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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

April 21, 2025

Date & time Monday-April 21, 2025 | 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, Christie Ramsey, Andrea Jacobson

Regrets: Barbara Helms, Jake Himmelspace

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 Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition

1. MIAAA MS AD of the Year – Jennifer Domagalski – Dr. Matthews talked about the Honor Jennifer Domagalski received from the MIAAA.
2. Middle School Student of the Month – A video was played honoring the Middle School Students of the month.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Andrea Jacobson. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from the Minutes from the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. Presentation of Bills in the Amount of \$14,017,944.04
3. Revised HS Spring Coaches
4. Tenure List
5. Certified Resignations

New Business

1. Spring Policies – 1st Reading – Information Only - Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Korie Wilson-Crawford gave a short report of the policies being presented and let the board know this was for information only and a vote would take place next month at the May meeting.
2. Parkside and Middle School Furniture – Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike

- Ramm asked the Board of Education to approve furniture purchases for North Rockford Middle School and the Parkside building. Parkside - Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously. Middle School – Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Strength and Conditioning Equipment – Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Allison Clements, asked the board to approve new weight equipment for North Rockford Middle School. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
 4. Security Technology – Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Allison Clements, presented a proposal to the board for a new Security Technology Contract and materials. Our current contract expires this summer. Motion to approve by Andrea Jacobson with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
 5. Staff Appreciation Resolution – Dr. Matthews presented a Staff Appreciation resolution to the Board for Approval. Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
 6. 2025 KIASB Board of Directors Ballot – Dr. Matthews presented the ballot from the KIASB to the Board for approval. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

Reports

1. Student Representative Report – RPS Student Representative to the Board gave a presentation to the board highlighting different groups and teams and talked about upcoming events. Graduation is right around the corner.
2. Bus Inspection Report – Director of Transportation, Matt Puett presented the results of our recent bus inspection report highlighting the results of a green tag inspection. Our staff is doing an amazing job!
3. Collaborative Reports

Elementary level – Lakes Elementary Principal, Matt Zokoe talked about assessments and work that the important work the staff have been doing with the students. He also talked about kindergarten screening.

Secondary Level – North Rockford Middle School Principal, Lissa Weidenfeller also discussed assessments being done at the secondary level. She also talked about sixth grade camp and how successful it is.
4. Committee Reports
 - Human Resources – ESTA and Retirement Luncheon are things the HR Committee are working on.

- Policy - has been covered in meeting. Very ESTA heavy. International Travel will now be presented to the board. Also, much discussion on smart snacks.
- Building and Site – Many covered in meeting. Future playground equipment for Parkside will have some age-appropriate equipment for early childhood and some fencing surrounding the playground.
- Curriculum – The committee talked about the Outdoor learning environment. They are working on bringing the zoo experience to more students. They also discussed College Credits.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews spoke about the Parkside reunion and willingness to help with the event where possible. Staff Appreciation is in May before the board meeting. Dr. Matthews appreciates the work our staff do on a daily basis and the care and kindness our show our students.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education