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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Regular Meeting #2
Administration Boardroom
August 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER	
The Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President David Keller. Other Board members present: Geoff Downs, Laura Featherston, Lisa Kreager, Timothy Lewis, Nick Reichenbach. Regrets: Miles Postema. Others present: Dr. Michael Shibler, Mike Cuneo, Dr. Doug VanderJagt, Dr. Ryan Kelley, Marlene Clark.	People present
MOMENT OF SILENCE	
President Keller opened the meeting with a moment of silence, keeping RHS student Chase Shuple in mind as he recovers from an automobile accident.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	
Motion was made by Lisa Kreager, supported by Laura Featherston, approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	Agenda approved
CALL OF AUDIENCE	
None.	
CORRESPONDENCE	
Secretary Downs read correspondence from Diane Remtema, Carol Segard, the family of Kyle Lamos, Sonia Andrews, Andrew Barton, and Mikayla Kruse.	
CONSENT AGENDA	
Motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Timothy Lewis, approving the consent agenda items as follows: ▪ Minutes of July 10, 2017 and August 9, 2017 study sessions; Regular Meeting #1 ▪ Payment of bills in the amount of $8,440,800.93 ▪ Certified staff resignations for Kim Caulkins, Alyssa Dean, Michael Fowle, Jody Keegstra ▪ Extra-duty recommendation for energy education manager Tom Larson ▪ Recommendation for elementary lead teacher, middle school department head, and high school/freshman center department head job descriptions Motion carried unanimously.	Consent Agenda **APPROVED**
REPORTS	
1. Executive Director of Community Services Lisa Jacobs reported to the Board of Education on the grade distributions for the 2016-17 school year for students taking early college courses through the Ferris State University and Grand Valley State University partnerships. The majority of students are successfully completing the coursework to earn college credit. A plan to expand communication to parents about these opportunities will be developed. Dr. Shibler stated the district will also focus on assisting students who wish to pursue the skilled trades.	Early College Grade Distributions

REPORTS (Cont'd)

2. Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Ryan Kelley reported to the Board of Education on the recently revised state discipline requirements for inappropriate student behavior, also known as restorative practices, which took effect on August 1, 2017. This legislation provides strategies to decrease repeat offenders and keep students in school, but does not impact the zero tolerance philosophy for drugs, guns, and weapons.

Revised State Student Discipline Requirements (Restorative Practices)

3. Executive Director of Special Services Kirsten Myers reported to the Board of Education on the addition of a student mental health liaison at each the elementary, middle, and high school levels, to be piloted for the 2017-18 school year. The liaisons will provide support and crisis assistance to students and families as well as assist with student transitions back to home and school. The stipends (elementary and middle) and contracted position (high school) will be paid through Section 31a funding.

Mental Health Liaisons Pilot

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Doug VanderJagt presented to the Board of Education, as a first reading, the following board policy updates:

Policy Updates (First Reading)

ACCEPTED

			Revised	New
Bylaw	0168.1	Open Meeting	X	
Policies	2221	Mandatory Courses		X
	2461	Recording of District Meetings Involving Students and/or Parents		X
	2623	Student Assessment	X	
	3120.04	Employment of Substitutes	X	
	3121 4121	Criminal History Record Check	X	
	5111.01	Homeless Students	X	
	5111.03	Children and Youth in Foster Care		X
	5330.02	Opioid Antagonists		X
	5517.01	Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior Toward Students	X	
	5610	Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Nondisabled Students	X	
	5610.01	Expulsions/Suspensions – Required by Statute	X	
	5630.01	Student Seclusion and Restraint	X	
	7540.02	Web Content, Services and Apps	X	
	8330	Student Records	X	
	8340	Letters of Reference	X	
	8400	School Safety Information	X	
	8500	Food Services	X	
	8510	Wellness	X	
	1630.01 3430.01 4430.01	Family and Medical Leaves of Absence (FMLA)	X	
	5517	Anti-Harassment	X	
	8210	School Calendar	X	

Board trustees are welcome to send any suggestions or feedback to Dr. VanderJagt by next week. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Laura Featherston, supported by Lisa Kreager, accepting the policy updates as a first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

2. Dr. VanderJagt presented to the Board of Education the following certified staff recommendations for the 2017-18 school year:

Certified Staff Recommendation

APPROVED

Melissa Burkholder	Multi-Media	Rockford High School
Bryan Bylski	Resource Room	Lakes Elementary
Jill Gumbs	2nd Grade	Cannonsburg Elementary
Ester Joyce	PE	Various elementary schools
Emily Kline	Social Worker	Special Services
Luke Owens	Math/Science	East Rockford Middle
Troy Reedy	Language Arts/Social Studies	East Rockford Middle
Erin Russo	Social Worker	Special Services
Caitlin Smith	Spanish Immersion	North Rockford Middle
Matthew Vermeer	Music	Roguewood Elementary

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Geoff Downs, supported by Lisa Kreager, approving the certified staff recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Several of the new staff thanked the Board and Administration for the opportunity.

Board trustees are invited to attend the new staff dinner tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at Rockford High School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff Downs, Secretary
Rockford Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes approved at August 28, 2017 meeting