



Date | time January 10, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

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

In Attendance

Board of Education: Bobbi Jo Blanton, Kelley Freridge, Jake Himmelspace, Andrea Jacobson, Timothy Lewis, Nick Reichenbach

Student representative: Isabella MacKenzie

Administration: Korie Wilson-Crawford, Mike Ramm, Mike Cuneo, Lisa Jacobs, Mindy Duba, Tracy Ignasiak

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Bobbi Jo Blanton, supported by Kelly Freridge, approving the agenda as presented.

Recognition

School Board Recognition Month

Korie Wilson-Crawford recognized the members of the Rockford Public Schools School Board and presented them with gifts.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Jake Himmelspace, supported by Tim Lewis, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Minutes of December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting #7
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$6,595,781.88

Reports

Student Representative

RHS student representative Bella MacKenzie reported to the Board of Education on Hoops 4 Haiti, forthcoming Variety Show auditions, musical rehearsals begin this week for High School Music, heavy planning has begun for the Senior After-Grad Party. She described an initiative to encourage students to attend school events by selling a t-shirt and the students can get into a weekly specified event for free. T-shirts are also sold at the specific weekly event. Student Council has been participating in an ongoing service project recognizing staff and faculty from around the district with donuts, inspirational notes, etc. Bella also described Battle of the Fans where Beyond the Rock records the student section at an event and sends the video to MHSAA to battle with other student sections from around the state.

Collaborative Team Reports

The Board of Education received information about events occurring in our schools in the form of monthly collaborative team reports.

Elementary: Roguewood Elementary Principal, Teya Cotter, discussed January's PBIS character trait- gratitude. Each board member will be presented with a book titled What the Road Said by Cleo Wade. She also discussed how grade-level teams are preparing for MLK Jr. Day. NWEA screening will begin next week, Kids Have Rights virtual presentations also forthcoming.

Secondary: River Valley Academy Principal, Jennifer Thompson, stated it was a great first week back from holiday break. Students at ERMS, NRMS and RVA are also gearing up for NWEA MAP testing. Intervention is up and running four out of 5 days a week for academic and social/emotional progress. Okay2 Say presentations are also planned at ERMS and NRMS this month. After-school activities for the winter have begun at ERMS and NRMS. RVA students have set academic goals for themselves that are emailed to parents biweekly. RVA students have also formed three leadership committees: welcoming, cultural and social/emotional. The Freshman Center is piloting a PBIS initiative where students can earn Ram cash by exhibiting targeted behaviors.

Superintendent Search Update

The Board of Education Human Resources Committee Chair, Bobbie Jo Blanton, updated the Board of Education on the Superintendent search update. Prior to the holiday break, the Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI) conducted seven focus groups including staff, students, parents, and community leaders. A survey was sent to the aforementioned groups, as well as posted on the district website and the websites of neighboring townships. The summary of the survey will be used by MLI to create the superintendent job posting that will be posted later this week and will close at 4 PM on February 11, 2022. If at the time of the closing there are not a list of candidates, the posting can be extended.

Financial Audit

Adriane Schrauben from Hungerford Nichols CPAs + Advisors presented to the Board of Education an overview of the Federal Compliance Audit and the Financial Audit of Rockford Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The outcome was an unqualified/unmodified audit opinion which is the highest opinion possible.

Old Business

None

New Business

Board Resignation – Geoff Downs

Interim Superintendent Korie Wilson-Crawford regrettably accepted the resignation of Rockford Board of Education President Geoff Downs and explained the process of appointing a replacement trustee. Korie Wilson-Crawford recommended the Board accept the resignation of Geoff Downs as the Board of Education President. Tim Lewis regrettably motioned, supported by Bobbie Jo Blanton. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Audit – 2020-2021

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo made a presentation to the Board of Education regarding the financial audit of Rockford Public Schools. He reiterated to the Board the audit resulted in an unmodified/unqualified opinion which is the highest level an auditor can give, there were no findings related to the Financial or Federal Compliance audits resulting in the information the Board receives from the business office on a monthly basis is accurate. Korie Wilson-Crawford recommended the Board adopt the district's financial statements from 2020-2021. Kelly Freridge motioned, supported by Jake Himmelspach. The motion carried unanimously.

Aquatics Remodel

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented information on the aquatics remodel, funded by part of the 2019 bond, including added storage, added classroom, deck remodel, diving area face-lift. Korie Wilson-Crawford recommended the Board accept the accepted bid for the remodel. Andrea Jacobson motioned, supported by Kelly Freridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

23 visitors addressed the board:

Brenda Wodarski	Duane Gritter	Kerissa Silverthorne
Kaycee Born	Craig Ladyman	Scott Tiedgen
Kelly Tiedgen	Mary Fountain	Kaye Summers
Robert Enochs	Paul Laidler	Grace Hazel
Katina DeRoo	Debra Sampair	Stephanie Buikema
Connie Mulders	Stacy Cordier	Carol P. (Plainfield Twp)
Carol VanKoeving	Tom Antor	Chris (last name not provided)

Shawn (last name not provided) Nick (last name not provided)

Adjournment

Vice President Reichenbach adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education

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