



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting December 8, 2025

Date I time Monday, December 8, 2025 *I* 5:37 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: Kelley Freridge, Jarrod Folsom, Barbara Helms, Jake Himmelspach, Andrea Jacobson, Christie Ramsey, Tricia Anderson

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

Adoption of Agenda

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

Recognition

The Middle School students of the month for December were recognized.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Andrea Jacobson with support from Christie Ramsey. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$ 16,314,441.38
2. Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2025
3. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2025
4. Winter II Coaches
5. Boys Basketball Donation of \$1,500
6. Approval of January 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting date

New Business

1. District Transportation Video Monitoring System Bid – There was a short presentation regarding the proposed District Transportation Video Monitoring System. A bid was presented to the board for approval. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support from Jake Himmelspach. Motion carried unanimously.
2. RHS Bleachers and Elevator Bids – There was a presentation regarding the projects that would take place to repair/replace some the gym flooring, bleachers, equipment and an elevator replacement at Rockford High School. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Tricia Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.
3. RHS Boilers Bid – Bids were taken to replace the boilers at Rockford High School. There was a short presentation explaining what needed to be done to make the replacement. Motion to

approve by Christie Ramsey with support from Andrea Jacobson. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

None

Reports

1. Student Representative Report – Student Representative to the Board, Leah Rapp gave an update on the many activities taking place at Rockford High School.
2. Committee Reports
 - Jake Himmelsbach talked about items that were discussed in the Finance Committee meeting.
 - Kelley Freridge discussed things covered in the HR committee meeting. Dr. Wilson-Crawford discussed the topics that were covered during the meeting.
3. Literacy Report – Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm, and Director of Literacy, Sharon Well, gave a presentation on Literacy and The Science of Reading. They also presented data for Rockford Public Schools and the different District levels of support.
4. Collaborative Team Reports
 - Belmont Elementary Principal, Rachel DeKuiper, gave an update on things happening at the Elementary level.
 - Director of Adult/Alternative Education, Jennifer Thompson, gave an update on things happening at the Secondary level.
5. Superintendent Evaluation
 - Board President, Jarrod Folsom, discussed the Superintendent Evaluation and the rating that Dr. Matthews was given. The rating was effective, which is the highest rating possible. He thanked the trustees and Dr. Wilson-Crawford for their help with the process.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews thanked the community members who are reaching out regarding volunteering and discussed the MSTEP data. He also talked about the importance of the mental health of our students and the importance of supporting them and their families. He talked about the process for changing policies and the work that goes into making those changes. He thanked the board for taking their time and effort in his evaluation. RPS will be reaching out to the community for input. He will continue to lead in a positive manner. Dr. Matthews explained the process of evaluating conditions when necessary due to weather.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education