



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

December 9, 2024

Date & time Monday-December 9, 2024, 2024 | 5:30 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

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

In Attendance

Board of Education: Tricia Anderson, Jarrod Folsom, Kelley Freridge, Barbara Helms, Jake Himmelspace, Christy Ramsey, Nick Reichenbach

Regrets: None

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Ramm, Allison Clements, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Jodi Nester.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Kelley Freridge with support by Jake Himmelspace. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition

1. Meadow Ridge Blue Ribbon Recognition – Dr. Matthews recognized Meadow Ridge Elementary for their National level Blue Ribbon School accomplishment. Principal Blake Bowman spoke and introduced Janny Steele who talked about what a great honor it is. They thanked the Board of Education and Rockford Public Schools Administration for their support.
2. Middle School Student of the Month – A video was played honoring the Middle School Students of the month.
3. MASL Media Specialist – Dr. Matthews recognized Matt Zokoe, Alexa Lalejini and George Wilson for being recognized by the Michigan Association of School Libraries.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Nick Reichenbach with support by Christie Ramsey. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from the October 14, 2024 meeting.
2. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$13,071,955.02.
3. Athletics donation of \$2,500
4. Boys Basketball donation of \$1,500
5. 2023-2024 Salary Schedules
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7. Certified Staff Resignation
8. HS Winter Coaches

New Business

1. Fall Policy Update - 1st reading – Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford explained the policy updates to the Board of Education. This was for information only and will be voted on at the December 9, 2024 meeting.
2. Health Insurance Changes – Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford discussed the changes in Health Care for RPS employees. There have been several meetings with the bargaining groups in order to select plan options for each group.
 - REA – Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey.
 - RESPA – Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspace with support by Christie Ramsey.
3. Certified Staff Recommendation - Dr. Wilson-Crawford presented new staff to the Board of Education. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Tricia Anderson
4. Insulin Opt-In Resolution – Dr. Matthews read a statement regarding Rockford Public Schools joining a group of districts in an ongoing legal case regarding Insulin administration. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspace with support by Christy Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously by Roll-call vote.

Reports

1. Student Representative Report

Student Representative to the Board, Brooklyn Schmucher updated the board regarding events at the Secondary Level.
2. Collaborative Reports

Blake Bowman, Meadow Ridge Elementary Principal updated the board on events happening at the Elementary level.

North Rockford Middle School Principal, Lissa Weidenfeller gave a presentation about things happening at the Secondary Level.
3. Committee Reports – Kelley Freridge updated the board on a recent HR committee meeting. They committee discussed the Superintendent Evaluation and salary schedule requirements for the ORS. Kelley also thanked Trustee Reichenbach for this service to the HR committee.
4. RAMS XII Report

Superintendent Matthews gave a report on the RAMS XII 2025-2027 Strategic Plan.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews gave an update on the recent School Board election. He is very appreciative of all who came out to vote. He also gave praise to Meadow Ridge Elementary on their recent Blue-Ribbon award. Praise was also given to the Girls Volleyball and Rugby Teams.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education