

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

February 10, 2025

*Date | time* Monday-February 10, 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

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Board of Education: Tricia Anderson, Jarrod Folsom, Barbara Helms, Jake Himmelspach, Christie Ramsey, Andrea Jacobson

Regrets: Kelley Freridge

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

### Adoption of Agenda

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Motion to approve agenda by Christie Ramsey with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motion passed unanimously.

### Recognition

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1. Middle School Student of the Month – A video was played honoring the Middle School Students of the month.

### Consent Agenda

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Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Christie Ramsey. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from the January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes from the February 3, 2025 Closed Session Meeting
3. Salary Schedules – Nursing/Child Care
4. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$9,395,846.73.
5. Petition to strike delinquent taxes

### New Business

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1. Schools of Choice Resolutions
  - Opt out of Section 105
    - Motion to approve by Andrea Jacobson with support by Christie Ramsey. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
  - Opt into Section 105C
    - Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Tricia

Anderson. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- Opt into Kent Collaborative ISD Schools of Choice Program
  - Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Tricia Anderson. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
  
- 2. Bus Purchase – Allison Clements explained that as part of the 2019 bond we replace part of our bus fleet yearly. The recommendation is to replace seven buses through Hoekstra equipment. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. Abatement Bid Summary. Allison Clements introduced Shawn Hayward who explained the bids and asked for approval using proceeds from the 2019 bond. Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with support by Barb Helms. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Summer 2025 Paving Bid – Allison Clements introduced Jaren Gauss who explained the repaving projects that will be done during the summer at Parkside elementary. There will also be repaving done at the Freshman Center and some repaving will be done at Rockford High School. Motion to approve by Andrea Jacobson with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Network Switches Bid Summary – Allison Clements introduced Chris Meuser who explained the need for switch installation. Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. Classroom Furniture – Mike Ramm brought a bid for classroom furniture for Roguewood Elementary for approval. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Jarrod Folsom. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Ramm also brought a bid to the board for approval for core classroom furniture for ERMS and NRMS. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motion carried unanimously.

## Old Business

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1. Policy Update – Second Reading. Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford presented a proposal for a change to policy 2410. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Jarrod Folsom. Motion carried unanimously.

## Reports

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1. Student Representative Report

Student Representative to the Board, Brooklyn Schmucher updated the board regarding events at the Secondary Level. She talked about Candy Grams, many clubs at the HS spotlighting DECA.

2. Collaborative Reports

Teya Cotter, Cannonsburg Elementary Principal updated the board on events happening at the Elementary level.

Jenny Thompson from River Valley Academy gave a presentation about things happening at the

Secondary Level.

3. Committee Reports – Tricia Anderson talked about the Building and Site committee meeting. Everything they met about has been presented at the meeting tonight. Christie Ramsey said the Curriculum committee met and discussed some exciting new Pilot programs coming soon.
4. Elementary Update – Dr. Matthews presented a recommendation to the Board of Education that would change the status of Parkside Elementary. This would not close the building but rather repurpose it allowing the district to service many families who have not been able to access pre-school programs in the past. This proposal will be presented for a vote at the March 10, 2025 meeting.
5. My Ride K-12 – Director of Transportation Matt Puett talked about the software program that Rockford is using called My Ride K-12. Parents are finding this app very useful for helping them with knowing when the bus is coming to pick up or drop off. It sends a notification if a bus is running late and also allows the district to send notifications to all signed up to receive them.

### Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

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Audience Participation. No action taken.

### Superintendent Remarks

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Dr. Matthews commented on the culture of Parkside and that the proposal is being brought forward because he believes it is in the best interest of the District. He will be meeting with parents over the next month and he knows it is important to continue to listen to parents and the community. It is important for us to continue to have this conversation. Parkside is a wonderful place for kids but we believe that a more robust experience we be a positive experience for them. Roguewood Elementary will continue to be both Spanish Immersion and General Education Classrooms. We all want what is best for the District and the students in our care. We are not hiding information. We are defending lawsuits that we feel need to be defended for our students and staff. He apologized for the emotion that this proposal has generated for families.

### Adjournment

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President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:32.

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Recording Secretary

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Secretary, Board of Education