



Date | time Monday – January 25, 2021 | 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. School Board Recognition Month

January is designated as School Board Recognition Month by the Michigan Association of School Boards in co-sponsorship with the National School Boards Association. Dr. Shabler will recognize RPS Board of Education trustees for their valuable contributions to the district.

2. Middle School Outstanding Students – January 2021

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

Shelby Fox & Avery Frankenberg (6th), Kaia Slanger & Elijah Johnson (7th), Paige Parker & Asa Jenkins (8th)

North RMS

Aubrey Rosebery & Cayden Markin (6th), Ayano Clay & Carson Steffes (7th), Emma Walsh & Connor Whitehead (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

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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.** January 11, 2021 study session Regular Meeting #11.
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	\$1,590,567.08
Insurance & Retirement	573,897.09
Utilities	36,583.38
Kone Inc.	9,613.42
Hurst Mechanical	7,778.32
Balance Total General Fund	92,950.49
2016 Bond Reg Checks	86,710.41
2019 Bond Reg Checks	50,133.28
2019 Bond ACH Checks	148,549.87
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,596,783.34

3. **Certified Staff Resignation.** Emily Dafoe (effective January 11, 2021).

H. REPORTS


1. Student Representative

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

2. COVID-19 District Response 

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford, along with District Nurse Kelly Theaker and Director of Security Scott Beckman, will report to the Board of Education on the district's coordinated response to managing COVID-19 in our schools.

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 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.

This month, Mr. Ramm will also report on the district's compliance with the requirement to post a report on the district's website transparency reporting link outlining "Training on Delivery, Access, and Use of Virtual Content," which describes the amount and type of training provided to teachers through professional development on how to deliver virtual content.

Following Mr. Ramm's report, President Postema will provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to provide input regarding the Plan.

Following public input and 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. DTE Natural Gas Easement Resolution

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo will report to the Board of Education on a recommendation to change the classification of an existing easement which will allow for natural gas extension to the new team rooms at Carlson-Munger Stadium. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education adopt the resolution approving the recommendation by roll call vote.

2. 2019-20 Financial Audit

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo will summarize the 2019-20 financial audit conducted by Hungerford Nichols CPAs + Advisors. The Board of Education received a detailed presentation at an earlier study session. Following Mr. Cuneo's report, Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education accept the 2019-20 financial audit as presented.

3. Certified Staff Recommendation

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford will introduce the following certified staff candidate, which will be followed by Dr. Shibler's recommendation that the Board of Education employ the individual for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year:

Thomas Griffith

Music

Meadow Ridge/Valley View

K. ADJOURNMENT