

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting #14

Date | time Monday – February 22, 2021 | 6:30 p.m. Location Via Zoom

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Agenda

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. RECOGNITION

1. Middle School Outstanding Students – February 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

Brynn Potter & Brady Engstrom (6th), Molly Liggett & Ryan Greene (7th), Whitney Vanmanen & Parker Smith (8th)

North RMS

Grace Altman & Eli Bower (6th), Maiya Corrigan & Reed Binney (7th), Leylah Mattson & Joey Gregorich (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.

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. February 8, 2021 special and closed sessions; Regular Meeting #13.
- 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	\$1,718,187.91
Insurance & Retirement	769,268.57
Utilities	41,753.64
Kent ISD – Transportation	77,840.74
Kent ISD – Miscellaneous	36,723.95
Balance Total General Fund	83,964.46
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,727,739.27

- 3. Petition to Strike Delinquent Taxes from the Rolls. Courtland and Plainfield Townships in the total amount of \$1,858.94.
- 4. Certified Staff Resignation. Chad Koch (effective March 26, 2021).

H. REPORTS

1. Student Representative

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

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.

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. Bid Recommendation – East RMS and Maintenance Paving Projects

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo will present bids received for paving projects at East Rockford Middle School and the Maintenance facility. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education authorize Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. to issue Letters of Intent in the amounts indicated to contractors and suppliers listed below pending confirmation that all requirements of the Contract Documents have been met and, furthermore, that upon receipt by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. of the appropriate documentation, contracts be awarded to these contractors and suppliers by Rockford Public Schools as presented. The project will be funded through the 2019 bond issue.

Earthwork	Deans Excavating	\$158,893
Asphalt Paving	Black Gold Transport Inc.	507,800
Unsuitable Soils Allowance		15,450
General Conditions	Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.	90,000
Contingency/Fees	Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.	<u>110,030</u>
		\$882,173

2. Bid Recommendation – Maintenance Vehicle Replacement (

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo will present bids received to replace a maintenance vehicle. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education approve the bid from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$41,279 as presented. The purchase will be made through the general fund.

3. Resolution to Permit School Boards to Meet in Person

For several months, school boards in Michigan have been required to meet remotely due to COVID-19 per the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. In conjunction with the Michigan Association of School Boards, many school boards throughout Michigan are appealing to the MDHHS and the Governor to permit school boards to determine locally how their meetings will be held. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education adopt a resolution, by roll call vote, requesting that the MDHHS and the Governor allow school boards to have the option to meet virtually, in-person or a combination of the two effective immediately.

K. ADJOURNMENT