



Date | time Monday – November 23, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.

Location Via Zoom

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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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Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. RECOGNITION

1. Middle School Outstanding Students – November 2020

The Board of Education will enjoy a video produced by Beyond the Rock as a way to recognize middle school outstanding students of the month during the period when in-person recognitions are not possible.

East RMS

Lauren Blystone & Ethan Hart (6th), Journey Viau & Logan Hammingh (7th), Emily Jackson & Isaac Poot (8th)

North RMS

Amelia Bozek & Armando Roque (6th), Meera Raghunandan & Parker Wray (7th), Brooklynn Schmuker & Richard Contreras (8th)


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 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.

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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.

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.** November 9, 2020 study session, closed sessions (two); November 16, 2020 study session; and Regular Meeting #8.
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	\$1,732,253.55
Insurance & Retirement	675,282.23
Utilities	11,433.38
Kent ISD (Itinerants)	217,106.89
Balance Total General Fund	61,255.05
2016 Bond Reg Checks	22,323.14
2016 Bond ACH Checks	106,432.69
2109 Bond Reg Checks	19,117.04
<u>2019 Bond ACH Checks</u>	<u>611,413.52</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$3,456,617.49

3. **2020-21 Revised High School Extra-Duty Winter Coaching Recommendation.**
Competitive Cheerleading: Rachel Rosario (JV Coach)
Boys' and Girls' Skiing: Richard Wilson (Head Coach)
4. **Certified Staff Resignation.** Holly Osbeck effective December 17, 2020.

H. REPORTS

1. Student Representative

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


2. 2020-21 Snow Days 

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm will report to the Board of Education on guidelines for snow days for the 2020-21 school year, which will mirror past practice with cancellations applying to all certified staff and students, no matter their educational arrangement. Mr. Ramm will also share with the Board academic enrichment resources available to families wishing to use them on snow days or at any time.

3. COVID-19 Testing Partnership

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford will report to the Board of Education on a partnership RPS has established with Mercy Health and Arctic Medical Laboratories to provide COVID testing for students and staff.

I. 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

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Education reconfirm the district's Extended CLP every 30 days, therefore, Superintendent Shibler will present this for Board consideration on a monthly basis.

Dr. Shibler will report to the Board of Education on rationale for maintaining in-person instruction for elementary students while moving the middle and high schools to remote teaching and learning.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford will update the Board of Education on MIOSHA requirements relative to staff working from home or the school during periods of remote teaching and learning. Ms. Wilson-Crawford will present a proposed policy outlining the district's compliance with MIOSHA to be included as an addendum to the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.

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.

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. ADJOURNMENT