



# SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

January 16, 2024

The Rockford Public Schools Board of Education met Monday, January 15. At the first meeting of the calendar year board elections are held. Board officers for next year are:

- President: Jarrod Folsom
- Vice-President: Kelley Freridge
- Secretary: Christie Ramsey
- Treasurer: Jake Himmelspach

January is School Board Recognition Month. So, in addition to our officers we would like to extend our appreciation to our other board trustees:

- Tricia Anderson
- Dr. Barbara Helms
- Nick Reichenbach

At Monday's board meeting, we also updated the Board on our elementary attendance boundary recommendation. Information on the proposed new elementary attendance boundaries can be found on the front of the district website at the Elementary Attendance Boundary Update link or here: [Elementary Attendance Boundary Updates – Rockford Public Schools \(rockfordschools.org\)](https://rockfordschools.org/elementary-attendance-boundary-updates) Comments can be made on the feedback form until January 31. The Board will vote on the proposal at the February board meeting.

The Board also received the financial audit. We received the highest level of assurance. Thanks to the Business Office for their processes and work throughout the year to ensure that we follow the highest financial standards.

Winter has arrived. We are trying to navigate through as effectively as we can. Decisions on the whether to cancel school are made carefully. Remember that the snow and ice slow things down so please extend grace to our bus drivers as they navigate over some interesting roads this winter.

This Friday, January 19th, we have our first jazz concert of the season at our very own Rockford High School Auditorium at 7 PM. This concert will feature our wonderful RHS Jazz Band with special guests: The Northview High School Jazz Band, Rockford Chamber Singers and the Jazz Faculty from Western Michigan University. Tickets are \$5 at the door for general admission.

This year's Rockford High School musical is Mama Mia. You can get tickets for this exciting and fun production at [rocktix.org](https://rocktix.org). It will be the first two weekends of March.

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