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*Date | time* Monday –April 17, 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

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## In Attendance

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Board of Education: Tricia Anderson, Kelley Freridge, Barbara Helms, Jarrod Folsom, Christie Ramsey

Regrets: Jake Himmelspach and Nick Reichenbach

Student representative: Olivia Bommarito

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

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## Adoption of Agenda

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A motion was made by Kelley Freridge to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Christie Ramsey. The motion passed unanimously.

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## Recognition

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A video was played honoring the Middle School Students of the Month for April of 2023.

The Rockford High School Girls' Basketball team were each given a certificate and recognized for their State Championship.

The Rockford High School Girls' Gymnastics team were each given a certificate and recognized for their State Championship.

Rockford High School State Championship Diver Julian Cardenas was presented with a certificate of recognition for his State Championship.

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## Consent Agenda

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Tricia Anderson made a motion, supported by Kelley Freridge approving the following consent agenda items. The motion carried unanimously.

- Spring Coaches
  - Approval of Minutes from the March 13, 2023 meeting
  - Presentation of bills in the amount of \$14,972,876.24
  - REF Memo of Understanding
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## Reports

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### Student Representative Report

Olivia Bommarito introduced Camille Dahlke who will serve as the student representative to the board for the 2023-2024 school year. Olivia gave an update on Prom details and talked about the Relay for life bake sale happening at the High School during lunches. She also gave a blood drive update.

### Collaborative Team Reports

Kyle Avink (Crestwood Elementary Principal) and Dr. Kelly Amshey (Rockford Freshman Center Principal) reported on what has been happening at RPS. Elementary – Spring Carnival-type events are coming up. The Crestwood 5<sup>th</sup> grade is participating in a week of Museum school. The Kindergarten screening process is continuing and the lottery process for Spanish Immersion is also underway. There is quite a bit of testing that is coming up for Elementary students.

Secondary – Dr. Kelly Amshey talked about testing that is happening at the Secondary levels. PSAT, SAT, WorkKeys and MSTEP are all taking place. The testing is a huge task for the testing coordinators. Prom is coming up and is being held at the Frederick Meijer Gardens. Rockford High School is hosting a job fair on May 2, 2023, with over 20 employers present. North Rockford Middle School student Brady B has qualified for the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. The Rockford Quiz Bowl team had a successful year. The River Valley students earned a lunch from the Corner Bar for their efforts in the classroom.

### Committee Reports

Board Trustee Christie Ramsey discussed the Policy Committee meeting that took place on April 11, 2023. There were fifteen suggested changes. The committee was asked to review public participation and has recommended no changes at this time.

### Orchestra Report

Rockford Public Schools Orchestra Teachers gave a presentation highlighting the Orchestra program. The program has grown substantially in the past few years.

### New Elementary Report

Dr. Steve Matthews explained the process for the naming of the new Elementary School that will open in the fall of 2024. A rendering of the building was shown. There will be more information given at each board meeting. There are committees that are meeting at least monthly regarding the new building. Assistant Superintendent Mike Cuneo updated that redistricting will take place prior to the opening of the new school. Assistant Superintendent Korie Wilson Crawford presented a list of tasks that the Human Resources committee will work on together. Much of the Human Resources work will need to be done after the attendance boundaries have been determined. Assistant Superintendent Mike Ramm and Executive Director of Community Services Lisa Jacobs gave curriculum updates and talked about the design of the building including extended learning areas and outdoor education opportunities.

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## New Business

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### Crestwood Elementary Administrator Recommendation

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford explained the process of hiring a new Principal for Crestwood Elementary due to a mid-year departure. The recommendation is to hire Kyle Avink who is currently serving as Interim Principal, Kyle Avink. Motion to approve Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Ms. Wilson gave some background information about Mr. Avink. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Avink addressed the Board of Education thanking them for the opportunity to serve as Principal of Crestwood Elementary.

### Staff Appreciation Resolution

Superintendent Steve Matthews presented a staff appreciation resolution. May 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> will be staff appreciation week with Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 will be staff appreciation day. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support from Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### Spring Policy Update – First Reading

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford explained the policy update process and presented policies to the board of education for a first reading. The second reading will take place during the May 8, 2023 Board Meeting.

#### Tenure Teacher Approval

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Korie Wilson-Crawford explained the Michigan Teacher Tenure process and presented a list of Rockford Public Schools Teachers who are eligible for Tenure. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Tricia Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Bond Ratifying Resolution

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo introduced Ian Koffler from Thrun Law Firm to present information to the Board of Education regarding bonds. A Bond Ratifying Resolution was presented to the board for approval. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support from Kelley Freridge. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

#### Asbestos Abatement

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo discussed the Asbestos abatement being presented for approval. Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with support from Kelley Freridge. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Baseball and Softball Excavation Bids

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo and Director of Facilities, Shawn Hayward discussed the Baseball and Softball excavation needs and bids. A recommendation was made to move forward. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support from Tricia Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

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### Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

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The following individuals addressed the Board of Education.

Charles Curtis	Craig Ladyman	Connie Mulders	Jaclyn Jackson
Mary Fountain	Sonia Andrews	Andrea Jacobsen	

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### Superintendent's Remarks

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Dr. Steve Matthews discussed the Horror genre. He will be reviewing processes.

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### Adjournment

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President Folsom read parts of the public participation policy (0167.3) before adjourning the meeting at 7:20 p.m.