



Date | time March 14, 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

In Attendance

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

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Andrea Jacobsen, approving the agenda as presented.

Recognition

Middle School Students of the Month

Beyond the Rock produced a video honoring the following Middle School Students of the Month for March 2022:

East RMS

Kaia Blasky and Brandon Kosiorek (6th), - Jahlin Clemenshaw and River Bianchi (7th) - Anna Tenbrink and Eli Johnson (8th)

North RMS

Elin Bentley and Caleb Kremsreiter (6th), Addy Springer and Owen Tiedt (7th), Lila Powers and Jake Bascom (8th)

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Tim Lewis, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Minutes of February 14, 2022; Regular Meeting #9, and March 5, 2022; Special Meeting
- Approval of Spring Coaching Recommendations
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$10,349,737.60

Reports

Student Representative

RHS student representative Bella MacKenzie was absent. President Reichenbach spoke about the Musical and Girls Basketball. He also mentioned that there is an art display in Ann Arbor featuring artwork done by Rockford students.

Literacy Report

Director of Literacy, Sharon Wells presented to the Board of Education, Cabinet, and Visitors about many topics including the Daily Instruction Model, Professional Learning, Imagination Library, Book Bus, Beyond the Classroom, and Classroom Library refurbishing. Each Rockford Public Schools Teacher is receiving 200 more books for the classroom libraries. Book club has started and involves 160 teachers. There will also be a summer online book club.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report

Dr. Kelly Amshey, Rockford Freshman Center Principal, and Korie Wilson-Crawford, Interim Superintendent, gave a report on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Dr. Amshey has been on the team for 12 years. Team members have participated in cultural awareness and are now certified to share the knowledge with staff to help with student success. Core values include Inclusive language and inclusive work.

Collaborative Team Reports

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

Elementary: Matt Zokoe, Cannonsburg Elementary Principal, spoke about things happening at our Elementary Schools. Parent-Teacher conferences were well attended. Face to face learning has been great! Teachers are moving forward with Tier learning and 3rd through 5th grade students are gearing up for the MSTEP. The scholastic book fair sales were the highest ever.

Secondary: Dr. Kelly Amshey, Rockford Freshman Center Principal, reported that the secondary students have had a great start to the third trimester. Planning is currently taking place for the 2022-2023 school year. Master schedules are being built and staffing needs will be determined. Students are able to participate in a program that will give them the opportunity to obtain a degree from Ferris State University. River Valley Academy has added a zero and sixth hour in order to give the students more flexibility and help them get the credits they need.

Old Business

None

New Business

Fiber Extension

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo with Carl VanderZee explained how all Rockford buildings are connected to each other with a private fiber-optic network. It's an economical way to connect the systems within our school. RPS maintains responsibility for the cable going to the new elementary school. There was a motion to approve by Kelley Freridge, Supported by Tim Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

WIFI Access point replacement

Carl VanderZee presented to the board regarding the need to replace our WIFI Access points. In order to keep up with the devices the students have in the district, WIFI access points will need to be upgraded. Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo, recommended approving the project. There was a motion to approve by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

Bond Refunding

Allison Clements, Accounts Payable Coordinator, gave an overview of Bond Refunding. Mike Cuneo recommended approval. There was a motion to approve by Tim Lewis, supported by Andrea Jacobsen. The motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Bid approval for paving projects at Cannonsburg and Lakes Elementary Schools.

Shawn Hayward, Director of Operations, presented information regarding pavement replacement at Cannonsburg Elementary and Lakes Elementary. These projects will be done during the summer. There was a motion to approve by Jarrod Folsom with support by Kelley Freridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid Approval to replace the carpet and interior finishes at Meadow Ridge Elementary.

Shawn Hayward, Director of Operations, discussed the need for the replacement of carpet and interior finishes at Meadow Ridge Elementary. Meadow Ridge is 25 years old and in need of these replacements. The tile will be replaced with polished concrete in the wet areas. The concrete will not need to be waxed. Motion for approval by Jake Himmelspach with support by Kelley Freridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Petition to strike property taxes.

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo, presented information regarding Courtland, Algoma and Plainfield township's non-collectible taxes. After a 5 year period, it is recommended to write them off. Motion to approve by Bobbi Jo Blanton with support by Tim Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Certified Staff Recommendations

Interim Superintendent, Korie Wilson-Crawford, recommended the hiring of Emily Michalak as a Speech & Language Pathologist at Meadow Ridge Elementary. Emily will finish the 2021-2022 school year and be employed full-time for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Tim Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

10 visitors addressed the board:

Brenda Wodarski	Duane Gritter	Teya Cotter
Stephanie Buikema	Tracy Ouellette	Jennifer Curtis
Carol Phelps	Mary Cory	Linda Spencer
Jason Hiscock		

Adjournment

President Reichenbach adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education