



*Date | time* Monday – April 26, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

*Location* Administration Boardroom

Per MDHHS Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 dated March 19, 2021, public meetings under the Open Meetings Act are no longer subject to the general gathering limits in Sections 2(a) and 2(b) of the order. The amending order states that more than 25 people may gather together in an indoor venue for a board meeting as long as the meeting is designed to encourage and maintain six feet of social distancing between groups and face coverings are required. Members of the public may both attend meetings and participate in public comment in person to the extent permitted under the Open Meetings Act and in compliance with the amending order.

Overall attendance at any public meeting must not exceed 50% of the total occupancy limits established by the fire marshal. The fire marshal has established that the total occupancy limit of the RPS Boardroom is 113. Based on the total occupancy limit and factoring in the layout of the room to accommodate social distancing, no more than 25 people will be permitted in the meeting room. Attendees should avoid intermingling with people outside of their group and each group must remain six feet apart. All applicable masking and distancing requirements must be followed by everyone at all times. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting in person should notify the Superintendent's Office by 3:30PM the day of the meeting to ensure capacity will allow for admission.

The Rockford Public Schools Board of Education also provides remote access options as outlined below to observe and/or participate in public comment in compliance with Public Act 254 of 2020 and Rockford Public Schools Board of Education Bylaw 0167.3.

**TO OBSERVE THE MEETING VIA LIVESTREAM:**

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/beyondtherock/live>

**TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (two-way communication):**

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 either ensure capacity will allow for physical admission or to request remote access to address the Board of Education.

**TO CONTACT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING:**

<http://www.rockfordschools.org/email-the-board-of-education/>

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

Upon request to the Superintendent, the district shall make reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting. Please call 616.863.6557 or email [mclark@rockfordschools.org](mailto:mclark@rockfordschools.org).

## Agenda

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

### 1. MASB Board of Education "Standard of Excellence" Award 📁

Board trustee/MASB liaison Nick Reichenbach will report on the RPS Board of Education's Standard of Excellence Award, which they have received through the Michigan Association of School Boards. The Standard of Excellence Award recognizes Board trustees' continuous commitment to excellence and is given when all trustees have received the Award of Merit for completing all Level 1 classes and 45 education credits. The MASB will hold a virtual statewide recognition of school board achievements the evening of April 29, 2021.

**2. Individual State Champion - Wrestling and MWA Coach of the Year**

Director of Athletics Cole Andrews will introduce Wrestling Coach Brian Richardson, who will describe student-athlete Trenton Wachter's many accomplishments, culminating in an MHSAA Division I individual state championship. In addition to recognizing Trenton, the Board of Education will recognize Coach Richardson for being elected MWA Division I Coach of the Year. Board President Miles Postema will present certificates of recognition to each Trenton and Coach Richardson.

**3. TV Studio "MAB Station of the Year" Award**

Television Broadcasting Instructor Kris DeYoung and TV Studio Technician Jason Springer will introduce RHS students Moses Bosscher, Hannah Butzer, Hayley Butzer, and Lauren Lewis, who are members of the RHS award-winning television production class that has now won its 13<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> consecutive) TV Station of the Year Award through the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. Board Vice President Geoff Downs will present a certificate of recognition to the group.

**4. Middle School Outstanding Students – April 2021**

The Board of Education will enjoy a video produced by Beyond the Rock in recognition of middle school outstanding students of the month.

**East RMS**

Lucy Elyea & Ben Rourk (6<sup>th</sup>), Cloe Stadt & Kristian Fedorowych (7<sup>th</sup>), Hailey Harrold & Cullen Yurick (8<sup>th</sup>)

**North RMS**

Kyla Chapman & Chase Dzirbowicz (6<sup>th</sup>), Leah Neeley & Logan Peck (7<sup>th</sup>), Alyssa Vallier & Andrew Hambelton (8<sup>th</sup>)

**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. April 12, 2021 study session; Regular Meeting #17.

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Regular Meeting #18  
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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	\$3,162,042.12
Insurance & Retirement	2,048,421.00
Utilities	89,818.88
Kent ISD - Miscellaneous	116,724.51
Kent ISD - Transportation	50,875.75
Balance Total General Fund	738,706.28
2016 Bond Credit Card	85.98
2016 Bond Reg Checks	8,061.83
2019 Bond Reg Checks	41,300.92
2019 Bond ACH Checks	103,575.68
2019 Bond Credit Card	26,483.52
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$6,386,096.47</b>

3. **Leave of absence requests for 2021-22 school year.**  
Claire Goodman (second year), Sarah Aalderink, Lisa Abramowski, Emily Napieralski
4. **Certified staff resignation.**  
Allan Halla II (effective May 5, 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. Fall Policy Updates (Second Reading)

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford will present to the Board of Education the following fall policy updates, which the Board of Education accepted as a first reading on April 12. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education approve the fall policy updates as presented.

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

### 2. 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 2020. 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. Public Hearing (First of Two) – Sex Education Materials Updates**

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm co-chairs a staff/community committee responsible for evaluating and updating instructional materials for the district's sex education program. Mr. Ramm reviewed proposed resource updates in detail with the Board of Education in an April 12 study session.

Because RPS chooses to include sex education as part of the mandatory HIV/AIDS curriculum, the district is required to hold two public hearings prior to formal Board approval. Mr. Ramm will provide an overview of the materials updates, following which time President Postema will afford an opportunity for parents/guardians to provide input. No action is needed at this time, however, following a second public hearing on May 10, Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education approve the updates as presented.

### **2. Bid Recommendation –COVID Screening, Volunteer & Visitor Management System**

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo will present to the Board of Education bids for a COVID screening, volunteer & visitor management system. The Board of Education reviewed the bid summary in an earlier study session. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education award the bid to Raptor Technologies in the amount of \$40,240 as presented, to be paid through ESSER II federal funding.

### **3. RHS Principal Retirement**

Following 33 years as an educator in Michigan and 21 years as an educational leader for RPS, RHS Principal Dan Zang has submitted his intent to retire. Mr. Zang served as RHS Assistant Principal and RFC Principal prior to his appointment as RHS Principal. Dr. Shibler will recommend, with regret, that the Board of Education accept Mr. Zang's retirement effective August 1, 2021 as presented. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford will review with the Board of Education the process the district will follow in its search for a new high school principal.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**