



*Date | time* April 11, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.

*Location* Administration Boardroom

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

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### In Attendance

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Board of Education: Bobbi Jo Blanton, Kelley Freridge, Jake Himmelspach, Andrea Jacobson, Timothy Lewis, Jarrod Folsom, Nick Reichenbach

Administration: Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo, Lisa Jacobs, Mindy Duba, Jodi Nester, Jill Avink

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### Adoption of Agenda

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A motion was made by Kelly Freridge, supported by Jake Himmelspach, approving the agenda as presented.

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### Recognition

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#### Odyssey of the Mind World Finalist

1. The Board of Education and Korie Wilson-Crawford recognized seven Odyssey of the Mind State Champion Teams and the Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator Amanda Merrill. Jessica Carsies spoke about the Odyssey of the mind program. Certificates were handed out to each of the students. These teams will be representing Rockford Public Schools in the World Championships at Iowa State University in late May. The following students are members of the winning teams:

Eli VanSoest	Garrison Crow	Mia Szymanski	Josey Wright
Eve Hayes	Lucas Mueller	Caroline Gillain	Ellasyn Verlin
Johann Ringler	Frankie Bush	Zephyr VanGoor	Diem Stockmeyer
Audrey Hipp	Emma Henshaw	Allison Herbst	Graham Mayville
Makayla Schultz	Zoe Kapolka	Bridget Hoekstra	Brooke Kosanke
Logan Nephew	Julieann Cherry	Leighton Mikelanus	Jack Anderson
Brody Smith		Ethan Steele	Grant Albin

Liam Folsom	Emmi Buikema	Aden Rapanos
Samantha Bartish	Camille Blasky	Morgan Demarest
Stella DeBrot	Lilliana Field	Alex Karsies
Stella Walker	Kate Neumann	Lauren Trimble
Analiese McNamara	Brody Willner	Hailey Warnke
Ryder Krause	Donovan Mays	Tanner Wendell

Leah Mehling

Gavin Mays

Olivia Lundy

## Rockford High School State Champion Gymnastics Team

The Board of Education and Cole Andrews recognized the State Championship Gymnastics team. Coach Mille Ackney recognized the athletes and handed out certificates to each of them. 5 of the team members are also all state. Members of the team are:

Head Coach Michelle Ackney and Assistant Coach Averi Nixon

Anjaleah Barraza	Avery Renberg
Kayley Burke	Lacey Scheid
Joey Gair	Olivia Schubert
Hailey Hill	Mael Stelma
Ainsley Jehnzen	Sydney Taylor
Sara Merrett	Anna Tracey
Averi Nixon	Kate Tracey
Emily Pittman	Ellie Wilcox
Claire Adams	Addi Pitzer
Kennedi Wood	

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## Consent Agenda

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Motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, approving the following consent agenda items. There was a request by Andrea Jacobsen to move item 2 to New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of March 14; Regular Meeting #10, Tuesday, March 15, 2022; Special Meeting, Friday, March 18, 2022; Special Meeting, Monday, March 21, 2022; Special Meeting, Thursday, March 24, 2022; Special Meeting, and Friday, March 25, 2022; Special Meeting.
- **Administrative Contract Renewals (moved to New Business)**
- **Payment of bills in the amount of \$5,478,109.94**

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## Reports

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### Student Representative

RHS student representative Bella MacKenzie reported on items from March and April. The Swirl dance was a big success. Everyone is feeling refreshed after spring break. Arena scheduling is open for selecting classes and students like this platform a lot. Can Madness was put on by Student Council with an item of the week and two teachers team up and collect. The musical was success. Rockford had two

National Merit Finalists. The Senior Class President for 2022-2023 is Olivia Bommarito. Olivia introduced herself and is excited to be the student rep to the board next year.

### College and Career Readiness Report

Executive Director of Community Services Lisa Jacobs gave a presentation on College and Career Readiness. Early College presents great opportunities for our students. Mrs. Jacobs gave updates on the number of students who are involved in the Ferris State University Concurrent Enrollment partnership. Enrollment is currently at 239 students. Dual Enrollment offers 2 classes and has 20 students currently enrolled. 8 students are currently enrolled in Cloud Computing and Cybersecurity. Fall of 2022 will offer Dual Enrollment in Spanish. Eligible students will receive a 1,000 scholarship for all four years at FSU. We have also partnered with GVSU for AHS 100 Medical Terminology and AHS 110 Intro to Health Care. 21 students will take part in this program in the Fall of 2022. Tom Hosford spoke about how Lisa Jacobs is the go-to person and how she advocates for our students to have access to the many opportunities they do.

### Staff Appreciation Resolutions

Korie Wilson-Crawford, Interim Superintendent, presented a resolution to the Board of Education establishing the week of May 2, 2022, as Staff Appreciation Week and Tuesday, May 3, 2022, as Staff Appreciation Day. Ms. Wilson-Crawford recommended the Board of Education approve the resolution as presented. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge and supported by Jake Himmelspach. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Barring any unforeseen restrictions, Korie Wilson-Crawford, cabinet members, and Board of Education trustees will visit district buildings on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

### Collaborative Team Reports

The Board of Education received information about events occurring in our schools in the form of monthly collaborative team reports.

Elementary: Larry Watters, Parkside Elementary Principal, reported on things happening in our Elementary schools. March was reading month with over 1000 hours of reading time by students outside of school hours. Sliming Mr. Watters was a fun end to the month. Cannonsburg welcomed a family from Ukraine

Some of the things done to celebrate our new normal

- Roll or ride your bike
- Spring concerts
- Field Days
- Earth Day
- Volunteers are allowed in the buildings again

The Elementary schools are now enrolling the class of 2035-36.

Secondary: Tom Hosford, Rockford High School Principal, reported on things happening in our secondary schools. Our Middle School and High School bands had a combined concert. The Musical was a success with standing ovations. Winter Guard competed on 4/2 with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Varsity and Jv with a 4<sup>th</sup> place. Art Show had a pleasant mixture of mediums. E-Sports – National Tournament qualified in Orlando. Mr. Hosford discussed vaping and social media.

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## Old Business

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## New Business

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### 1. Transportation Remodel – Phase I

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Michael Cuneo presented financial information regarding the first phase of the transportation remodel. The bus garage is in need of upgrades. As part of the 2019 Bond Scope this project will be done. It will be a teardown and rebuild in phases. Shawn Hayward discussed the bids that were presented and explained the process including interviews and explained which bids were chosen. Mr. Cuneo recommended that the bids be approved and will begin in June of 2023. Motion to approve Kelley and Support by Andrea. Motion pass unanimously.

### 2. Administrator Recommendation

Korie Wilson-Crawford and Athletic Director Cole Andrews presented their recommendation for the Rockford High School Assistant Athletic Director. This is a replacement position due to the retirement of Vic Villareal. Mr. Andrews recommended hiring Nicholas Davis to fill this position. His contract would start July 1, 2022. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach, support by Jarrod Folsom. Motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Administrative Contract Renewals

Motion to Approve Jake Himmelspach and support by Jarrod Folsom. Korie Wilson-Crawford explained the process of how the contracts would be approved at not less than the current amounts. The HR committee would look at increases and take them to the board. Motion passed unanimously. President Reichenbach expressed his feelings about the fantastic Administrative Team and that this is a vote of confidence to all Administrators. The Board is not expecting change but only to move forward. The board expressed how pleased they are with the Administrative team. President Reichenbach discussed the work that Ms. Wilson-Crawford is doing. Tim Lewis spoke about making Rockford the best we can. Motion passed unanimously.

## A. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND HEARING OF PEOPLE PRESENT

This is a business meeting of the Board of Education held in public. Comments are welcome from the audience during "Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present," however, they are comments only and speakers are limited to three minutes. The audience is asked to refrain from making comments or asking questions at any other time during the meeting. If you have a specific concern, please feel free to speak with a Board trustee or the Superintendent of Schools after the meeting or call the Superintendent's Office at 616-863-6557.

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### Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

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5 visitors addressed the board:

Tammy Gombar - Absent

Brenda Wodarski - Absent

Emily Z - Absent

Stephanie Buikema – Declined

Carol VanKoevering

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### Adjournment

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President Reichenbach adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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Secretary, Board of Education