



Date | time Monday – May 24, 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 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.

Agenda


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

**Board of Education Agenda
Regular Meeting #20
May 24, 2021**

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.** May 10, 2021 closed and study sessions; Regular Meeting #19.
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	\$1,865,384.56
Insurance & Retirement	761,279.75
Utilities	17,392.67
Kent ISD - Itinerants	206,255.40
MMM Landscape Services LLC	23,152.50
Balance Total General Fund	156,096.59
2019 Bond ACH Checks	440.00
2019 Bond Reg Checks	23,819.55
2019 Bond ACH Checks	99,450.05
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$3,153,271.07

3. **2021-22 PASE (Parent Advisors for Special Education) Appointment Recommendation.**
Jennifer Gard.
4. **Certified Staff Resignation.**
Kristin Hanzek (effective end of 2020-21 school year).

H. REPORTS

1. Student Representative

RHS Senior Guin Waite will introduce next year’s student representative Bella MacKenzie, and Guin will update the Board of Education on events at Rockford High School.

2. Collaborative Team Reports

The Board of Education will receive information about important events occurring in our schools in the form of monthly collaborative team reports. This month’s reports will be given by administrators as follows:

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Elementary.....	Mindy McGinn (Lakes Elementary Principal)
Secondary	Tom Hosford (Rockford Freshman Center Principal)
Virtual	Dr. Kelly Amshey (Rockford Virtual Principal)

3. Enhanced Enrollment Procedures 

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm and Executive Director of Community Services Lisa Jacobs will report to the Board of Education on an initiative to inform current and

prospective families about curricular and cocurricular opportunities offered by the Rockford Public Schools.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Kent ISD Biennial School Board Election

Board Secretary/KISD Liaison Nick Reichenbach will present to the Board of Education for action, a resolution for the upcoming Kent ISD School Board Election. In compliance with Section 614(2) of the Revised School Code, the resolution was presented at not less than one public meeting after the 4:00 p.m. May 10 filing deadline on May 10 and must now be adopted by the Board of Education on or before May 31.

By way of the resolution with roll call vote, Secretary Reichenbach will recommend the Board of Education 1) designate Nick Reichenbach as the voting designee to vote on behalf of the district and Bobbi Jo Blanton to act as the alternate board member in the event of Mr. Reichenbach's absence, and 2) direct the voting designee to cast votes for Matthew Rettig for the six-year term and Laura Featherston for the partial term.

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. KIASB Board Election

Board Trustee/KIASB Liaison Kelley Freridge will recommend the Board of Education cast a ballot for the following candidates:

Ken Hornecker (Region 3)

Eric-John Szczepaniak (Region 1)

Casting of ballots will be done electronically. Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Marlene Clark will cast the ballot on behalf of the Board of Education by the 5 p.m. deadline on May 28.

**Board of Education Agenda
 Regular Meeting #20
 May 24, 2021**

2. Certified Staff Recommendation 

Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education employ the following certified staff for the 2021-22 school year:

Elizabeth Andrus	Art	Meadow Ridge
AnnMarie Aulbach	3 rd Grade	Crestwood
Rachel Cohen	3 rd Grade	Lakes
Kristen Coopriider	1 st Grade	Crestwood
Nicole Denny	3 rd Grade	Parkside
MacKenzie Hauke	Music	Cannonsburg
Kaitlin Hodgman	Social Worker	Meadow Ridge
Austin Leader	Theater	Rockford High School
Madison McCall	Kindergarten	Belmont
Rachel McKenna	3 rd Grade	Roguewood
Michelle Murdock	1 st Grade	Belmont
Thomas Murdock	3 rd Grade	Roguewood
Erin Narducci	Developmental Kindergarten	Meadow Ridge
Stephanie Rann	Psychologist	Valley View/East Rockford Middle
Erika Rito	Music	Roguewood
Dustin Rocho	Physical Education	Parkside
Chelsea Turner	Art	Roguewood
Heather Schnaar	2 nd Grade	Belmont

K. ADJOURNMENT