



*Date | time* Monday – December 14, 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](mailto: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. Retiring Board of Education Trustees


Laura Featherston and Lisa Kreager have served as Board of Education trustees since 2006 and 2012, respectively, and each has decided to complete their tenure as trustees at the expiration of their current terms in December. Dr. Shibler will summarize the highlights of their service and present each with a lifetime activities pass and a gift of appreciation from the Rockford Public Schools.

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.

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 23, 2020 study and closed sessions; November 30, 2020 special meeting and closed session; and Regular Meeting #9.
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	\$1,628,083.62
Insurance & Retirement	3,228,721.43
Utilities	7,914.94
KSS Enterprises	208,728.97
Great America Fin'l Services	18,216.33
Balance Total General Fund	104,896.66
2016 Bond Reg Checks	174,253.39
2019 Bond Reg Checks	9,860.70
2019 Bond Credit Card	83,578.71
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$5,464,254.75</b>

**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:

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Elementary.....	Larry Watters (Parkside)
Secondary .....	Adam Burkholder (East Rockford Middle)
Virtual .....	Dr. Kelly Amshey (Rockford Virtual)

**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 Education reconfirm the district's Extended CLP every 30 days, therefore, Superintendent Shabler 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.

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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**

**1. Bus Purchase Recommendation (2019 Bond Issue) **

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo will present to the Board of Education bids received for seven 71-passenger buses. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education approve the purchase from Hoekstra in the total amount of \$658,742, through the MSBO Cooperative Purchasing Program.

**2. Certified Staff Recommendation **

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

Abby Mikita	Social Worker	Rockford Freshman Center
Anna Palaske	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Crestwood Elementary

**3. Collective Bargaining Agreement (RESPA)**

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford will present to the Board of Education a tentative contract agreement negotiated between the Board of Education and the Rockford Educational Personnel Association (RESPA). Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education approve the agreement as presented.

**4. Board of Education Trustees Acceptance/Oath of Office **

President Postema will ceremoniously administer the Constitutional Oath of Office to incoming Board of Education trustees Kelley Freridge and Jake Himmelspach and re-elected incumbents Geoff Downs and Nick Reichenbach. All four were elected to terms which will run from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024. In compliance with MCL 168.308 and 309, all four trustees filed their Acceptance of Office with the Kent County Election Coordinator within 10 days of the certification of the election.

**5. Superintendent's Performance Evaluation and Contract Extension **

Board of Education Trustee and Human Resources Committee Chair Timothy Lewis will report on Dr. Shibler's recent performance evaluation, which was conducted on November 23, 2020. Mr. Lewis will move to extend Dr. Shibler's contract through December 31, 2025.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**