



Date | time Monday – April 12, 2021 | 6:34 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

*Physical attendance by invitation only**

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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.

Rockford Public Schools: Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo (serving as interim superintendent due to Dr. Shibley's absence), Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mindy Duba, Lisa Jacobs, Sharon Wells, Dr. Kelly Amshey, Teya Cotter, Al Reickard, Marlene Clark, Scott Beckman, Jason Springer (BTR videographer), Stephen Provost (Zoom manager).

Adoption of Agenda

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

Recognition

None.

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

Brenda Wodarski addressed the Board of Education regarding her opposition to COVID-related strategies being used in the schools.

Chris Curtis addressed the Board of Education regarding his opposition to COVID-related strategies being used in the schools and stated the Board of Education is violating its mission statement and violating human rights based on fraud and subjective science.

Correspondence

Secretary Reichenbach read correspondence from Sue Oaks and Rob Pratt.

Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of March 22, 2021 study and closed sessions and Regular Meeting #16
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$4,563,166.48
 - 2020-21 Middle School Revised Extra-Duty Spring Coaching Appointments.
Track (East RMS): Murphy Hodder (Assistant Coach)
 - 2020-21 High School Revised Extra-Duty Spring Coaching Appointments.
Boys Crew: James Anderson (Head Coach)
Girls Soccer: Joshua Goad (Freshman Coach)

Reports

Student Representative

Student representative Guin Waite was unable to attend this evening's meeting.

Collaborative Team Reports

The Board of Education receives information about events occurring in our schools in the form of monthly collaborative team reports.

Elementary: Roguewood Elementary Principal Teya Cotter reported on school pictures, preparations for summer learning, CAT and BCT meetings, several reading and giving initiatives, DARE programming, the upcoming testing window, and interventions and supports being provided to students. Third and fifth grade teams have won Odyssey of the Mind state championships and are moving on to world competition.

Secondary: North Rockford Middle School Assistant Principal Al Reickard reported on the upcoming testing window requiring adjusted student schedules to allow for distancing, spring sports, upcoming parent-teacher conferences, PLC work, zero hour and expanded co-op opportunities at River Valley Academy, and COVID monitoring as the high school determines the status of year-end activities.

Rockford Virtual: Principal Dr. Kelley Amshey reported on year-end testing challenges for virtual students which must be administered in person, efforts to ensure students complete the school year, and a School News Network article about a Rockford student's credit recovery through the RV Program.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Fall Policy Updates (First Reading)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford presented the following fall policy updates to the Board of Education, which were previously reviewed with the Board Policy Review Committee:

po4362.01	Threatening behavior toward staff members	Revised
po5610	Emergency Removal, suspensions and expulsion of students	Revised
po5611	Due process rights	Revised
po7440	Facility security	Revised
po8450.01	Protective facial coverings during pandemic/epidemic events	New
ag7420F	Hand washing protocol	New
ag226	Nondiscrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities	New
ag5517.02	Sexual violence	Rescinded

Upon recommendation of Mike Cuneo on behalf of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Kelley Freridge supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton to accept the updates as a first reading. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid Recommendation – Middle School Finish Upgrades (2019 Bond Issue)

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented to the Board of Education bids for finish upgrades at East Rockford Middle and North Rockford Middle schools. The Board of Education reviewed the bid summary in an earlier study session. Upon recommendation of Mike Cuneo on behalf of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Geoff Downs, supported by Nick Reichenbach, 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 are met and that, furthermore, upon receipt by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. of the appropriate documentation, contracts be awarded to these contractors and suppliers by Rockford Public Schools. The project will be funded through the 2019 bond issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Painting	BIJL Painting	\$184,700
Polished Concrete Allowance		26,357
Moving Allowance (Movers and Boxes)		32,577
Gym Flooring Protection (Both Gyms)		27,885
General Conditions	Owen-Ames Kimball	21,722
Contingency/Fees	Owen-Ames-Kimball	<u>41,786</u>
TOTAL		\$335,027

Bid Recommendation – East Rockford Middle School Flooring Project (2019 Bond Issue)

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented bids received for a flooring project at East Rockford Middle School. The Board reviewed this in an earlier study session. Upon recommendation of Mike Cuneo on behalf of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Timothy Lewis, supported by Jake Himmelsbach, to award the bid to Tarkett in the total amount of \$443,745.96 as presented. The project will be funded through the 2019 bond issue. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Appreciation Resolution

On behalf of Dr. Shibler, Mike Cuneo presented to the Board of Education a resolution establishing the week of May 3, 2021 as Staff Appreciation Week and Tuesday, May 4, 2021 as Staff Appreciation Day. Barring an unforeseen restrictions, Dr. Shibler, his cabinet members, and Board of Education trustees will visit district buildings on Tuesday, May 4.

Upon recommendation of Mike Cuneo on behalf of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Kelley Freridge, approving the Staff Appreciation Resolution as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

President Postema adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Reichenbach

Rockford Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes approved at April 26, 2021 meeting