



Location

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1. Request remote inclusion in the meeting by emailing the Superintendent’s Executive Assistant at mclark@rockfordschools.org, and/or
2. Appear at the Administration Office located at 350 N. Main Street in Rockford (enter through Main Street lobby) on the date and time of the posted meeting.

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

In Attendance

Board of Education (remotely): Bobbi Jo Blanton, Geoffrey L. Downs, Laura L. Featherston, Lisa M. Kreager, Miles J. Postema, Nick Reichenbach.

Board of Education (onsite): Timothy J. Lewis.

Administration (onsite): Dr. Michael Shibler, Mike Ramm, Michael Cuneo, Korie Wilson-Crawford.

Administration (remotely): Marlene Clark, Lisa Jacobs.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Geoff Downs, approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Call of the Audience

None.

Correspondence

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Miles Postema, supported by Laura Featherston, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Minutes of March 9, 2020 study and work sessions
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$2,670,704.60
- Certified staff resignations. Natalie Murphy (effective immediately), Kristine Hendricks (effective March 20, 2020), Katie O’Rourke (effective the end of the 2019-20 school year)

Reports

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Crestwood Elementary Walking Track Bid Recommendation

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented bids received to install a track at Crestwood Elementary at a total cost of \$69,053. This project will be funded through donations to the Crestwood PTC Booster Organization. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Nick Reichenbach, authorizing Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. to issue Letters of Intent, in the amounts indicated, to contractors and suppliers listed below, pending confirmation that all requirements of the Contract Documents have been met and, furthermore, that upon receipt by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. of the appropriate documentation, contracts be awarded to these contractors and suppliers by Rockford Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

The project is scheduled for this summer, but it is uncertain whether the COVID-19 pandemic will cause a delay.

Earthwork	Thornapple Excavating	\$25,000
Asphalt Paving	A-1 Asphalt	34,941
Material Testing Allowance	OAK	3,000
Contingency/Fees	OAK	6,112
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Other

Dr. Shibler described the Administration's response to the recent COVID-19 pandemic. He and his administration will continue to stay current on developments. The district has established a webpage dedicated to this topic which provides commonly-asked questions and instructional resources developed by our educational leaders and faculty.

School leaders will continue to lobby the MDE for fair adjustments to hours and days requirements as the closure is likely to extend well beyond the April 3 mandated closure. Governor Whitmer recently issued a statement that a decision has not yet been made regarding counting school work done during the closure toward grades, credits, or graduation and that she will be working in the coming days to ensure seniors graduate and that no child is held back as a result of districts' inability to provide face-to-face instruction during the COVID-19 school closure.

While there are no requirements of certified staff at this time, many are voluntarily engaging with students virtually. District leaders are developing Phase II of instructional opportunities in the event the closure is extended; this would be launched on April 13, immediately after spring break. The federal government has waived all standardized testing for this school year. Several upcoming activities including AP testing and commencement remain on a "to be determined" basis. All non-certified staff are working remotely with very few exceptions for essential staff.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Miles Postema, supported by Nick Reichenbach, to enter closed session at 6:49 p.m. under Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion carried unanimously. The Board returned to open session at 7:31 p.m.

Adjournment

President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Geoff L. Downs, Secretary
Rockford Public Schools Board of Education*

Minutes approved at April 13, 2020 meeting