



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Special Meeting September 8, 2026

Date & time Tuesday, September 8, 2026 | 8:00 a.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, Lissa Geglio-Weidenfeller, Jake Himmelspace, Andrea Jacobson

Regrets: Dr. Barbara Helms, Christie Ramsey

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Jodi Nester

Adoption of Agenda

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

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

Audience Participation. No action taken.

New Business

Trustee Complaint – There was a motion by Lissa Geglio-Weidenfeller with support from Jake Himmelspace to enter closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

The board entered closed session to deliberate the complaint received.

There was a motion by Andrea Jacobson with support by Jake Himmelspace to return to open session. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by Kelley Freridge with support from Jake Himmelspace to approve a draft resolution regarding the complaint. The Board passed a motion stating:

1. *The comments and conduct of a single member of this board do not represent the position or opinion of the school board as an entity under the Revised School Code.*
2. *The Rockford community and its members are placed on notice that except for the Board President, who functions as the official spokesperson of the Board under Bylaw 0143.1, or unless specifically authorized by motion of this board, an individual member of the school board has no greater authority than that of an individual community member and that such individual's comments and conduct should not be construed as representing the position or opinion of the school board.*
3. *The school board completely, without reservation, disavows the aforementioned comments and conduct as representing the position or opinion of the school board.*
4. *The school board hereby censures Trustee Dr. Barbara Helms for the conduct described above.*

5. *The school board affirms its commitment to comply with the Revised School Code and all laws protecting students and school staff.*
6. *The Board's actions within this resolution shall be inserted within the minutes of the meeting.*

The motion was passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education

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