The regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education was called to order by President Kenneth Scrivano at 5:02 p.m.

Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec (arr. 5:07 p.m.), Secretary Lisa Jackson (arr. 5:04 p.m.), Mr. Tim Rollins, Dr. Michael Harner, Mr. Michael Connor, Mrs. Laura Powers

Absent: None

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Powers 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 5:04 p.m. until 6:56 p.m.

1. Call to Order – President Kenneth Scrivano called the regular meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call
   Present: President Kenneth Scrivano, Vice President Jude Makulec, Secretary Lisa Jackson, Mr. Tim Rollins, Dr. Michael Harner, Mr. Michael Connor, Mrs. Laura Powers
   Absent: None

   Mr. Scrivano thanked Mr. Vincenzo Vitale for operating the broadcasting equipment.

4. Recognition – Mr. Earl Dotson, Jr.

   A. Mondelez International – Earl Dotson, Jr.
   Mr. Dotson recognized Mondelez International for their recent clothing drive for the District’s Homeless Department. Jeremy Hissong, an employee of Mondelez International, started the drive after watching a news story on WREX 13.

5. Petitions
   There were no petitions.

6. Board Member Comments
   - Mr. Connor thanked Rockford Public Schools students, staff and parents, who helped with activities regarding the Washington, IL disaster.
   - Mrs. Makulec gave an update on the School Based Health Care Center. The principals of Auburn, Kennedy, and McIntosh, as well as the District’s Communication Department are working with Crusader Clinic to plan how to get input from community members. The Woodward Charitable Trust contributed $207,000, and the Community Foundation donated $104,700.

   Mrs. Makulec updated Board members regarding the Facilities Task Force Steering Committee. It has met three times and members are Mrs. Makulec Dr. Harner, Dr. Jarrett, and Mr. Schmidt, community members Dr. Rudy Valdez, Ms. Tana Vetvore, Dr. Denis Harezlak and Mr. Lloyd Johnston. In addition, there are four ad-hoc members, Mr. Earl Dotson, Mr. Ben Holmstrom, Ms. Lisa Dichiara, and Mr. Paul Goddard. Ms. Dichiara is helping the District from a historical preservation perspective All meetings are open.

   Community members, staff and students have met to have conversations and identify an ideal learning environment. DLR and the Administration are simultaneously creating a comprehensive list of all of the schools. Each building is being assessed for condition, educational adequacy and demographics. In January, findings will be presented to the Committee, and they will begin blending the ideal with the
buildings. Programs will then be layered in to show what a potential footprint would look like. Once the process is complete, a model will be brought to the Board for recommendation.

• Mr. Scrivano expressed the Board's sincere thanks to all of the RPS staff and volunteers who make a difference in the learning opportunities of the students.

7. *Consent Items
   A. Meeting Minutes: 11/12/13
   B. Payroll
   C. Accounts Payable – pulled by Mrs. Powers
   D. Purchase Orders
   E. Payroll
   F. Contracts under $10,000
   G. Air travel

8. *Other Consent
   A. Resolution to Approve 2013 Tax Levies — Mr. Cedric Lewis — pulled by Mr. Rollins
   B. Monthly Investment Report – October 2013
   C. Financial Results – Year – to – Date October 2013
   D. Memorandum of Understanding Robotics Differentials – pulled by Administration
   E. Freedom of Information Act Log
   **Motion** by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to **approve** Consent Items not pulled.
   **Approved** Unanimously.
   **Motion** by Mr. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** Consent Item pulled 7C, Accounts Payable.
   Mrs. Powers requested clarification regarding personnel attending the NCAC Conference, and the variance in dollar amounts. District employees attended the National Career Academy Conference in late October and the dollar amount in the report is reimbursement for travel expenses.
   Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
   **Approved** Unanimously.
   **Motion** by Mr. Rollins, seconded by Mr. Connor to **approve** Other Consent Item pulled 8A, Resolution to Approve 2013 Tax Levies.
   Mr. Rollins clarified the resolution. Under the tax cap legislation, the District levies against current and any potential new property. Mr. Lewis levies against the existing property, and then creates a “phantom” levy for any new property. The resolution up for vote keeps the levy flat year over year for existing properties.
   Mr. Scrivano called for the vote.
   **Approved** Unanimously.

9. *Closed Session Consent Items – pulled by Ms. Jackson
   A. Resolution Adopting the Hearing Officer’s Report for the Dismissal of a Non-Tenured Teacher
   B. Appointment of a 10 Month Assistant Principal
   C. HR Organizational Report & Addendum

10. Closed Session Consent Items — Student Discipline — pulled by Ms. Jackson
    A. DLM 11 – expelled for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year.
    B. KKL12 – expelled for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year.
    C. TMB 13 – held in abeyance contingent upon a Conditional Probation Agreement
    D. AMT 14 – expelled for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year and held in abeyance contingent upon a Conditional Probation Agreement for the first semester of the 2014/2015 school year.
    E. CD 15 – expelled for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year.
    F. RM 19 – held in abeyance contingent upon a Conditional Probation Agreement.
    G. TMK 20 – expelled for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year.
    H. KH 21 – expelled for the remainder of the 2013/2014 school year.

11. *Closed Session Consent Items Student Discipline — GPAs — pulled by Ms. Jackson
    The following students were granted a Conditional Probation Agreement
    A. GT 1
    B. DC 2
    C. HLC 3
    D. AEH 4
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to approve Closed Session Consent Items not pulled. All Closed Session Consent items were pulled for a separate vote. 

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve Closed Session Consent Items pulled, 9A, 9B and 9C 

Yea:s: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec Dr, Hamer, Mr. Connor, Mrs. Powers 

Nay:s: Ms. Jackson 

Approved: 6-1-0 

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to approve Closed Session Consent Items pulled Student Discipline items 10A through 10H and Student Discipline - CPAs, items 11A through 11J. 

Yea:s: Mr. Rollins, Mr. Scrivano, Mrs. Makulec Dr, Harner, Mr. Connor, Mrs. Powers 

Nay:s: Ms. Jackson 

Approved: 6-1-0 

Superintendent's Report 

A. Superintendent's Report – Dr. Ehren Jarrett 

King Elementary School teacher Theresa Bartsch extended an invitation to Dr. Jarrett to continue a tradition she and Dr. Willis started last year. Dr. Jarrett was challenged to match her class’s donation towards the can drive. The class has currently accumulated two hundred eighty four cans for the drive. Dr. Jarrett will update the Board and community members of the final outcome. 

Dr. Jarrett also expressed his appreciation to the Board and Administrative team for taking time to attend the annual Tri Conference. There were excellent professional development opportunities. Dr. Jarrett also met with the State superintendent. 

Committee Reports 

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Makulec 

The Committee has not met since the last Board Meeting. Agenda items for the December meeting include Bilingual programming, Charter Schools, Empowerment Zone Schools and Virtual Learning. The committee will meet Monday, December 2, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. 

B. Operations Committee – Mr. Rollins 

The Operations Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The Committee will meet Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. 

*Action Items 

A. Agreement with Rockford Area Arts Council – Arts Infusion Grant – Dr. Woulfe 

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mr. Rollins to approve the Agreement with Rockford Area Arts Council. Comments included: 

- How to track and ensure the monies are allocated across all of the schools. 
- Is there an implementation schedule. 
- How will the District ensure equity. 

Two middle schools and nine elementary schools will be recipients. 

Approved Unanimously. 

B. $130,000 DCEO Grant Acceptance – McIntosh and Dennis – Dr. Woulfe 

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Dr. Harner to approve the $130,000 DCEO Grant Acceptance – McIntosh and Dennis. 

The funds from this grant will be returned to Fund 20. 

Approved Unanimously. 

C. CICS Rockford Charter School (CRCSD) – RPS 205 Pass Through Agreement 

Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to approve the CICS Rockford Charter School (CRCSD) – RPS 205 Pass Through Agreement. 

Approved Unanimously.
D. $500,000 DCEO Grant Acceptance – CICS – Dr. Woulfe
Motion by Mr. Connor seconded by Mrs. Makulec to approve the $500,000 DCEO Grant Acceptance. Approved Unanimously.

Other Business/New Business/Agenda Recommendations
- The draft audit was presented at the 11/12/13 Board Meeting, and Mrs. Powers asked when comments were due to Finance. Mr. Lewis stated the Audit is complete, and language corrections have been made.
- Mr. Rollins commented the Audit has never been approved by Board members, and action is needed. This will return to Board for the 12/10/13 regular meeting.

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

Approved: on voice vote.

Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.

President: [Signature]

Secretary: [Signature]