis Lemon Elementary. Administration returned to Lewis Lemon. The principal and assistant principal chose orange, green, and blue for the structure and adjoining pieces.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

F. Purchasing Consortia

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 14F, Purchasing Consortia.

Approved: Unanimously

G. Paridad Consulting Agreement

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve item 14G, Paridad Consulting Agreement.

Approved: Unanimously

H. 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct – Mrs. Angela Hite-Carter, Executive Director of Student Services and Alternative Learning

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Seigel to approve item 14H, 2019-2020 Student Code of Conduct.

Cell phone usage was discussed and how the discipline was written, as parents/guardians are partners with the District regarding phone usage in schools. Concerns were raised with the over use of cell phones in schools affects achievement, focus, social interaction and engagement in general. Enforcing the code was stressed. Parent and Administrator support is important. It was suggested to make funds available if schools wish to purchase the Yondr pouches for phones.

Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.

Approved: Unanimously

15. Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations

A. ~~Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between ISBE and Rockford Public School District~~ – pulled by Administration

B. Intergovernmental Agreement with CEANCI

This agreement is for the renewal of the IGA with Career Educational Associates of Northern Illinois (CEANCI). Every public District in the State is required to obtain their Federal Perkins dollars and their Career and Technical Improvement funds through an Education for Employment (EFE) agency. CEANCI is the EFE for Rockford Public Schools as well as thirteen other districts. As a whole, all the districts received \$1.1MM to support career and technical education. Funding is based on the number of students in a CTE class taught by CTE certified teacher. The full presentation may be viewed by clicking on the link: [CEANCI IGA](#)

This will return for a vote at the June 25, 2019 Board meeting.

C. Uniform Rental

This proposal is for rental OSHA compliant uniforms for RBMA members. The fiscal impact for the District is \$60,000 a year. This also includes the cost of shop towers and floor mats. Currently, the District does not provide uniforms for all District RBMA members. This proposal will include all RBMA members.

This will return for a vote at the June 25, 2019 Board meeting.

D. Consolidated District Plan (CDP) – Dr. Travis Woulfe

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has initiated a two-phase process to combine federal entitlement grants into one application and coordinated plan. This year's phase is the Consolidated Plan that draws all Title I grants into

one application with consideration for other programs. For FY21, all federal grants will be in the plan and application. To view the proposal, please click on this link. [Consolidated District Plan](#). This will return for a vote at the June 25, 2019 Board meeting.

16. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Dixon to adjourn.

Adjournment: 8:32 p.m.

Approved: 7/09/19

President: *Kenneth J. Scrivano /s/*

Secretary: *Jude B. Makulec /s/*

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