



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

May 12, 2025

*Date & time* Monday-May 12, 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, Kelley Freridge, Jake Himmelspace, Andrea Jacobson, Barbara Helms

Regrets: Christie Ramsey

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

### Adoption of Agenda

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Motion to amend agenda to move Student Rep report to number 4 under recognition by Kelley Freridge with support by Jake Himmelspace. Approval of agenda motion by Kelley Freridge with support by Jake Himmelspace. Motions 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.
2. Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford talked about the Grow your own program and updated the Board on the success of several RPS employees.
3. Dr. Matthews honored and congratulated Valley View Elementary Principal, Jeremy Karel who was recently named GR's Most Inspiring Principal.
4. Student Representative Report was given highlighted several things happening at all levels. This will be the last report until the fall. Brooklyn was presented with a signed book and a small token of appreciation from the Board of Education for her service to the District as the Student Representative to the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 School Year.

### Consent Agenda

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Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with support by Andrea Jacobson. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from the Minutes from the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. Presentation of Bills in the Amount of \$7,845,045.42
3. KISD Budget

### New Business

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1. KISD Election – Dr. Matthews explained that the KISD needs to elect a new member.

Rockford Board of Education needs to designate a representative and an alternate to go and cast a vote. Kelley Freridge has volunteered to be the representative. Andrea Jacobson will be the alternate. Jarrod made a motion to approve. Jake Himmelspace supported. Motion passed unanimously.

2. English 11 Curriculum Proposal – Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm asked the Board of Education to approve an English 11 Curriculum. He gave a short presentation to the Board regarding the Curriculum package. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Jake Himmelspace. Motion passed unanimously.
3. River Valley and Adult Education Graduates. Dr. Matthews presented the list of Graduates for approval. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspace with support by Kelley Freridge. Motion pass unanimously.
4. Rockford High School Graduates. Dr. Matthews presented the list of Graduates for approval. Motion to approve by Andrea Jacobson with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

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1. Spring 2025 Policies – Second Reading – Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford talked with the Board regarding the policy updates for a second reading. She answered a question regarding approval of international field trips. Motion to make an amendment to the policy deferring to the Superintendent for approval by Jarrod Folsom with support from Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to approve the policies including the amended policy by Andrea Jacobson with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

## Reports

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1. Rockford Steam – A small group of Elementary teachers gave the Board of Education an update on the STEAM program. The program has been highly successful in the District.
2. Collaborative Reports  
Elementary Level – Valley View Elementary Principal, Jeremy Karel gave an update about what has been happening at the Elementary level.  
Secondary Level – Ease Rockford Middle School Principal, Adam Burkholder gave an update on what is happening at the Secondary level.
3. Committee Reports  
There were no committee reports.

## 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 talked about the playground at Parkside and explained that the equipment will be moved to

other buildings. He thanked the teachers and staff for their hard work.

## Adjournment

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President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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Secretary, Board of Education