

ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
Meeting Minutes

BOARD
APPROVED
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Rockford Public Schools

Swedish American Hospital
1401 East State Street
Fourth Floor Board Room
Rockford, IL 61104
Saturday, August 10, 2013

- I. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano called the Quarterly Strategic Planning meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 8:35 a.m.
- II. Roll Call
Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson, Mr. Michael Connor, Dr. Michael Harner, Mrs. Laura Powers, Mr. Tim Rollins
Absent: None
- III. Petitions & Communications
No public speakers.
- IV. Update of Board Priorities
 - ◆ Preschool for All Analysis – Ms. Vicki Jacobson
 - Current Preschool enrollment is 1,702.
 - 194 families are in the District's Prevention Initiative with forty families on the wait list.
 - Several community events were held, including Safety Safari. The preschool staff attended Friday Night Flix in June and City Market in August.
 - Flyers distributed to various locations included Laundromats, nail and hair salons.
 - ◆ College for All – Mr. Matt Vosberg
 - Goals are to financially support students unable to afford college and economic revitalization – giving people a reason to live in Rockford.
 - Communications plan to Board members by October 1, 2013. Business plan may be completed at that date.
 - Possibility of additional scholarship money for District students.
 - House Bill 194 signed by Governor Quinn which creates the Lincoln Promise Zone Act. This is a first step with the State to talk about the concept of location based scholarships.
 - ◆ 21st. Century Soft Skills – Mr. Chip Hickman
 - Take identified proficiencies and place within the three pillars, which are numeracy, literacy and non-academic skills. These will be articulated to the District's curriculum.
 - A series of milestones will be presented to Board members indicating scores that are expected at certain grade levels.
 - Soft skills will be more defined to encompass students to be successful in life.
 - ◆ Middle School Redesign – Mr. Chip Hickman
 - Outcomes were clearly identified and Administration will return in October with the process.
 - Obstacles will be addressed as they come up.
 - Evaluation process will be qualitative and quantitative.
 - More focus will be on research and analysis instead of redesign.
 - ◆ Long Term Facilities Plan – Mr. Todd Schmidt
 - Examining current footprints of District buildings.
 - Facilities Impact Study is being researched.
 - The Facilities Plan is being refined.
 - Updates are posted on Facebook and Twitter.
 - ◆ Safety and Security – Mr. Todd Schmidt
 - Fiscal security surveys were used as a framework for audit.
 - Keyless locks installation is on schedule and will be completed by the beginning of the school year
 - ◆ Technology – Mr. Dan Woestman
 - Mr. Woestman and Mr. Connor have met regarding evaluation of vendors for the planned IT Assessment.
 - RVC students have assisted with summer projects.

- The District is in the process of replacing teachers' laptop computers. 750 will be replaced this year.
- ◆ Recruitment – Mrs. Ankhe Bradley
 - Possible candidates have been identified for the diversity council.
 - Researching e-recruiting which several historically black colleges and universities use.
 - Finalize candidate for Executive Director of Talent Acquisition.

V. Review of Executive Summary Template (s)

The following items were requested for Executive Summaries and PowerPoint presentations:

- Under Fiscal Impact, include the general fund
- Background analysis: include "where have we been", "where are we now", "where are we going".
- Educational Impact: use comparable Districts for comparison.
- Include risk assessments.
- Number PowerPoint slides.

VI. Process for Board Information Requests

The outcome is to achieve an efficient process to be used for information requests between the Board and Administration. Discussion points included:

- Efficient
 - Who do you go to
 - Reasonable timeframe
 - Follow up guaranteed
 - Eliminate repetition
 - Consider "collective" nature of requests
 - Specifics are clear (agree on most options)
- Information Request – is
 - Comparative Data
 - Definitions
 - Annual Report
 - Status

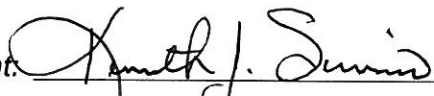
VII. Update on Key Indicators of the Strategic Plan

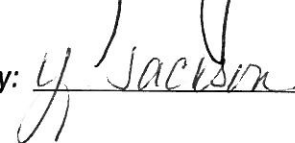
- Key indicators vetted to Accountability Committee and clarifications were suggested to Mr. Woestman.
- Percentages shown are the progress of indicators.
- Benchmark against private employers will be used where indicated.

Motion by Ms. Jackson seconded by Mrs. Makulec to **adjourn**.

Approved: on voice vote

VIII. Adjournment: 11:52 a.m.

President: 

Secretary: 

Approved:

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