



*Date | time* Monday – October 26, 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](mailto:mclark@rockfordschools.org) to request access and register to speak.

**TO CONTACT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING:**

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## Agenda

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Postema will publicly announce any Board of Education trustees who are attending the meeting electronically and in what county, city, township or village, and state they are located (unless electronic participation is due to military duty).

**B. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**D. PUBLIC HEARING - SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM **

By State law, school districts are required to hold a hearing annually to discern interest from the public for a school breakfast program. Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo will facilitate this year's hearing.

**E. RECOGNITION**

**F. 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 unless otherwise noted on the agenda. 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.

A separate opportunity for public comment regarding the district's Extended Learning Plan will be provided at such time when a reconfirmation recommendation appears on the agenda.

G. CORRESPONDENCE 

H. 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 #6.
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                        | \$1,616,389.22        |
| Insurance & Retirement         | 1,308,792.16          |
| Utilities                      | 2,631.28              |
| City of Rockford (water/sewer) | 9,743.92              |
| Balance Total General Fund     | 67,872.36             |
| 2019 Bond Reg Checks           | 162,323.52            |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>     | <b>\$3,167,752.46</b> |

3. **Extra-Duty Assignments.**

Rockford High School and Freshman Center

Club Sports Coordinator: Vic Villarreal. Student Council Advisors: Chris Carey (RFC), Lisa Avram (RHS). Interact Coordinator: Kelly Gardner. Band Directors: Evan Bahm, Brian Phillips. Choir Director: Mandy Scott. Orchestra Director: Erin DeYoung. Musical Director: Mandy Scott. Yearbook Advisor (included with class): John Feeley. Drama Club: Deb Edwards. Dramatics Advisor: Tom VanBragt (RFC). Dramatics (per play): Gayla Fox (fall). Dessert Cabaret Director/Coordinator: Mandy Scott (spring outdoors). Variety Show Director: Terry Hibdon. Debate: Paul Marker. Head Counseling/Master Scheduler: Rachel Kreuze, Holly Normington. Robotics: John Feeley. National Honor Society Co-Advisors: Terry Hibdon, Eric Pilko. Telecommunications/TV Studio Director: Kris DeYoung. Choir Teacher: Renee VandeWege (RFC).

Department Heads 10-12 (Academic Excellence Team Members)

English/LA (13 teachers): Steve Story. Math (11 teachers): Tina Shutich. Science (11 teachers): Rick Folcik. Social Studies (10 teachers): Tom Huizing. Foreign Language 10-12 (6 teachers): Susan Clements. Special Education 9-12 (6 teachers): Michelle Corey. Elective group #1-Art, Music (9 teachers): Brian Phillips. Elective group #2-Business, Communication, Life Management and Tech Ed (12 teachers): Stephanie Campbell. Counselor (4 counselors): Rachel Kreuze.

Department Heads Freshman Center (Academic Excellence Team Members)

English/LA (6 teachers): Tom VanBragt. Math (6 teachers): Kevin Brown. Science (5 teachers): Chuck Cargill. Social Studies (7 teachers): Brad Keeler. World Language 9 (7 teachers): Michael Garbaty. Health/PE (10 teachers): Stephanie Linsley. Counseling (2 counselors): Holly Normington.

East Rockford Middle School

Student Council Advisor: Chris Lyon. National Junior Honor Society: Erin Cole. Winter and spring plays: Taylor Funk. Yearbook: Erin Lyons. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Director: Rob Pratt. Orchestra Director: Amy Tinney. Band Director: Rebecca Kilgore.

Department Heads (Academic Excellence Team Members)

English/LA (10 teachers): Kelly Darling. Math (10 teachers): Sandy Knottnerus. Science (10 teachers): Amy Banfield. Social Studies (10 teachers): Tiffany Sjoerdsma. Special Education 6-8 (4 teachers): Rob Pratt. Elective group-all other electives (14 teachers): Rebecca Kilgore-Longtin.

North Rockford Middle School

Student Council Advisor: Sue Oaks, Becky Lewis. National Junior Honor Society: Angie Ohlman. Yearbook: Evie Campbell. Primary Canine Handler: Angie Ohlman. Orchestra Director: Alison Holden. Band Director: Cullen McCarthy.

Department Heads (Academic Excellence Team Members)

English/LA (12 teachers): Lori Lang. Math (13 teachers): Andrea Zomberg. Science (11 teachers): Jennifer Nyeholt. Social Studies (11 teachers): Julie Gitchell. Special Education (12 teachers): Tina Hankins. Elective group-all other electives (14 teachers): Melissa Schmidt.

Belmont Elementary

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Regular Meeting #7  
October 26, 2020**

Student Council: Jennifer Donovan, Lauren Billings, Katherine Humphreys. Safety Patrol Coordinator: Beth Walla. Lead Teacher: Matt Banta, Jamie Bair.

Cannonsburg Elementary

Student Council: Lauren Arnett. Safety Patrol Coordinator: Lauren Arnett. Lead Teacher: Rachel Devereaux.

Crestwood Elementary

Student Council: Judy Grifhorst. Safety Patrol Coordinator: Carl Baird. Lead Teacher: Nanette Hersberger.

Lakes Elementary

Student Council: Mike Cameron, Jeff Post. Safety Patrol Coordinator: Sara Brown, Marty Mackenzie. Lead Teacher: Jeff Post.

Meadow Ridge Elementary

Student Council: Katrina Burger, Katie Riddering. Safety Patrol Coordinator: Katie Riddering, Todd Frazier. Lead Teacher: Cristina Tendero-Scott, Todd Frazier.

Parkside Elementary

Student Council: Kristin Dunham, Tim Farrell. Safety Patrol Coordinator: Mary Lockard. Lead Teacher: Mary Lockard.

Roguewood Elementary

Student Council: Rachel Macklin, Mark Schlaudt. Safety Patrol Coordinator: Tracy Hayataka. Lead Teacher: Eric Nephew. Lead Teacher SI: Alejandro Ramos.

Valley View Elementary

Student Council: Melissa Young, Amy Gardner. Safety Patrol Coordinator: Mindy Watson. Lead Teacher: Kim Giem, Megan McCall.

Academic Excellence Team Members

Elementary AET Members: Carly Weiler (DK), Nicole See (K), Jane Van Niekerk (1<sup>st</sup>), Jill Gumbs (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kendra Austin (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jen Patzer (4<sup>th</sup>), Tara Dzirbowicz (5<sup>th</sup>)

4. **Revised High School Fall Coaching Recommendation.**

Girls' Swimming/Diving: Sloan Tymrak (Assistant Coach)

5. **Winter I Middle School Coaching Recommendation.**

Boys' Basketball (East RMS): Ryan DeKuiper (8<sup>th</sup> Grade A Head Coach), Tracy Ouellette (8<sup>th</sup> Grade B Head Coach), Jeff Bryant (7<sup>th</sup> Grade A Head Coach), Tom Moore (7<sup>th</sup> Grade B Head Coach)

Boys' Basketball (North RMS): Mike Long (8<sup>th</sup> Grade A Head Coach), Kyle Short (8<sup>th</sup> Grade B Head Coach), Dan Derksen Bryant (7<sup>th</sup> Grade A Head Coach), Steve Majerle (7<sup>th</sup> Grade B Head Coach)

Competitive Cheerleading: Cheryl Bonner (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades East RMS Head Coach), Bobbie Demorest (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades North RMS Head Coach), Haley Braun (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades East RMS/North RMS Assistant Coach)

Girls' Swimming & Diving: Kevin Brown, Jerrad Reickard (East RMS/North RMS Head Co-Coaches), Douglas Karsen (Diving Coach)

**I. REPORTS**

**1. Student Representative**

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

**J. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Hearing** 

In compliance with Public Act 149, the Board of Education approved the Rockford Public Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan in September. The Act requires that the Board of Education reconfirm the district's Extended CLP every 30 days, therefore, Superintendent Shibler will present this for Board consideration on a monthly basis.

As part of the reconfirmation process, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm will report to the Board of Education any modifications made to the original Extended Learning Plan and whether or not the district is offering higher levels of in-person instruction for English language learners, special education students or other special populations. Mr. Ramm will also report on successes, challenges, and student attendance rates. Following Mr. Ramm's report,

President Postema will provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to provide input regarding the Plan.

Following Board of Education discussion, Dr. Shibler will provide a recommendation regarding the reconfirmation of the district's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. All reconfirmation documents will be made available on the transparency reporting page on the district website.

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Resolution Regarding the Open Meetings Act **

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford will review with the Board of Education a resolution relative to the Open Meetings Act and virtual meetings. The Open Meetings Act was recently amended to grant greater latitude with respect to electronic participation by members of the Board of Education and the public in certain circumstances, and the resolution outlines the Board's desires to utilize electronic participation in compliance with the law. Superintendent Shibler will recommend the Board of Education adopt the resolution by roll call vote as presented.

**2. Certified Staff Recommendation **

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

Megan Hojnacki

Speech & Language Pathologist

Lakes/East Rockford Middle Schools

**L. ADJOURNMENT**