Rockford Public Schools
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# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting #6

*Date | time* Monday – October 12, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.
*Location* Administration Office (by invitation only)
Remote for all others

As permitted by MDHHS Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 relative to gathering limitations and to allow for safe distancing, physical attendance is by invitation only. In order to preserve the public's right to address the Board of Education or observe the meeting, remote access options described below are provided.

TO OBSERVE THE MEETING VIA LIVESTREAM:
Go to https://www.youtube.com/user/beyondtherock/live

TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:
No later than 3:30 the day of the meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Executive Assistant at mclark@rockfordschools.org to request access and register to speak.

Questions or need technical assistance?
Please contact Director of Technology Bob Stull at rstull@rockfordschools.org

## Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. RECOGNITION

E. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND HEARING OF PEOPLE PRESENT

This is a meeting of the Board of Education held in public. Comments are welcome from the audience during "Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present," however, they are comments only and speakers are limited to three minutes. The audience is asked to refrain from making comments or asking questions at any other time during the meeting. If you have a specific concern, please feel free to speak with a Board trustee or call the Superintendent's Office at 616-863-6557.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

To save time during the meeting, we are using a consent agenda. Items on the consent agenda include those that are routine in nature or have been previously discussed by the Board of Education. Board trustees may request to have any item removed for a separate discussion and vote.

1. Approval of Minutes. Regular Meeting #5.
2. Presentation of Bills. Following is a summary of bills for this meeting. As always, board trustees are welcome to contact the Assistant Superintendent of Finance with any questions or concerns, or to request additional information.

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| Payroll | $1,596,721.69 |
| Insurance & Retirement | 619,059.95 |
| Credit Card (fuel) | 9,615.12 |
| Utilities | 71,280.26 |
| Credit Card (gen fund) | 474,192.77 |
| Cannon Twp (water/sewer) | 6,688.00 |
| Balance Total General Fund | 205,185.09 |
| 2016 Bond Reg Checks | 13,290.00 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | $2,996,032.88 |

3. Certified Staff Resignation. Erin Carpenter (effective October 10, 2020).

## H. REPORTS

### 1. Student Representative

RHS Senior Guin Waite will update the Board of Education on events at Rockford High School.

### 2. Collaborative Team Reports

The Board of Education will receive information about important events occurring in our schools in the form of monthly collaborative team reports. This month's reports will be given by principals as follows:

| Representing | Principal |
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| Elementary | Jeremy Karel (Valley View) |
| Secondary | Dan Zang (Rockford High School) |
| Virtual | Dr. Kelly Amshey (Rockford Virtual) |

### 3. RAMS X Progress and RAMS XI Development Updates

Dr. Shibler will update the Board of Education on RAMS X, the district's current strategic plan for continuous improvement. Dr. Shibler will also report on the development status of RAMS XI in light of the challenges created by COVID-19.

### 4. MASB Delegate Assembly

Board Secretary and MASB Liaison Nick Reichenbach will report on the 2020 Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Delegate Assembly scheduled for Thursday, November 5 at 7:00PM. This year's event will be held virtually due to the pandemic. Because the Association's governing documents do not allow for virtual voting, there will be no voting element and, therefore, no need to identify delegates. As a matter of record, Mr. Reichenbach will remind trustees they may register for the online event by notifying the Superintendent's Office by October 30, 2020.

## I. OLD BUSINESS

## J. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Ratification of Board of Education Action after April 30, 2020

The Michigan Supreme Court recently ruled that the Governor did not have the authority to issue COVID-19 Executive Orders beyond those permitted in the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act (EPGA) or the Emergency Management Act of 1975 (EMA) after April 30, 2020. This has created debate about the legal landscape for school operations during the ongoing pandemic, including decisions made by the Board of Education during remote meetings relative to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) after April 30, 2020. Therefore, out of an abundance of caution and upon recommendation of district legal counsel, Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education adopt a motion to ratify all action taken at board meetings held remotely after April 30, 2020, in which a quorum of the Board was not convened in a physical location.

## K. ADJOURNMENT