



Date | time May 09, 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 (arrived at 6:30 p.m.), Jarrod Folsom, Nick Reichenbach

Administration: Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo, Lisa Jacobs, Mindy Duba, Jill Avink (Recorder)

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Kelley Freridge, 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 May 2022:

East RMS

Adrianna Camarena and Andrew Thomas (6th), Lucy Elyea and Cooper Durham (7th), Leah Raap, and Kyle Dehoog (8th) were presented certificates at their building.

North RMS

Vanessa Rollenhagen and Brayden Mendoza (6th), Sofia DeLuccia and Dawson Starkey (7th), Delaney Twigg, and Jacob Frasier (8th) were presented certificates at their building.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Andrea Jacobsen, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes. Minutes of April 11, 2022; Regular Meeting #11.
- KISD 22-23 Budget.
- Superintendent Contract. The Board approved the Superintendent Contract for Dr. Steven Matthews.
- Presentation of Bills in the amount of \$9,002,616.61
- Anne Monterusso – Cannonsburg Teacher requesting LOA for 2022-2023 school year.

Reports

Student Representative

Hight School students had a great time at Prom. The National Honor Society induction is coming up soon. Students participated in teacher appreciation by giving gifts to the staff. BTR took a final photo of the class of 2022. Students raised over \$40,000 dollars with the help of the community to provide some assistance to an exchange student who is struggling with some health issues. Thespian awards were last week and the Spring play will begin this week. Graduation is quickly approaching and seniors are looking forward to the after-grad party with a secret location.

Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson-Crawford thanked Bella for her time spent as the student representative. Board President Nick Reichenbach presented Bella with a book “Oh, the places you’ll go” that was signed by the board and Central Office Administration along with a gift card to amazon for her hard work.

Collaborative Team Reports

The Board of Education received information about important events occurring in our schools in the form of monthly collaborative team reports. This month’s reports were given by the following administrators:

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Elementary.....	Nicole Peterson (Crestwood Elementary)
Secondary	Lissa Weidenfeller (NRMS)

Nicole presented an update on elementary happenings. She thanked everyone for their support on behalf of the staff. Spring concerts were held for the first time since COVID. Several field trips and field days are coming this month. Everyone is grateful to be able to open the doors to volunteers and parents to be able to show off the hard work the kids have done. Data reviews are being received. We are busy making sure staff is placed appropriately for next year and are also welcoming new staff as we hire for next year.

Lissa presented an update on secondary happenings. Secondary buildings are also hiring staff for next year. She thanked Central Office for staff appreciation and all of their support. Master schedules are in progress and then the process will move to area scheduling. The 6th graders are excited to attend camp. The Bands will be performing at a Whitecaps game. The 8th grade is going to Michigan Adventure for a field trip and will have breakfast before going on their trip. An in-person academic ceremony is coming up soon. MME testing is complete. SAT scores have been posted. Graduation is an exciting event held at the Delta Plex. RVA sponsored a recycling program and had fun painting the Parkside crosswalk.

Our Esports will be representing Rockford Public Schools at Nationals.

Old Business

None

New Business

2022 Graduates

Rockford High School. Rockford High School Principal Tom Hosford presented to the Board of Education the list of 2022 RHS graduates. Korie Wilson-Crawford recommended that the Board of Education approve the list of graduates as presented. Motion by Kelley Freridge to Approve with Support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson-Crawford thanked Tom Hosford for an awesome first year at the High School. He did a great job getting through his first year. Tom reported that he likes to see the students have fun and he likes to engage students. This year there were more students at prom than ever before. He also encourages the students to finish strong. Graduation will be held at the Deltaplex on May 24th.

River Valley Academy. Executive Director of Community Services Lisa Jacobs presented to the Board of Education the list of 2022 RVA graduates. Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson-Crawford recommended that the Board of Education approve the list of graduates as presented. Motion for approval by Bobbi Jo Blanton and Support by Andrea Jacobsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson-Crawford thanked Mrs. Jacobs for her work at River Valley Academy. The kids in the program overcame many obstacles to get where they are and they have great relationships with the staff.

Rockford Adult Education. Mrs. Jacobs presented to the Board of Education the list of 2022 Rockford Adult Education graduates. Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson-Crawford recommended that the Board of Education approve the list of graduates as presented. Motion by Jarrod Folsom with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Compensation Report

Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson-Crawford discussed compensation and wage bargaining. Spreadsheets were shared to show the good work being done. The team is using 2022-2023 data to drive data. Support staff made excellent gains in all areas. Staffing bus drivers continues to be a challenge and we also need to continue working on their pay scale.

Longevity scale data was presented to show progress. As data comes out we will continue to update our spreadsheets. Korie is excited to work with union reps to continue the salary compensation work.

Nick mentioned that this has been a long time coming and we recognize the challenges. People enjoy working at Rockford and we will continue to make progress.

Bargaining is done in good faith and will continue to bargain until an agreement is made.

Summer Learning

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm talked about the summer learning program with Lisa Jacobs, Mindy Duba, and Sharon Wells.

We are continuing to build on what we did last year. Nearly 2,000 students enrolled in 2021. The program will be supported by transportation, food service, and staffing. The summer learning program will again be available in 2022 with in-person and online offerings.

Director of Literacy Sharon Wells. – surveyed parents and received over 1000 responses.

Elementary –

Targeted ELA and Math..... Direct, intensive intervention for qualifying students

Online Book clubs..... Grades 3-6 can explore new novels with RPS teachers leading the way

Exploration Camps..... Two-week thematic experiences providing content-rich summer learning

Kids Read Now.....All first and second-grade students will receive 9 books over the summer

Middle School –

Targeted ELA and Math.....Direct, intensive intervention for qualifying students

WIN Camps..... Over a dozen hands-on, creative experiences for students completing grades 6-8

Online Book Clubs.....Grades 3-6 can explore new novels with RPS teachers leading the way

Lisa Jacobs presented on High School offerings

Credit recovery - Math, English, Social Studies, Health

Open Credit - Electives including PE, Art, Communications, and more

SAT prep

Sharon Wells talked about the Rockford book bus. The bus was able to hit multiple neighborhoods last year. The number of stops will increase from 4 to 5 this year and the program will last for 7 weeks running Monday through Thursday

Mindy Duba discussed Special Education Offerings

Speech - Individualized Speech Therapy for K-12

ELA - Specialized instruction for 2nd-5th Grade

Math - Specialized instruction for 2nd-5th Grade

Social Work - Targeted Group Sessions for Elementary and Middle Schools

K-5 ASD - Continued Programming to maintain school routines

Transition – R1TS 3 - Continued Programming for maintenance of skills

Lisa Jacobs covered Summer Learning

Advertising - Rampage, summer adventures, family access, web page, social media

Enrollment - Community Services

Training - Staff, Preparation, and planning

2022 Spring Policy Update

2022 Spring Policy Update, First Reading - Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson Crawford presented the spring policy changes that were discussed at the policy committee meeting. This is the first reading of the policy updates. There will be a second reading at the June board meeting.

Transportation Technology Upgrades – Bid Review

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo presented a bid review on technology upgrades in the transportation department. Mr. Cuneo introduced Carl Vanderzee with Communications by Design to give a review of the bid upgrade in 2 categories. Buses have been operating with the same cameras for quite some time. New cameras with high resolution and the ability to upload video directly to servers are much more efficient. Only one compliant bid was received.

A new routing system would improve by using tablets instead of using a paper process.

Also reviewed at Finance Committee meeting. Outfitting 31 busses. As we retire busses we will upgrade those busses. Motion to approve by Bobbi Jo Blanton with support by Tim Lewis. The motion was approved unanimously.

Crestwood Expansion – Bid Review

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo presented a bid review of the expansion of Crestwood Elementary.

Mr. Cuneo gave a presentation showing the expansion taking place at Crestwood Elementary to accommodate the growth on the east side of the district. The school additions would add 6 classrooms and additional restrooms. It would also add a new gym including locker rooms and storage and the current gym would be used as the cafeteria. There will also be a separate bus loop for better traffic flow added. The construction will start in 2022 and end in the fall of 2023. Building design and bid costs were reviewed by the Finance Committee on May 4th. Mr. Cuneo recommended Owen Ames Kimball to complete the work. Motion by Kelley Freridge with support by Andrea Jacobsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

1 visitor addressed the board:

Carol VanKoeving

Adjournment

President Reichenbach adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education