



Date | time Monday – August 24, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.
Location Administration Office (by invitation only)
Remote for all others

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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.

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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
 - 1. MASB Board Awards 

Rockford Public Schools Board of Education President Miles Postema will report on the following awards received from the Michigan Association of School Boards.

- Trustees Bobbie Jo Blanton and Geoffrey Downs:
Achieved Level 2 Award of Merit for completing Level 1 plus 45 education credits
- Trustee Laura Featherston:
Achieved Level 4 Master Boardmember Award for completing Levels 1, 2 and 3 plus total of nine advanced (200- or 300-Level) CBA classes and minimum of 368 education credits
- Trustee Nick Reichenbach:
Achieved Level 4 Master Boardmember Award for completing Levels 1, 2 and 3 plus total of nine advanced (200- or 300-Level) CBA classes and minimum of 368 education credits
Achieved Master Diamond Award for completing Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4; total of 14 advanced (200- or 300-Level) classes and minimum of 528 education credits.
Achieved the Advocacy Skills Specialty Certificate for completing requirements for Level 1 and completion of the following CBA classes: CBA 246: Advanced Community Relations; CBA 252: Media Relations; CBA 260: Public Speaking; CBA 261: Advocacy for Public Education (new requirement); and CBA 262: Spokesperson Training; and completion of one of the following classes: CBA 232: Risk Communication; CBA 263: Focusing on Feedback; or CBA 264: Shaping Public Opinion.
Achieved the Data Specialty Certificate for completing requirements for Level 1 with a recommendation of completing CBA 109 - Board Governance for Data-Informed Decisionmaking and completion of the following classes: CBA 251: District Strategic Planning and Goal Setting; CBA 341: Data First: Foundations 1; CBA 342: Data First Foundations 2; CBA 343: Data First: Teacher Quality; CBA 344: Data First: High School and Beyond; CBA 345: Data Dashboards for Board Members.


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- Board of Education:
Trustees Blanton’s and Downs’ certifications qualify the RPS Board of Education to achieve Honor Board status

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.** Minutes of August 10, 2020 Study and Closed Sessions; Regular Meeting #2.
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.


Payroll	\$1,160,429.64
Insurance & Retirement	528,205.71
Utilities	61,267.05
Kent ISD (Itinerants)	39,032.11
City of Rockford (Water/Sewer)	6,572.39
Balance Total General Fund	117,094.45
2019 Bond Reg Checks	63,129.20
<u>2019 Bond ACH Checks</u>	<u>108,353.94</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,084,084.49

3. **Certified Staff Resignation.** Joseph Kessel, Malachi Pratt, Ashley Scorzo (effective immediately)
4. **2020-21 Revised High School Extra-Duty Fall Coaching Recommendation.**
Boys Soccer: Don Hamilton (Freshman Coach)

H. REPORTS

1. Update on Return to Learn Plan 

Assistant Superintendents Mike Ramm (Instruction), Korie Wilson-Crawford (Human Resources), and Mike Cuneo (Finance), along with Executive Directors Lisa Jacobs (Community Services) and Mindy Duba (Special Services), will update the Board of Education on RPS’ Return to Learn Plan. The first day of school is Monday, August 24. All students will receive online instruction initially, either through Rockford Virtual or remotely for those enrolled in face-to-face instruction. Students enrolled in F2F instruction will report to their classrooms in person starting Monday, September 14, and this will continue as long as Michigan remains in Phase 4 or above. We will provide regular reports to the Board of Education as the school year progresses.

2. 2020-21 Board of Education Committee and Liaison Appointments 

President Postema will present his committee and liaison appointments for the 2020-21 school year. A committee meeting schedule will be provided to the Board of Education once is it established.

I. OLD BUSINESS

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J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Certified Staff Recommendations 

Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education employ the following certified staff for the 2020-21 school year:

Kristin Baker	Science	Rockford High School
Kailie Burk	Social Studies	Rockford High School
Rebecca Cronin	ELA	North Rockford Middle
Benjamin Fredrickson	Biology	Rockford High School
Macey Hodge	English	Rockford High School
Lesley Lobdell	2 nd Grade	Belmont Elementary
Reva McDowell	Mathematics	Rockford High School
Lindsay Merrill	Social Studies	North Rockford Middle School
Rachel Sonnenberg	English	Rockford High School
Catherine Spalding	Physical Education	Belmont/Valley View Elementaries
Connor Thompson	Social Studies	North Rockford Middle

K. ADJOURNMENT