



Date | time Monday – April 22, 2019 | 7:30 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

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

In Attendance

Board of Education: Lisa M. Kreager, Geoffrey L. Downs, Laura L. Featherston, Timothy J. Lewis, Miles J. Postema, Nick Reichenbach, Bobbi Jo Blanton. Administration: Dr. Michael Shibler, Mike Cuneo, Mike Ramm, Korie Wilson-Crawford, Sandy Berg, Student Representative Avery Kraai.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Nick Reichenbach, approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Welcome

River Valley Academy

Lisa Jacobs, Executive Director of Community Services on behalf of River Valley Academy welcomed the Board of Education, central office staff, and the audience to the meeting. River Valley Academy, the school district's alternative education program is growing in numbers and services; currently 90 students enrolled. Ms. Jacobs introduced Jennifer Thompson, Director of RVA. She highlighted the program's focus of helping students become college and career ready, and reading and language arts interventions to assist with academics.

Student Leadership Team members Jenna Snyder and Elena Delgado-Zander provided an overview of the leadership committee and the initiatives they are doing to welcome new students, create a positive culture in RVA and also plan events for RVA students. They thanked the Board of Education for the support of the program and the benefits to them personally.

Recognition

Middle School Outstanding Students – April 2019

Board Trustee Geoffrey Downs, along with middle school administrators Joe Szymanski and Al Reickard, recognized the following outstanding middle school students of the month:

East RMS: Avery Weisman & Joey Stoddard (6th), Kate Doerr & Trevor Hobbs (7th), Ashlyn Warmington & Robert Werkema (8th)

North RMS: Avery Gregory & Samuel Rohrer(6th), Sam Zavadil & Tyler Martin (7th), Jordan Vandermeer & Evan Meyers (8th)

Call of the Audience

Eric-John Szczepaniak, trustee from the Kenowa Hills Public Schools Board of Education introduced himself and shared his personal commitment to public education. He also shared details about his

candidacy for the Kent ISD Board, which will be voted on by the individual Boards of Education in Kent ISD.

Bridget Lassig and Patricia Sudman, on behalf of Rockford Rowing Boosters Club thanked the Board of Education and the administration for their support of the crew rowing program. They shared their perspectives on the impact the sport has had on students, including their own children. Life-long lessons and friendships were created due to their participation in crew.

As a special thank-you to Dr. Shibley and Tim Erickson, Director of Athletics, for their continued support, they presented a plaque noting the Rockford crew alumni that have gone on to row at the collegiate level. This legacy would not have been possible without the community and district’s support. A banner, noting the alumni and their colleges was also given to Tim Erickson for the rowing program.

Correspondence

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Lisa Kreager, supported by Tim Lewis, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Minutes of April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting #17
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$2,922,090.09
- Certified Staff Resignation (Jamie Knape Effective May 3, 2019)

Reports

Student Representative

Student representative Avery Kraai reported on current activities at the high school; students are catching up from testing week. MSTEP testing will be done next week. Starry Night is the theme for prom, which will be May 4th. 450 tickets were sold so far in three days. Academic awards ceremonies will be held and Avery highlighted the sports schedule for this week.

Operational Technology Update

Bob Stull, Director of Operational Technology updated the Board of Education on current and future technology initiatives. Department is fully staffed with qualified techs. Switch project upgrade the board approved will happen this summer and will improve the technology infrastructure. Mr. Stull also shared metrics of repair costs for purchased student devices and the comparison of tracking insurance and repair costs. This information can be used for decisions in curriculum and financing.

RAMS X Progress Reports

During the next three board meetings, the chairs of each of the eight RAMS X committees, will report on their committee’s progress.

The Board of Education received the following RAMS X progress reports.

Curriculum..... Mike Ramm

Community Services.....Lisa Jacobs
Public RelationsLisa Jacobs

Old Business

None

New Business

Certified Staff Recommendation

Dr. Shibler recommended the Board of Education employ the following certified staff for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.

Malachi Pratt Social Studies River Valley Academy

Motion was made by Geoff Downs, supported by Lisa Kreager, approving the by roll call vote. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pratt thanked the Board for the opportunity of working with our students.

Adjournment

President Featherston adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Miles J. Postema, Secretary
Rockford Public Schools Board of Education*

Minutes approved at May 13, 2019 meeting