



Date | time Monday – June 28, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

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

Attendance

Board of Education: Bobbi Jo Blanton, Kelley Freridge, Jake Himmelspach, Timothy J. Lewis, Miles J. Postema, Nick Reichenbach.

Regrets: Geoffrey L. Downs.

Rockford Public Schools: Dr. Michael Shibler, Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo, Korie Wilson-Crawford, Lisa Jacobs, Jodi Nester, Scott Beckman, Stephen Provost (Zoom manager).

Adoption of Agenda

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

Recognition

State Championship Girls' Lacrosse Team

Director of Athletics Cole Andrews introduced Girls Track Coaches Mike Emery and Brent Deuel, 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

Shelby Beers
Karsyn Broderick
Elizabeth Chamberlain
Addison Clum
Mckinley Collins
Mackenzie Delacher
Hope Deuel
Chloe Dunham
Aubree Frazier
Sarah Gilchrist

Olivia Hewitt
Chloe Holmes
Keaton Kuzma
Emily Main
Lucy Nairy
Alexis Neumen
Isabelle Osborn
Ashley Palmer
Macey Palmer
Piper Riley
Brianna Rodriguez

Katherine Rodriguez
Abigail Scroggs
Sydney Walsh
Elise Whittaker
Zina Emery, Manager

Coaches

Mike Emery
Brent Deuel

Public Budget Hearing

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented the proposed 2021-22 General Fund Budget, which will be recommended for adoption under New Business. Mr. Cuneo solicited any questions or feedback about the proposed budget. Mr. Cuneo answered several questions from members of the community.

Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of June 14, 2021 study and closed sessions and Regular Meeting #21
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$3,217,206.51
- Certified staff resignation (effective June 21, 2021). Lauren Raap.

Old Business

None.

New Business

2020-21 Budget Amendments

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented to the Board of Education amendments to the 2020-21 budgets:

Food Service

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, approving amendments to the 2020-21 Food Service Budget as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

	Original 2020-21	Revised 2020-21
Revenues	\$2,041,539	\$2,817,797
Expenses	\$2,020,943	\$2,601,410
Fund Balance	\$ 219,173	\$ 414,965

General Fund

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Tim Lewis, supported by Kelly Freridge, approving amendments to the 2020-21 General Fund Budget as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

	Original 2020-21	Revised 2020-21
Revenues	\$83,135,946	\$89,751,045
Expenses	\$85,823,409	\$89,662,991
Fund Balance	\$ 4,815,018	\$ 7,590,535
Excess Revenue	(\$ 2,687,463)	\$ 88,054

2021-22 Budget Recommendations

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented to the Board of Education the following 2021-22 budget recommendations:

Food Service

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Tim Lewis, approving the 2021-22 Food Service Budget as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

	2020-21	2021-22
Revenues	\$2,817,797	\$3,214,283
Expenses	\$2,601,410	\$3,058,025
Fund Balance	\$414,965	\$571,224

General Fund

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Kelley Freridge, approving 2021-22 General Fund Budget as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

	Revised 2020-21	Proposed 2021-22
Revenues	\$89,751,045	\$92,416,789
Expenses	\$89,662,991	\$92,261,349
Fund Balance	\$ 7,590,535	\$ 7,745,975
Excess Revenue	\$ 88,054	\$ 155,440

Debt Retirement

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Kelley Freridge, approving 2021-22 Debt Retirement Budget as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

	Proposed 2021-22
Revenues	\$15,251,105
Expenses (P&I)	\$15,464,050
Balance, June 30	\$ 4,535,388

GASB 84 Activity Fund

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Tim Lewis, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, approving 2021-22 GASB 84 Activity Fund Budget as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

	Proposed 2021-22
Revenues	\$645,218
Expenses	\$621,207
Ending Fund Balance	\$778,866

2021 Tax Levy Certification

Mr. Cuneo presented to the Board of Education the 2021 Tax Levy Certification recommendation authorizing the following millage levies:

	July 1, 2021 Levy	December 1, 2021 Levy	Maximum Allowable
Debt	3.50000	3.50000	7.00000
Building & Site (All Property)	0.24385	0.24385	0.48770
Parks & Recreation	0.46415	0.46415	0.92830
Total Operating Allowed	8.59620	8.59620	17.19240
Total Levy	12.80420	12.80420	25.60840

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Tim Lewis, approving the 2021 Tax Levy Certification as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

State Aid Operating Note Resolution

Because school districts' fiscal year is July 1 to June 30 and the State of Michigan's fiscal year is October 1 to September 30, school districts will not receive their first State Aid payment until October. Due to this, Mr. Cuneo reported on the need for Rockford Public Schools to borrow \$2 million to meet financial obligations prior to the October 2021 payment. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Kelley Freridge, approving the State Aid Operating Note Resolution to borrow \$2 million through the Michigan Finance Authority August State Aid Note Program as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Plainfield Charter Township Easement Resolution

Mr. Cuneo will present an easement request from Plainfield Charter Township for a shared use pathway, which was discussed in detail with the Board of Education in a June 14, 2021 study session. Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Tim Lewis, supported by Bobbi Jo Blanton, approving the resolution authorizing the easement as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Certified Staff Recommendation

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Nick Reichenbach, supported by Kelley Freridge, 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.

Austin DeBoer	Computer Science	Rockford High School
Rebecca Durán	English	Rockford High School
Alexis Vlug	Social Studies	Rockford High School

Retirement Announcement – Superintendent Shibler

Dr. Shibler submitted to the Board of Education his letter of intent to retire effective December 31, 2021, after 32-1/2 years of esteemed service to the district and community as Superintendent of the Rockford Public Schools. Motion was made by Tim Lewis, supported by Nick Reichenbach, accepting Dr. Shibler's retirement effective December 31, 2021, with regret, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Gavel

Dr. Shibler recognized outgoing Board of Education President Miles Postema for his leadership during a difficult 2020-21 school year and presented the President's Gavel to Mr. Postema.

2021-22 Board of Education Organizational Meeting Date

Upon recommendation of Dr. Shibler, motion was made by Jake Himmelspach, supported by Kelley Freridge, establishing Monday, July 12, 2021, as its 2021-22 Organizational Meeting date. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present

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

Randy Sellhorn, Renee Russo, Elden Palmer, Chris Curtis, Brenda Wodarski, Did not give name, Duane Gritter, Diane Patterson, Tammy Gombar, Debra Miller, Did not give name, Stephanie Buekema, Craig Ladyman, Mary Fountain, Emily Zimba

Adjournment

President Postema adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy J. Lewis

Rockford Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes approved at July 12, 2021 meeting