



Rockford Public Schools

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ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 14, 2025 - 5:30 PM

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION

1. Principal's Leadership Council

MID YEAR SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

CONSENT AGENDA

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
13. Appointment of Sex Education Advisory Co-Chairs

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bond Concept – No Action
2. Administrator Resignation
3. Administrator Recommendation
4. Certified Staff Recommendations
5. Summer Tax Resolution
6. Steam Robots

OLD BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

1. Spanish Immersion Report

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND HEARING OF PEOPLE PRESENT

SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD REPORT ON DISBURSEMENTS

DATE: 6/2/2025 7/7/2025

PAYROLL

GENERAL FUND NET PAYROLL	25 & 26 &1	4,810,558.10	
FOOD SERVICE	25 & 26 &1	68,157.86	
ATHLETIC FUND	25 & 26 &1	29,096.79	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	25 & 26 &1	4,907,812.75	

ALL FUNDS:			
FEDERAL TAX	\$	518,985.90	
SOCIAL SECURITY TAX-MEDICARE TAX	\$	1,055,665.66	
STATE TAX	\$	241,818.13	
TOTAL	\$	1,816,469.69	
			\$ 6,724,282.44

BLUE CROSS INSURANCE	\$	33,509.00	
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD DENTAL	\$	75,909.61	
MESSA (VSP/MED/ LIFE)	\$	853,442.42	
NATIONAL INSURANCE SVCS(L TERM DISABILITY	\$	11,505.90	
RETIREMENT PAYROLL	\$	2,765,042.83	
			3,739,409.76

UTILITIES:			
DTE ENERGY		10,508.54	
CONSUMERS ENERGY	\$	136,458.21	
BP ENERGY (FORMERLY EDF ENERGY) BULK FUEL		11,061.14	
	\$		\$ 158,027.89

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY		160,586.45	
WEST MICHIGAN RISK MANAGEMENT		617,020.23	
			\$ 777,606.68

TOTAL OF ABOVE	\$	11,399,326.77
BALANCE OF TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$	1,179,385.93
SINKING FUND REG CKS		0.00
SINKING FUND ACH CKS		0.00
SINKING FUND CREDIT CARD		0.00
2023 BOND REG CKS		1,020,551.07
2023 BOND ACH CKS		2,511,011.20
2023 BOND CREDIT CARD		3,725.93
GENERAL FUND ACH CKS		0.00
GENERAL FUND CREDIT CARD		288,385.82
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		16,402,386.72



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Human Resources Department
Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent
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Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Date: July 14, 2025
Subject: 2025-2026 Employee Resignations

Erica Golembiewski

Teacher

East Middle School

06/06/2025



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

June 9, 2025

Date & time Monday-June 9, 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, Barbara Helms, Kelley Freridge, Andrea Jacobson, Christie Ramsey

Regrets: Jake Himmelspach

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda Kelley Freridge with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motions passed unanimously.

Recognition

1. There was an Examples in Excellence presentation and those honored were presented with a certificate of achievement.
2. The Administrators Choice art piece was shown to the board and the artists were honored. Dr. Matthews chose this piece of art that will be on display at the Administration building for the next year.

New Business – Section 1

1. Cannon Township Easement Request – Cannon Township Trustee Todd Olson requested that the Board of Education approved an Easement Request regarding extending the Cannon trail utilizing some Rockford Public Schools property in order to connect the trail to Rockford. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Hearing

1. Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Allison Clements, gave a presentation to the Board of Education which included original and revised budget information and revenue information.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment – Limited to the subject of the budget hearing

Audience Participation. No action taken

2024-2025 Budget Amendments

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Allison Clements, presented the following budget

amendments to the Board of Education:

1. 2024-2025 General Fund – Including Athletics
Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motion passed unanimously.
2. 2024-2025 Food Service
Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
3. 2024-2025 Activity Fund
Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
4. 2024-2025 Public Trust Fund
Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously.

2025-2026 Budget Amendments

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Allison Clements, presented the following budget amendments to the Board of Education:

1. 2025-2026 General Fund – Including Athletics
Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
2. 2025-2026 Food Service
Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
3. 2025-2026 Debt Retirement Fund
Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously.
4. 2025-2026 Activity Fund
Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motion passed unanimously.
5. 2025-2026 Public Trust Fund
Motion to approve by Andrea Jacobson with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

2025 Tax Levy Certification

The 2025 Tax Levy was presented to the Board of Education for approval. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Certified Staff Resignations
2. Presentation of Bills in the Amount of \$10,742,586.01
3. District Transportation Video System
4. Minutes from the May 12, 2025 Meeting

New Business – Section II

1. 2019 Bond 3rd Series Ratifying Resolution – Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Allison Clements, discussed the sale of the bonds. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion pass unanimously.
2. Rockford Freshman Center Cafeteria – Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, presented a proposal to the Board of Education for approval of a furniture purchase. Motion to approve by Andrea Jacobson with support by Jarrod Folsom. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Administrative Contract Renewals – Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford presented Administrator Contract Renewals to the Board of Education for Approval. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Certified Staff New Hires – Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford presented new hires to the Board of Education. All of the hires are replacement positions. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Administrator Resignation – The Board was asked to accept a resignation from Tom Hosford, Principal of Rockford High School. Motion to Approve by Andrea Jacobson with support from Christie Ramsey. Motion Passed Unanimously.
6. MHSAA Resolution – The 2025-2026 MHSAA Resolution was presented to the Board of Education for approval. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
7. KISD Millage Resolution – Dr. Matthews presented the KISD Millage Resolution to the Board of Education for Approval. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously by Roll Call Vote.

Reports

1. Collaborative Reports - None.
2. Committee Reports – Dr. Wilson-Crawford talked about the process of hiring a new Principal for Rockford High School.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews talked about things that happened during the 2024-2025 school year.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education



Memorandum

To: Dr. Steve Matthews
From: Mike Ramm, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Date: July 9, 2025
Subject: 2025/26 RPS Sex Education Advisory Chair Recommendations

Dr. Matthews:

Every school district that chooses to implement a sex education program must have a Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) consisting of two, school board-appointed co-chairs with at least one being a parent of a child attending a school operated by the district. As previously presented RPS includes developmentally appropriate sex ed programming in elementary, middle and high school.

As part of the annual requirements for programming, the Sex Education Advisory Board is required to identify two co-chairs. The purpose of this memo is to propose that the two existing co-chairs remain on the SEAB for the 2025/26 school year: myself, Mike Ramm, and Stephanie Linsley, a current high school teacher. I have two children in the district who will both attend Rockford High School in the fall and Stephanie has two children who will attend NRMS and Rockford High School.

The co-chairs will lead committee work during the 2025/26 school year that will continually enhance programming to best meet the needs of our students.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Ramm



Memorandum

To: Dr. Steve Matthews, Superintendent of Schools
From: Allison Clements, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
Date: July 14, 2025
Subject: Bond Proposal Concept

In keeping with Rams XII 5.C.1 Planning for the Future, Rockford Public Schools will bring a bond proposal to the community for the November 2025 election.

It is the recommendation that the attached language be presented to the Board of Education for consideration on Monday, July 14, 2025.

ATC/jg

Attachment

ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Rockford Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Million Dollars (\$230,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

equipping, re-equipping, furnishing and refurnishing school buildings and facilities; remodeling, erecting and acquiring school buildings, facilities and additions to school buildings and facilities; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; purchasing school buses; and acquiring, preparing, developing, improving and equipping athletic fields, play fields, playgrounds, structures, facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2026 is .73 mill (\$0.73 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a 0.00 mills net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 2.59 mills (\$2.59 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)



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Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Date: July 14, 2025
Subject: Administrator Retirement for 2025-2026

Lissa Weidenfeller

Principal

North Middle School



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Date: July 14, 2025
Subject: Administrator Recommendations for 2025-2026

Kayla Garza	Controller	Admin Building
Richard Clark	Principal	High School
Jodie Fish	Assistant Food Service Director	High School
Al Reickard	Principal	North Middle School
Nick Davis	Assistant Principal	Freshman Center
Chelsea Cates	Assistant Principal	High School



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Date: July 14, 2025
Subject: Certified Staff Recommendations for 2025-2026

McKenzie Barazoto	SI Teacher	Roguewood Elementary
Lindsay Cooper	English Teacher	High School
Jordan Tucker	EI Teacher	Special Services
Margarita Ramirez Rios	SI Teacher	Roguewood Elementary



Memorandum

To: Dr. Steve Matthews, Superintendent of Schools
From: Allison Clements, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
Date: July 14, 2025
Subject: Summer Tax Resolution

Attached is the resolution approving our annual summer tax collection. The Board has approved a summer tax resolution annually since 1983. To continue the collection of summer taxes, this resolution needs to be enacted prior to January 1, 2026. The resolution allows us to:

- Collect one-half of our school- appropriated taxes in the summer.
- Notify our local taxing units regarding the summer tax collection.
- Develop a collection agreement with governmental agencies.

I recommend the resolution be presented to the full Board for approval at the July 14, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

ATC/jg
Attachment

Annual Summer Tax Resolution

Rockford Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan (the “District”)

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the “Board”) was held in the Administration Building, within the boundaries of the District, on the 14 day of July, 2025, at 5:30o’clock in the p.m. (the “Meeting”).

The Meeting was called to order by _____, President.

Present: Members

Absent: Members

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 50% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Pursuant to the Revised School Code, MCL 380.1 et seq., the Board invokes for 2026 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 50% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board and requests that each city and/or township in which the District is located collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located a copy of this Board’s resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2026 in the amount specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies on or before December 31, 2025.

3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Revised School Code Section 1613(1), the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District’s summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under Revised School Code Sections 1611 or 1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before this Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Rockford Public Schools, Kent County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board’s minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the “Open Meetings Act” (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Secretary, Board of Education



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Instruction Department
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Memorandum

To: Steve Matthews Ph.D., Superintendent
From: Mike Ramm, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Date: Jul 7, 2025
Subject: Purchase of Robots for Elementary STEAM

Dr. Matthews,

I am seeking approval to purchase educational robots for our elementary STEAM program as part of our district's commitment to providing engaging, hands-on learning experiences that build foundational skills in critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving. These robots are designed specifically for young learners and will allow students to explore basic coding, engineering design, and collaboration in an age-appropriate and developmentally supportive environment. By introducing these tools at the elementary level, we aim to ignite early interest in STEAM fields and lay the groundwork for future learning.

Wonder Workshop totals \$32,399 and Sphero totals \$94,725 for a grand total of \$127,124. Monies for STEAM education expansion were allocated in the 2019 bond and this request also aligns with our RAMS XII innovative programming strategic planning.

This purchase aligns with our district's vision for STEAM education, which emphasizes inquiry-based learning, integration of technology, and student-centered instruction across all grade levels. The inclusion of robots in our elementary curriculum directly supports these goals by giving students the opportunity to engage in meaningful projects that connect science, math, and technology in a playful yet purposeful way.

Importantly, this initiative is part of our intentional effort to create a vertically aligned STEAM experience from elementary through high school. The robots we are selecting complement the tools and platforms already in use at the middle and high school levels, ensuring continuity in both skill development and instructional approach. Approval of this purchase will strengthen our overall DK–12 STEAM framework and demonstrate our district's continued investment in innovation and student achievement.

At Monday's meeting we will be seeking board approval of the budget to move forward. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Mike Ramm



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Greenville, Texas 75402
United States

Created Date 4/30/2025
Expiration Date 6/28/2025

Quote Number 00033799
Prepared By Dustin Vanderploeg
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Primary Contact Sara Brown
Primary Contact sbrown@rockfordschools.org
Email

Ship To Name ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MI)
Ship To 350 North Main St
ROCKFORD, Michigan 49341
United States

Product	Product Code	List Price	Sales Price	Quantity	Total Price
Blueprint Engineering Class Pack (15 kits)	750-0935	\$7,449.00	\$7,449.00	8.00	\$59,592.00
BOLT Maze & Grid Code Mat	810-0230	\$150.00	\$150.00	48.00	\$7,200.00
indi Code Mat and Activity Cards	980-0544	\$180.00	\$180.00	48.00	\$8,640.00
littleBits Invention Class Pack (15 kits)	680-0915	\$5,999.00	\$5,999.00	3.00	\$17,997.00

Total Price \$93,429.00
Shipping and Handling \$1,295.74
*Plus Applicable Sales Tax
Grand Total \$94,724.74

Required Billing Information

We have the below billing information on file for your account. If any items are missing or incorrect, please provide the corrected information when you submit your Purchase Order. Purchase Orders will only be accepted if your account is approved for Credit Terms. Otherwise, payment in advance is required with your order. All billing information is required prior to shipping.

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Taxable Status Tax Exempt
Terms Net 30
Bill To 350 North Main St
ROCKFORD, Michigan 49341
United States

For any questions, please reach out to support@sphero.com.
To place your order, please email all Purchase Orders to orders@sphero.com and reference this quote number.

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By accepting this Quote and/or placing a Purchase Order in response, the listed Enterprise agrees to any and all terms regarding invoicing, payment due date, and shipping terms contained in this Quote. No subsequent document sent by Enterprise, including, without limitation, and Purchase Order sent by Enterprise referencing or otherwise responding to this Quote, will supersede any of the invoicing, payment due date, or shipping terms contained herein.

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Deal ID
36269

Internal ID
PID: R493615
PPID: R493615

Date
06/02/2025

Quote valid until

From
Wendy Wells
wendy.wells@makewonder.com

Wonder Workshop
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Millbrae, CA 94030
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For
Rockford Public School Dist

To
Jessica Priem

Email
jpriem@rockfordschools.org

Address
350 N Main St, Rockford, MI
49341

Wonder Workshop Quote - 36269 - Rockford Public School Dist - Jessica Priem

Name	Unit price	Quantity	SKU	Amount
Wonder Pack	\$269.99	120	1-WB05-11	\$32,398.80

Subtotal Without Tax: \$32,398.80

Tax (If Applicable): \$0.00

Total: \$32,398.80

Terms & Conditions

Quotes are valid until the date listed above and PO must be received prior to date expiration. Prices are subject to change after the quote expires and a new quote will need to be generated. Please notify your Wonder Workshop contact prior to the date of quote expiration if the quote date expiration needs to be adjusted.

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1. A copy of this quote to upload
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3. Tax Exempt information to prevent sales tax from being added to your order

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