

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 Himmelspach, Christy Ramsey, Nick Reichenbach

Regrets: None

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Ramm, 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. President Folsom recognized Trustee Nick Reichenbach for his service to the Rockford Board of Education. Trustee Reichenbach is an active member of the community and has been an asset to the Rockford Board of Education for 8 years.
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 Nick Reichenbach with support by Jake Himmelspach. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from the November 11, 2024 meeting.
2. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$10,716,438.63.
3. Athletics donations totaling \$2,000
4. Consumers Energy Easement & Resolution
5. 2023-2024 Salary Schedules
6. 2024-2025 Salary Schedules
7. Winter Coaches

New Business

1. 2019 Bond 3rd Series Authorizing Resolution.
Dr. Matthews presented a resolution to the board regarding a bond sale. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
2. Certified Staff Recommendation - Dr. Wilson-Crawford presented new staff to the Board of Education. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Superintendent Contract Appeal Language.
Dr. Wilson-Crawford presented new Superintendent Contract Appeal Language. The HR committee worked with our attorney and proposed an option for Rockford Public Schools. Motion to approve by Nick Reichenbach with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Policy Update – 2nd Reading
Dr. Wilson-Crawford presented a second reading policy update to the Board of Education for approval. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

1. Superintendent Evaluation
President Folsom thanked the Board for their work on the Superintendent Evaluation. In his report he touched on various categories that are a part of the Superintendent Evaluation. Dr. Matthews received the highest possible rating and the Board is happy with his work as the Superintendent of Rockford Public Schools.
2. Student Representative Report
Student Representative to the Board, Brooklyn Schmucher updated the board regarding recent, current and upcoming events happening at the Secondary Level.
3. Collaborative Reports
Crestwood Elementary Principal Kyle Avink updated the board on events happening at the Elementary level.
Rockford Freshman Center Principal, Dr. Kelly Amshey gave a presentation about things happening at the Secondary Level.
4. Committee Reports
Trustee Reichenbach talked about the Building and Site committee meeting and highlighted the topics discussed at the meeting.

5. RAMS XII Report

Superintendent Matthews introduced Mike Ramm. Mr. Ramm gave a report on tiered instruction. He also discussed the RAMS XII pillars and progress that is being made to meet the goals. Mr. Ramm introduced Kyle Avink and Jesus Santillan who also gave a presentation on Tiered Instruction.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews talked about River Valley Academy and thanked public speakers for their comments. He discussed that Virtual and Alternative education have been combined. We will continue to make sure that our students voices are heard. He also talked about expansion of our immersion program. Dr. Matthews thanked trustee Reichenbach for his service to the Board of Education.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education