



Date | time Monday – August 23, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

Location Rockford High School Fine Arts Auditorium

Meeting called to order with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance by President Downs

In Attendance

Board of Education: Bobbi Jo Blanton, Geoff Downs, Kelley Freridge, Jake Himmelspach, Andrea Jacobson, Tim Lewis, Nick Reichenbach.

Administration: Dr. Michael Sibley, Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo, Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mindy Duba, Lisa Jacobs, Sharon Wells, Marlene Clark.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Andrea Jacobson, supported by Timothy Lewis, approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Timothy Lewis, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Minutes of August 9, 2021 study and closed sessions; August 16, 2021 special meeting and closed session; Regular Meeting #2
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$3,518,168.25
- 2021-22 Fall Middle School Coaching Recommendations.

Sideline Cheerleading: Melisa Milanowski (ERMS Head Coach), Bobbie Demorest (NRMS Head Coach), Haley Braun (ERMS/NRMS Assistant Coach)

Cross Country: David Hodgkinson (ERMS Head Coach), Erin Cole (ERMS Assistant Coach), Emily Weinmann (NRMS Head Coach), Jennifer Nyeholt (NRMS Assistant Coach)

78ers Football (ERMS): James Herrington (8th Grade Head Coach), Thomas Kowalski (8th Grade Assistant Coach), Don Packard (7th Grade Head Coach), Murphy Hodder & Justin Ruble (7th Grade Assistant Coach)

78ers Football (NRMS): Michael Ahern (8th Grade Head Coach), Jason VanderWall (8th Grade Assistant Coach), Aaron Karsies (7th Grade Head Coach), Tim Miller & Jacques Green (7th Grade Assistant Coaches)

Volleyball (ERMS): Keri Ellis (8th Grade A Head Coach), Christine Lyon (8th Grade B Head Coach), Jodi Ramos (7th Grade A Head Coach), Linda Spencer (7th Grade B Head Coach)

Volleyball (NRMS): Sue Oaks (8th Grade A Head Coach), Melissa Schmidt (8th Grade B Head Coach), Julie Gitchell (7th Grade A Head Coach), Susan Witte (7th Grade B Head Coach)

Boys Tennis: Tracy Ouellette (ERMS Head Coach), Ross Dondit (NRMS Head Coach)

- 2021-22 Fall High School Coaching Recommendations.

Sideline Cheerleading: Kasandra Clark (Head Coach), Rachel Rosario (JV Coach), Danielle Stulp (Freshman Coach)

Cross Country: Andrew Martin (Boys Head Coach), Ben Watson (Girls Head Coach), George Goad (Boys Assistant Coach), Jane Van Niekerk (Girls Assistant Coach)

Football: Brent Cummings (Head Coach); Brian Richardson, Jason VanderLaan, Randy VanderVeen, Rick Wilburn (Varsity Assistant Coaches); Max Crimp (JV Coach); Mike Cowin (JV Assistant Coach); Tim Saur (Freshman Coach); Steve Fusee (Freshman Assistant Coach)

Girls Golf: Scott Kruisenga (Head Coach), Kyle Clough (JV A Coach), Mitch Gathercole (JV B Coach)

Boys Soccer: Tim Boelman (Head Coach), Hector Fernandez (JV Coach), Don Hamilton (Freshman Coach)

Girls Swimming/Diving: Samantha Velting (Head Coach), Ethan Leach (Assistant Coach), Chad Randall (Diving Coach)

Boys Tennis: Tom Huizing (Head Coach), Hope Keating (JV Coach)

Volleyball: Kelly Delacher (Head Coach), Christa Manyen (JV Coach), Jill Brouwer (Freshman Coach)

- **Certified Staff Resignations.** Accept resignations of Nanette Hersberger (effective end of day August 10, 2021), Lindsey Rohde (effective end of day August 11, 2021), Lori Willett (effective end of day August 12, 2021)

Reports

Summer Learning and School Year Return to Learn Report

Dr. Shibler and central office administrators reported on the first student day, which was overall positive despite the last-minute public health order issued by the Kent County Health Department on Friday, August 20, requiring masks in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Dr. Shibler cannot say whether further orders will be issued but stressed that school districts not following public health orders would be at risk of being closed down.

Assistant Superintendents Mike Cuneo (Finance), Mike Ramm (Instruction), and Korie Wilson-Crawford (Human Resources), along with Executive Directors Mindy Duba (Special Services) and Lisa Jacobs (Community Services), Director of Literacy Sharon Wells, and Instructional Coach Rachel DeKuiper reported to the Board of Education on the following topics:

- a. Summer school opportunities (Jacobs)
- b. Rockford Reading Bus (Wells and DeKuiper)
- c. Operations, including transportation, food service, technology, maintenance (Cuneo)
- d. First student day (Ramm, Wilson-Crawford)
- e. Special Services (Duba)

Old Business

None.

New Business

Certified Staff Recommendations

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Nick Reichenbach supported by Kelley Freridge, to employ the following certified staff for the 2021-22 school year. Trustee Reichenbach acknowledged some of the new staff are from Rockford Public Schools graduates. Motion carried

unanimously. Following approval, the new employees expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to join the Rockford Public Schools team.

Jennifer Bascom	4 th Grade	Valley View
Lauryn Eriksen	Kindergarten	Crestwood
Kelly Farran	1 st Grade	Lakes
Jacob Grasley	Science	River Valley Academy
Laura Jehner	Resource	Crestwood
Matthew Kimball	Earth Science	Freshman Center
Michele Morrell	ASD	Rockford High School
Megan Normington	Social Studies	East Rockford Middle
Krista Sietsema	Developmental Kindergarten	Crestwood
Katie Terry	English	River Valley
Kelli Walker	4 th Grade	Parkside

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education. "XX" represents individuals who either did not provide their name or their pronouncement was unintelligible. A sign-in sheet for speakers for both the earlier study session and the regular meeting will be maintained with the Board of Education minutes.

Tammy Clark, Shawn, XX, Amanda, Mary Fountain, Jamie, Jill McLaren, Andrew, Brenda Wodarski, Emily, Joe Sedlock, XX, XX, Monica, Lauren, Matt, Laura Kane, Duncan, Jess Daly, Emily, XX, XX, Josh, XX, Abigail, XX, Julia, Jason, Brian, XX, XX, Sue, Denise, Kristie,

Motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Timothy Lewis, to recess the meeting for a five-minute break. Motion carried unanimously.

XX, Tammy, Duane, XX, XX, Karen, XX, XX, Laura, XX, Renee Russo, Erin, Nicki, XX, XX, XX, XX, XX, Susan Richards, Amanda, XX, Trisha, XX, Steven Pierce.

Adjournment

President Downs adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Timothy J. Lewis, Secretary
Rockford Public Schools Board of Education*

Minutes approved at September 13, 2021 meeting