

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting #1

Date | *time* Monday – July 12, 2021 | 6:30 p.m. *Location* Administration Boardroom

Informational Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. MOMENT OF SILENCE

As is our custom, we will observe a moment of silence before beginning the meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Election of Officers

- a. **President.** 2020-21 Board Secretary Reichenbach will call for nominations for the office of President. The newly-elected President will assume the chair.
- b. **Vice President.** The 2021-22 Board President will call for nominations for the office of Vice President.
- c. **Secretary.** The 2021-22 Board President will call for nominations for the office of Secretary.
- d. **Treasurer**. The 2021-22 Board President will call for nominations for the office of Treasurer.

E. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS' COMPENSATION

Per the Michigan School Code and Rockford Board Policy 0144.1, board trustees may be compensated up to \$30 per meeting up to a total of not more than 52 meetings (including committee meetings) as compensation for their services.

While it has historically been the position of the Rockford Board of Education to not accept compensation for meeting attendance, Superintendent Shibler believes the Board should be compensated for their many hours of service for the benefit of the students of Rockford Public Schools. It is Superintendent Shibler's recommendation that the Board of Education accept compensation in the amount of \$30 per meeting up to a total of not more than 52 meetings.

F. CONSENT GROUPING (ORGANIZATION)

Dr. Shibler will summarize each of the following items prior to consent vote:

1. Adoption of Schedule of Regular Board Meeting Dates for 2021-22

Traditionally, the Rockford Board of Education has met on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, with the exception of holidays or other conflicts. Superintendent Shibler will recommend the Board continue this practice and adopt the following schedule for its regular meetings:

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date: Second and fourth Mondays of each month (except as noted)

Location: Meetings locations will be noted on the agenda posted on the district website by

the Friday prior to the meeting

2. Designation of Person for Posting Public Notices of Meetings

Approval that all regular meetings will be posted by the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent at the Administration Office and the district website. Board members will be notified by telephone, e-mail, hand delivery or through the US Postal Service of special meetings. Special meetings will be posted in two locations at the Administration Office and on the district website.

3. Designation of Person to Serve as Interim Superintendent

Superintendent Shibler will recommend the Board of Education appoint the Assistant Superintendent of Finance to serve as interim superintendent in the event of Dr. Shibler's absence.

4. Banking Resolutions—Depository for School Funds/Savings and Checking Accounts and Signatures Fund/Savings

Superintendent Shibler will recommend the Board of Education approve the depositories and signatures as presented.

5. Fidelity Bond

A fidelity bond is required by the General School Law (380.243) for the Treasurer of the Board of Education and the person serving as the Assistant Superintendent of Finance. The amounts are not specified but in the past you have placed the following amounts:

Treasurer \$10,000 Assistant Superintendent of Finance \$20,000

Superintendent Shibler will recommend the Board of Education bond the Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent of Finance as presented. All other employees are covered by the District's blanket insurance policy.

6. Delegation of Election Duties

Approval whereby the Board Secretary delegates election duties to the Assistant Superintendent of Finance or designee, and to any other employee(s) at the discretion of the Superintendent.

- 7. Approval of professional memberships with the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards
- 8. Approval of 2021-22 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) membership
- 9. Appointment of Sex Education Advisory Board Co-Chairs (§380.1507)

Superintendent Shibler will recommend the appointment of two co-chairs to the district's Sex Education Advisory Board.

10. Appointment of Legal Counsel for the 2021-22 School Year

Superintendent Shibler will recommend the Board of Education continue to engage Thrun Law Firm, PC to serve as district legal counsel. When matters may occasionally dictate, the Administration is requesting the Board's permission to use an alternate appropriate local firm.

11. Appointment of School Auditors for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Audit

Superintendent Shibler will recommend that the Board of Education appoint Hungerford Nichols as school auditors for the previous fiscal year.

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. Minutes of June 28, 2021 study session and Regular Meeting #22.
- 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	\$2,247,645.31
Insurance & Retirement	1,544,833.64
Utilities	69,970.22
Kent ISD (Misc)	120,725.97
Cedar Springs Public Schools	110,503.69
Balance Total General Fund	148,649.21
2019 Bond Reg Checks	1,505,360.15
2019 Bond ACH Checks	501,812.26
2019 Bond Credit Card	39,133.49
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$6,288,633.94

- 3. Certified Staff Resignations. Renee Crittenden, Hannah Sedlock (both effective end of 2020-21 school year).
- 4. Board Trustee Resignation. Miles Postema (effective July 5, 2021).

H. REPORTS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. District Phone System Upgrades Bid Recommendation (2019 Bond Issue)

On behalf of Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo, Carl VanderZee (Communications by Design) and Director of Technology Bob Stull will present to the Board of Education bids received for phone system upgrades. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education accept the bid from Moss in the total amount of \$485,101.89, as presented, to be paid through the 2019 bond issue.

2. Security Contract Services Bid Recommendation (2019 Bond Issue)

On behalf of Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo, Carl VanderZee (Communications by Design) and Director of Technology Bob Stull will present to the Board of Education bids received for security contract services. Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education accept the bid from Parkway Electric in the total amount of \$315,643, as presented, to be paid through the 2019 bond issue.

3. Rockford Freshman Center Assistant Principal Recommendation

As a result of interim RFC Assistant Principal Staci Szuch's retirement, it was necessary to seek candidates for the next RFC Assistant Principal. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford will summarize for the Board of Education the interview process, followed by Dr. Shibler's recommendation that the Board of Education appoint Derek Dillon as the RFC Assistant Principal for the 2021-22 school year.

4. Certified Staff Recommendations

Dr. Shibler will recommend the Board of Education employ the following certified staff for the 2020-21 school year as presented:

Tessa BiblerK-2 CI ClassroomLakes ElementaryMurphy HodderSocial StudiesEast Rockford MiddleGrace HoganSpeech & Language PathologistBelmont/Meadow Ridge Elementaries

K. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND HEARING OF PEOPLE PRESENT

This is a business 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. If you have a specific concern, please feel free to speak with a Board trustee or the Superintendent of Schools after the meeting or call the Superintendent's Office at 616-863-6557.

L. ADJOURNMENT