



Date | time Monday – July 13, 2020 | 6:40 p.m.

Location

This meeting was held using remote technology in compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-110. In order to preserve the public's right to attend or address the Board of Education, anyone wishing to do so was notified of the following opportunities via the district website and physical posting at the Administration Office:

This meeting will be held using remote technology in compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-110 due to COVID-19. In order to preserve the public's right to attend or address the Board of Education, anyone wishing to do so may join the meeting in one of the following ways:

Zoom video participation:

No later than 4:30 the day of the meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Executive Assistant at mclark@rockfordschools.org for meeting URL, ID, and password

Zoom audio participation:

No later than 4:30 the day of the meeting, please contact the Superintendent's Executive Assistant at mclark@rockfordschools.org for meeting dial-in number, ID, and password

Questions or need technical assistance?

Please contact Director of Technology Bob Stull at rstull@rockfordschools.org

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

In Attendance

Board of Education: Bobbi Jo Blanton, Geoffrey L. Downs, Laura L. Featherston, Lisa M. Kreager, Timothy J. Lewis (entered during Call of the Audience due to technical issues), Miles J. Postema, Nick Reichenbach. Administration: Dr. Michael Shibler, Mike Ramm, Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mike Cuneo, Lisa Jacobs, Dan Zang, Shawn Hayward, Nicole Peterson, Marlene Clark.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Annual Organization of the Board of Education

Election of Officers

2019-20 Board Vice President Postema called for nominations for the office of President. Motion was made by Laura Featherston, supported by Geoff Downs, nominating Miles Postema as the 2020-21 President. There being no further nominations, Vice President Postema declared nominations closed. Motion carried unanimously. Miles Postema was declared President for 2020-21 and took the chair.

President Postema called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Nick Reichenbach, nominating Geoff Downs as the 2020-21 Vice President. There being no further nominations, President Postema declared nominations closed. Motion carried unanimously. Geoff Downs was declared 2020-21 Vice President.

President Postema called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Motion was made by Geoff Downs, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, nominating Nick Reichenbach as the 2020-21 Secretary. There being no further nominations, President Postema declared nominations closed. Motion carried unanimously. Nick Reichenbach was declared 2020-21 Secretary.

President Postema called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Lisa Kreager, nominating Bobbi Jo Blanton as the 2020-21 Treasurer. There being no further nominations, President Postema declared nominations closed. Motion carried unanimously. Bobbi Jo Blanton was declared 2020-21 Treasurer.

President Postema commended Mr. Lewis for his service during an exceptionally challenging school year.

Call of the Audience

Joel Jefferis (2963 Royal Hannah Drive, Rockford) addressed the Board of Education about the fall re-entry to school.

Deborah White-Mixon (8961 Lady Lauren Drive, Rockford) addressed the Board of Education about the fall re-entry to school.

Correspondence

President Postema, on behalf of Secretary Reichenbach, read correspondence from Susan Bibler and Austin Bibler.

Board of Education Members' Compensation

Per the Michigan School Code and Rockford Board Policy 0144.1, board trustees may be compensated up to \$30 per meeting up to a total of not more than 52 meetings (including committee meetings) as compensation for their services.

While it has always been the position of the Rockford Board of Education to not accept compensation for meeting attendance, Superintendent Shibler believes the Board should be compensated for their many hours of service for the benefit of the students of Rockford Public Schools. It is Superintendent Shibler's recommendation that the Board of Education accept compensation in the amount of \$30 per meeting up to a total of not more than 52 meetings. There was no support for Dr. Shibler's recommendation.

Consent Grouping

Dr. Shibler summarized the following items and recommended the Board of Education approve the consent grouping as presented. Motion was made by Laura Featherston, supported by Nick Reichenbach, approving the consent grouping of routine organizational matters as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Board of Education meeting schedule for 2020-21, with meetings to be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays monthly, except as indicated;

2. Designation of Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, or any other employee(s) at the discretion of the Superintendent, to post public meeting notices;
3. Designation of the Assistant Superintendent of Finance to serve as Interim Superintendent;
4. Banking Resolutions—Depository for School Funds/Savings and Checking Accounts and Signatures Fund/Savings
5. Fidelity Bonds in the amount of \$10,000 for Board Treasurer and \$20,000 for the Assistant Superintendent of Finance (all other employees are covered by the District's blanket insurance policy);
6. Board Secretary delegating election duties to the Assistant Superintendent of Finance or designee and to any other employee(s) at the discretion of the Superintendent;
7. Approval of professional memberships with the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards;
8. Approval of 2020-21 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) membership;
9. Appointment of Thrun Law Firm, PC, to serve as the District's legal counsel for the 2020-21 school year and, when matters may occasionally dictate, authorizing the Administration to use an alternate appropriate law firm for the 2020-21 school year;
10. Appointment of the firm Hungerford Nichols as School Auditors for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year Audit. This completes the current three-year contract and bids will be solicited for future years.

Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of June 22, 2020 Study Session and Regular Meeting #12
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$5,031,149.60
- Certified Staff Resignation. Accept resignations of Shelby Denhof and Troy Reedy.
- 2020-21 KISD Parent Advisors for Special Education (PASE) Appointments. Appoint Heather Bright and Dawn Hodgkinson to represent the Rockford Public Schools.

Reports

2020 RHS Commencement

RHS Principal Dan Zang summarized for the Board of Education plans for a commencement exercise for the Senior Class of 2020. Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and Governor Whitmer's current Executive Order 2020-110 which restricts gatherings to no more than 10 people indoors and 100 people outdoors, traditional commencement plans could not take place.

On Tuesday, July 21, a drive-through commencement will take place at Rockford High School. Details have been and will continue to be communicated to parents, staff, and Board of Education trustees as the date approaches. President Postema and several trustees commended Principal Zang and his team for

thinking outside the box to recognize graduates, including holding nine individual ceremonies for students entering the military or experiencing extenuating circumstances.

2020-21 School Year Re-Entry

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm and Executive Director of Community Services Lisa Jacobs updated the Board of Education on committee work for the district's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan for the 2020-21 school year. Rockford's plan will comply with Governor Whitmer's MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap, which provides required and strongly recommended safety protocols to keep school communities safe based on the status of the coronavirus. The district plan will provide information on what school will look like during the various phases of the MI Safe Start Plan relative to online or in-person instruction, safety protocols, transportation, lunch and passing time, visitors and volunteers, co-curricular activities, etc.

The district plan must be approved by the Board of Education and submitted to the State by August 15. However, in order to provide timely information to staff and families, it is Administration's intent to finalize the plan by the end of July and submit a recommendation for its approval at a special Board of Education meeting on July 29 if a quorum can be established.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Spring Policy Updates (First Reading)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford presented the following policy updates (revisions) as a first reading. These have been reviewed by the Board Policy Review Committee. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Tim Lewis, supported by Lisa Kreager, accepting the spring policy updates as a first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy Number	Description
po2210	Curriculum Development
po2412	Homebound Instruction Program
po2414	Reproductive Health and Family Planning
po3362.01	Threatening Behavior Toward Professional Staff Members
po4162	Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Vehicle (CMV) Drivers
po5200	Attendance
po6107	Authorization to Accept and Distribute Electronic Records and to Use Electronic Signatures
po8210	School Calendar
po8400	School Safety Information
po8462	Student Abuse and Neglect
po8600	Transportation
ag2412	Homebound Instruction Program
ag4162B	Handling of Test Results, Records Retention, and Confidentiality
ag5460.01	Graduation Requirements Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Certified Staff Recommendations

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Lisa Kreager, to employ the following certified staff for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously. Following approval, the new employees expressed their gratitude for the opportunity.

Kathryn Budzynski
Makayla Clum
Erek Kooyman
Katlyn Sayers
Laura Van Oss

Speech & Language Pathologist
English/Language Arts
Social Studies and Spanish Immersion
1st Grade
English/Language Arts

Special Services (Crestwood Elementary)
East Rockford Middle School
North Rockford Middle School
Belmont Elementary
North Rockford Middle School

Presentation of Gavel

Dr. Shibler presented the President's gavel to outgoing President Tim Lewis and summarized the many successes, challenges, and contributions under President Lewis' leadership during the 2019-20 school year. President Postema echoed Dr. Shibler's remarks and shared his observation of Tim's strengths as a person and a Board trustee.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Reichenbach

Rockford Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes approved at August 10, 2020 meeting