



**Rockford Public Schools**

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# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting July 14, 2025

*Date & time* Monday-July 14, 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 Himmelspace, Kelley Freridge, Christie Ramsey

Regrets: Andrea Jacobson

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

### Adoption of Agenda

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Request by Trustee Helms to move Consent Item 13 to New Business. Appointment of Sex Education Advisory Co-Chairs will be New Business Items Number 7.

Motion to approve modified agenda by Kelley Freridge with support by Barb Helms. Motions passed unanimously.

### Recognition

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1. Lissa Weidenfeller gave a presentation about North Rockford Middle School's Principal's Leadership Council and presented certificates to those students who were selected.

### Mid Year Superintendent Evaluation

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1. Dr. Matthews elected to have his progress report in closed session. Motion to enter closed session by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. The Board entered closed session at 5:37 PM. The Board entered open session at 6:26 PM.

### Budget Hearing

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The Board of Education voted on the following consent agenda items:

1. Certified Resignation
2. \$12,268 Rockford Booster Donation to Weight Room
3. \$2,000 Rockford Booster donation to cover ½ of Girls Track Uniforms
4. \$5,000 Michigan Sports Radio Athletic Donation
5. \$1,000 Fidelity Charitable donation to Boys Basketball
6. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$16,402,386.72

7. Banking Approvals
8. Fidelity Bond
9. Appointment of Legal Counsel for the 2025-2026 School Year
10. Appointment of School Auditors for the 2024-2025 School Year Audit
11. 2025-2026 Continuity of Learning Plan
12. Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2025, Meeting

Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

## New Business

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Audience Participation. No action taken

1. Bond Concept – No Action. Dr. Matthews gave a presentation on a zero mill increase Bond Concept.
2. Administrator Resignation - Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford talked to the Board of Education regarding Lissa Weidenfeller's retirement. The Board of Education accepted her resignation with regret. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Barb Helms. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Administrator Recommendation - Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford presented six Administrator Resignations to the Board of Education for Approval. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Certified Staff Recommendation – Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford presented four certified staff recommendations. All of the positions are replacements. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Summer Tax Resolution – Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations presented the Summer Tax Levy for approval. This would be for the 2026 summer taxes. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspace with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Steam Robots – Dr. Matthews spoke about the Steam program and experiences that students have. The board is being asked to approve the purchase of robots. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Sex Ed Advisory Co-Chairs – Dr. Matthews brought a recommendation for Sex Education Advisory Co-Chairs. This is a requirement by the State of Michigan. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspace with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

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None.

## Reports

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Spanish Immersion Report – Lissa Weidenfeller led a presentation about the Spanish Immersion program and also gave a detailed report on the trip that the group recently took. There were 44 travelers. Several students and parents also talked to the board about the experience they had on the trip.

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

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None

### Superintendent Remarks

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Dr. Matthews talked about lack of a budget from the state which makes it challenging to plan. We are moving forward with changes that will help out District move forward.

### Adjournment

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President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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Secretary, Board of Education