



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

Location via Zoom

As required by MDHHS Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253, this meeting was held remotely for all participants. In order to preserve the public's right to observe the meeting or address the Board of Education, remote access options described below were provided in compliance with Senate Bill 1108 and Rockford Public Schools Board of Education Bylaw 0167.3.

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Meeting called to order with a moment of silence by President Postema

Attendance

Board of Education: Bobbi Jo Blanton, Geoffrey L. Downs, Kelley Freridge, Jake Himmelspace, Timothy J. Lewis, Miles J. Postema, Nick Reichenbach.

Student representative: Guin Waite.

Rockford Public Schools: Dr. Michael Shibler, Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo, Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mindy Duba, Lisa Jacobs, Shannon Ouellette, Marlene Clark, Scott Beckman, Jason Springer (BTR videographer).

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Kelley Freridge, supported by Timothy Lewis, approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

Middle School Outstanding Students – February 2021

Because in-person recognitions are not possible at this time, a video produced by Beyond the Rock was provided as a way to recognize the following middle school outstanding students of the month:

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)

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

Grant Yoder (580 10 Mile Road, Comstock Park) addressed the Board of Education regarding an incident involving student device security. President Postema apologized for the incident and stated the Administration will follow up with Mr. Yoder.

Correspondence

None.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Geoff Downs, supported by Jake Himmelspace, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Minutes of February 8, 2021 special and closed sessions and Regular Meeting #13
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$2,727,739.27
- Petition to strike delinquent taxes from the rolls (Courtland and Plainfield Townships in the total amount of \$1,858.94)
- Certified staff resignation (Chad Koch, effective March 26, 2021)

Reports

Student Representative

Student representative Guin Waite reported to the Board of Education on the granting of Winter Wishes, Student Council and peer listener activities, a Leo Club community drive for North Kent Connect, several athletic activities, exams, and the upcoming transition from second to third trimester. Rockford sports information can be found via Instagram @rockfordramsad.

Old Business

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 reported on the district's delivery of instruction options under the Plan, whether or not the district is offering higher levels of in-person instruction for special populations, and weekly attendance rates which include logged interaction time between teachers and students. Details of that plan can be found on the document presented to the Board of Education which is posted on the district website as referenced below.

President Postema noted that no members of the public registered to address the Board of Education regarding the district's learning plan.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Shibler, motion was made by Timothy Lewis, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, approving the February 2021 Reconfirmation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ramm updated the Board of Education on student achievement, stating that scores are increasing overall. Each building principal uses data to address specific areas of need at the building, classroom, and individual student levels. Mr. Ramm will provide comprehensive spring testing update and an overview of summer school activities at a future meeting.

Approved Reconfirmation Meeting Summaries are posted on the district website [transparency reporting page](#) under the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan section.

New Business

Bid Recommendation – East RMS and Maintenance Paving Projects

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented bids received for paving projects at East Rockford Middle School and the Maintenance facility.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Kelley Freridge, to 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. Motion carried unanimously. The projects will take place this summer and 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

Bid Recommendation – Maintenance Vehicle Replacement

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented bids received to replace a maintenance vehicle used for snow removal and larger capacity salting capability.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Jake Himmelsbach, supported by Geoff Downs, approving the bid for a 2020 model year snow plow truck from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$41,279 through the MI Deal Program as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The purchase will be made through the general fund.

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.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Nick Reichenbach, adopting a resolution 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. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

President Postema adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Reichenbach

Rockford Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes approved at March 8, 2021 meeting