



Date | time Monday – February 26, 2018 | 7:30 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

Meeting called to order with a moment of silence by Vice President Featherston

In Attendance

Board of Education: Geoffrey L. Downs, Laura L. Featherston, Lisa M. Kreager, Timothy J. Lewis, Miles J. Postema, Nick Reichenbach. Regrets: David M. Keller. Administration: Dr. Michael Shibler, Michael Cuneo, Dr. Ryan Kelley, Dr. Doug VanderJagt. Recorder: Marlene Clark. Student representative: Ally Orvis.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Miles Postema, supported by Geoffrey Downs, approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome

Roguewood Elementary Principal Doug Hoogerland welcomed the Board of Education and Administration to the meeting. Mr. Hoogerland reported on several activities happening throughout our elementary schools, including student testing, CAT meetings, parent teacher conferences, REF school visits, Jump Rope for Heart, Coding Clubs, Relay for Life activities, Battle of the Books, Kids Food Baskets, and upcoming sixth grade orientation, to name just a few. Mr. Hoogerland reported that progress reports have gone out, with Belmont Elementary piloting an online version. Mrs. Kreager commended our fifth grade students for their outstanding behavior at the recent Grand Rapids Symphony performance.

Recognition

Middle School Outstanding Students

Board trustee Nick Reichenbach, along with middle school administrators, recognized the following middle school outstanding students of the month for February 2018:

East RMS: Sophia Howell-Hummel & Lucas Poirier (6th), Reagan Korte & Dylan Bjork (7th), Cassidy Bennor & Carter Klein (8th)

North RMS: Braelynne Jacobson & Mataeo Jarrell (6th), Emily Schroeder & Owen Guswiler (7th), Olivia Rook & Ty Maksimowski (8th)

Call of the Audience

Cary Mazur, 8153 Cowan Lake Drive, Rockford, addressed the Board of Education regarding safety of our schools. Dr. Shibler invited him to schedule a time to meet and discuss his concerns.

Correspondence

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Timothy Lewis, supported by Nick Reichenbach, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Minutes of February 12, 2018 Study Session and Regular Meeting #13
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$2,526,136.65

Reports

Student Representative

Student representative Ally Orvis reported on this week's exams, several sports activities, an upcoming dance being co-hosted by the school's Relay for Life team and Renaissance, and the high school musical Godspell. Ally also reported on Interact's recent trip to the Dominican Republic to assist with home building and completion of the Tessa Powers Memorial Water Well in Nigeria.

Bus Inspection Results

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo, along with RPS Transportation Director Jacque Fase, reported to the Board of Education on the recent bus inspections. Mrs. Fase began her report by apologizing for the unacceptable inspections on our buses last year, when we received 20 red and six yellow tags.

Mrs. Fase then outlined the changes made in her department since that time and described how our mechanics methodically inspected our entire fleet prior to this year's inspections, which resulted in two red tags and no yellow tags. In light of the dramatic improvement, the Michigan State Police inspector told Mrs. Fase that, "It has been an absolute pleasure to come to Rockford and witness firsthand the amazing change that has taken place since last year."

Mrs. Fase and her staff are committed to obtaining a perfect inspection and, on behalf of her department, she thanked the Board of Education and Administration for their understanding and continued support. The Board of Education commended Mrs. Fase for her leadership and mechanics Ron Peterson, Kyle Forman, and Kris Wert for their commitment to providing a safe fleet for our students.

RAMS X

Executive Director of Community Services Lisa Jacobs distributed copies of RAMS X to Board of Education trustees. An electronic copy is posted on the district website, and copies are available at all school buildings and local real estate and municipal offices. A link to the document will also be emailed to all parents this week.

Operational Technology

Director of Operational Technology Bob Stull reported to the Board of Education on several initiatives being undertaken by his department, including the bring your own device initiative, authentication of personal devices to test the wireless network, and successful technology support for student testing. Mr. Stull also shared that the number of help desk tickets has declined over the past several months.

Fitness Center Update

Executive Director of Community Services Lisa Jacobs reported to the Board of Education on the high school fitness center and its availability to students and community. Mrs. Jacobs reported that over 500 RHS students use the fitness center on a daily basis, which includes school day offerings and after-school use by athletic teams and non-athletes.

Following a pilot of offerings through Community Services, the district is now looking at how use of the center can be expanded for the community. Under the supervision of RHS physical education instructor Brent Cummings, users of the facility will be instructed on proper use of equipment in order to promote safety.

Old Business

None.

New Business

2018-19 Schools of Choice Resolutions

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Schools of Choice Coordinator Marlene Clark presented three schools of choice resolutions for the 2018-19 school year.

1. **Opt out of Section 105.** Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Miles Postema, supported by Lisa Kreager, to opt out of Section 105, the state program within the ISD. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Opt into Section 105c.** Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Miles Postema, to opt into Section 105c, the state program with contiguous intermediate school districts. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Opt into KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.** Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Timothy Lewis, supported by Geoffrey Downs, to opt into the KISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program, for residents within KISD boundaries. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Skyward Server Bids Recommendation

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo reported on bids received for a Skyward server upgrade. The new server will provide capabilities needed for a future Skyward software upgrade which includes a windows-based platform change. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Miles Postema, supported by Timothy Lewis, approving the purchase from NVINT in the

amount of \$41,419 to be paid through the 2014 Bond Issue. Motion carried unanimously. Migration to the new server will take place this summer.

Administrative Retirement

Director of Operations Jim Vanderkolk has submitted his letter of retirement after 20 years of service to our district, with the last nine serving as Director of Operations. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Geoffrey Downs, supported by Nick Reichenbach, accepting, with regret, Mr. Vanderkolk's retirement effective June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. VanderJagt reported the position will be posted in early March, with a plan to start the transition of Mr. Vanderkolk's replacement in May.

Certified Staff Recommendation

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Lisa Kreager, supported by Miles Postema, to employ the following certified staff for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year:

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| Kristine Hendricks | Speech Pathologist (0.4 FTE) | Special Services |
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Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice President Featherston adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey L. Downs, Secretary
Rockford Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes approved at March 12, 2018 meeting