



Date | time Monday – June 14, 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.

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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.

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 Himmelspach, Timothy J. Lewis, Miles J. Postema, Nick Reichenbach.

Rockford Public Schools: Dr. Michael Shibler, Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo, Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mindy Duba, Lisa Jacobs, Sharon Wells, Marlene Clark, Scott Beckman, Jason Springer (BTR videographer), Stephen Provost (Zoom manager).

Guests rotated in and out of the room during their respective agenda items to maintain allowable distancing and occupancy limits. Their names are included in the minutes as such.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Timothy Lewis, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, approving the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

Administrators' Choice Art Award

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford introduced RHS art instructor Barb Kent, who presented to the Board of Education RHS student Jack Vaughn. Jack's artwork "Difficulties. Please Stand By." was selected to be placed in the Administration Building for the 2021-22 school year. President Postema presented a certificate of recognition to Jack.

State Championship Boys' Track Team

Due to late arrival of the recipients, recognition took place during New Business.

Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of May 24, 2021 study and closed sessions and Regular Meeting #20
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$5,117,160.51
- Certified staff tenure. Completion of two-year probationary period: Donita Coughlin, Taylor Funk, Lucas Galganski, Travis Harrall, Christopher Schoder
Tenure granted as of end of 2020-21 school year: Katrina Burger, Stephanie Campbell, Mackenzie Clements, Kyle Clough, Kara Dixon, Amy Gardner, Lauren Gleghorn, Allison Holden, Allison Kolean, Thomas Kowalski, Jennifer Lutz, Bethany McClure, Emily Napieralski, Sarah Powell, Kelly Rusnell, Danielle Swider, Jonathan Taylor, Jane Van Niekerk, Emily Weinmann, Melissa Young.
- Certified staff resignations (effective end of 2020-21 school year). Kristopher Forward, Kyle Short.

2021-22 Rockford Virtual School Program

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm Rockford, along with Rockford Virtual Principal Dr. Kelly Amshey, summarized for the Board of Education enrollment and success of the Rockford Virtual Program for the 2020-21 school year and shared plans for the 2021-22 school year. In addition to academic enhancements, the district will continue to address social-emotional needs of students.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Bid Recommendations (2019 Bond Issue)

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented to the Board of Education bids received for the following three projects, to be paid through the 2019 bond issue. The projects were reviewed with the Board of Education in concept at their May 24 Study Session.

- a. Developmental Kindergarten 1:1 iPad Devices. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Kelley Freridge, approving the bid from Apple and Jamf in the total amount of \$88,425, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Middle and High School Graphics Labs Devices. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Kelley Freridge, supported by Nick Reichenbach, approving the bid from Apple, Sehi and CDWG in the total amount of \$68,051.82, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Middle School Technology Lab Devices. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Timothy Lewis, approving the bid from Presidio through the REMC SAVE Program in the total amount of \$33,960, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition (Cont'd)

State Championship Boys' Track Team

Director of Athletics Cole Andrews introduced Boys' Track Coach Andy Martin, who reported to the Board of Education on the team's first state championship. Board President Postema presented certificates of recognition to the following members of the state championship team:

Student-Athletes

Carter Bissell
 Jacob Bissell
 Braden Crosby
 Daniel Leja
 Gage Martin, Captain
 Jude Parks, Captain
 Jacob Peck, Captain
 Shawn Sims
 Brody Thompson

Coaches

Andrew Martin
 Brent Cummings
 Josh Miller
 Kevin Patterson
 Scott Thompson

New Business (Cont'd)

Collective Bargaining Agreements

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford summarized for the Board of Education the following negotiated agreements:

- a. REA. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Nick Reichenbach, to approve the agreement between the REA and the Board of Education as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. RESPA. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Geoff Downs, supported by Timothy Lewis, to approve the agreement between the RESPA and the Board of Education as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Certified Staff Recommendation

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Nick Reichenbach, to employ the following certified staff for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously. The new staff thanked the Board of Education and District for the opportunity.

Paul Casey	Math	Rockford Freshman Center
Emma Hughes	Counselor	East Rockford Middle School
Jeffery Schram	World Technology	Rockford High School
Kipp Tremlin	Social Studies	Rockford High School

Rockford Freshman Center Principal Recommendation

As a result of RHS Principal Dan Zang's upcoming retirement, the Board of Education recently appointed RFC Principal Tom Hosford as the new RHS Principal, creating a need to hire a new Principal for the Rockford Freshman Center. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford summarized for the Board of Education the interview team's recommendation. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Nick Reichenbach, appointing Dr. Kelly Amshey as the Rockford Freshman Center Principal effective July 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

The following members of the public addressed the Board of Education:

Duane Gritter, Deb Miller, Brenda Wodarski, Mary Fountain (440 Summit), Tammy Gombar, Chris Curtis, Kevin Green, Vernon, Stephanie Buikema

Adjournment

President Postema adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Reichenbach

Rockford Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes approved at June 28, 2021 meeting