

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting

October 9, 2023

 Date | time Monday – October 9, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

 Location Administration Boardroom

 Meeting called to order with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance by President Folsom

In Attendance

Board of Education: Tricia Anderson, Barbara Helms, Jake Himmelspach, Jarrod Folsom, Christie Ramsey, Nick Reichenbach

Regrets: Kelley Freridge

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo, Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mindy Duba, Lisa Jacobs, Jodi Nester.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Jake Himmelspach with support by Nick Reichenbach. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition

A video was played honoring the Middle School Students of the Month.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Christie Ramsey. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting
- 2. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$14,662,677.91
- 3. Certified Staff Resignation
- 4. Fall Coaches
- 5. Fall Extra Duty Assignments

New Business

1. New Certified Staff

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Korie Wilson-Crawford discussed two new certified staff employees. Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with approval by Christie Ramsey. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Superintendent Evaluation Timeline

Dr. Matthews covered the timeline for the Superintendent evaluation. All board members have been trained and will participate in the evaluation.

2. MASB Voting Delegates

Dr. Matthews explained the MASB Delegate process. Our district is allowed to have up to four delegates. It was suggested that Jarrod Folsom and Nick Reichenbach be certified as the delegates for Rockford Public Schools. This will be certified with the MASB by Jodi Nester prior to October 27, 2023. Motion to approve by Jarrod Folsom with support by Nick Reichenbach. Motion passed unanimously.

3. New Servers Approval

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo discussed the need for new servers due to technology expansion. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

1. Student Representative

Student Representative Camille Dahlke discussed the many things happenings at RHS including the homecoming dance, glow golf, and powder puff. She also discussed events happening with clubs at the secondary level. College Representatives will be visiting soon. There is a new Ram League team available to students for Dungeons and Dragons and also for Foosball.

2. Collaborative Team Reports

Belmont Elementary Principal, Shannon Oullette discussed things happening at the Elementary level. All teachers are working with Instructional coaches to make instructional shifts to meet student needs. The early dismissal time is being used to have valuable PLC time. Fall fundraisers are up and running. There is a lot of spirit and excitement around this time. We are very appreciative of the support. Mrs. Oullette explained what Tier 1 support means for students

Rockford Freshman Center Principal, Dr. Kelly Amshey reported on events taking place at the secondary level. Dr. Amhey talked about the parent-teacher conferences. There were both virtual and in-person options available for conferences. The Freshman Center sent a survey to the parents and are reviewing the results to see what can be done better and what is going well for families. She also spoke about the PLC early dismissal time and their gratitude for the time.

3. Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm presented on district assessments. He explained the cycle of the testing. The results are used to reflect and adjust where necessary to improve student achievement. Mr. Ramm covered trends over multiple years.

4. Spanish Immersion

Amy Santillan, Dean of Spanish Immersion, talked about the landscape of Spanish immersion. Ms. Santillan explained what a language immersion program is and how the program draws students to Rockford to be a part of it. She also discussed what she would like to see in the future to expand the program.

5. Edgerton Trails Report

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo, updated the board on the status of the construction projects happening at Edgerton Trails.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Korie Wilson-Crawford updated the board on what has been happening with her committee to be ready to staff Edgerton Trails. They will develop a plan and share it when it is complete.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm, has been working with his committee to look at the programing in the district.

Executive Director of Communications Lisa Jacobs talked about the collaboration with other committees and presented a timeline that included highlights for Edgerton Trails. Ms. Jacobs presented the new webpage for Edgerton Trails.

6. RAMS XII

Dr. Matthews explained what the RAMS XII document is. He explained the plan for creating the document. There will be several planning groups who will work together to have the document completed and the steps that will help shape the document. The document will be presented to the board for approval in August of 2024.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education.

Lilly Davey	Elice Davey	Brenda Wodarski	Lynn Meier
Mark Meier	Leah Quintinilla	Betsy Verwys	Andrea Jacobson
Duane Gritter	Charles Curtis		

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews spoke about the Parks and Rec Millage renewal. He explained the many community and district areas and resources that would benefit from the approval.

Dr. Matthews explained how he visits all of the buildings periodically and shared some of the many things he sees happening in them all.

He also mentioned that it is National Principal's Month and how much he appreciates our building leaders.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Recording Secretary