



Date | time Monday – December 11, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. 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, Lisa Jacobs, Jodi Nester.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Recognition

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

Dr. Matthews praised Korie Wilson-Crawford for obtaining her PhD.

Dr. Matthews thanked Mike Cuneo for his service to Rockford Public Schools and wished him well in retirement.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with support by Jake Himmelspach. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes from the November 13, 2023 meeting
2. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$13,717,419.52
3. Winter Coaches

New Business

1. Superintendent Evaluation

President Folsom asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent's evaluation completed by the Board of Education. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Tricia Anderson. The motion was approved by a majority vote. President Folsom thanked Dr. Matthews for the success of Rockford Public Schools.

2. Superintendent Compensation

President Folsom introduced Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford to discuss Superintendent salaries. A 4 percent increase was recommended to begin on January 1, 2024. Motion to approve by Nick Reichenbach with

support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed by roll call vote with 5 aye votes. Trustee Helms abstained from voting.

3. Bus Purchase

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo presented a recommendation for new bus purchases. The recommendation is to purchase 7 Thomas buses from Hoekstra equipment. Motion to approve by Nick Reichenbach with support by Barb Helms. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Phone Provider Bids

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo presented a recommendation for a new phone provider due to current district phone service issues. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Furniture Purchasing

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm discussed the need for new Teacher furniture in some classrooms. This would also allow us to improve technology at the same time. This will be an ongoing bid/budget item on a rolling schedule with most work occurring during the summer. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Tricia Anderson. Trustee Reichenbach abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Social Media Lawsuit

Dr. Matthews explained a national lawsuit that many schools are joining regarding social media use on minors. Thrun law firm has reviewed the lawsuit information and over 100 Michigan schools have joined the lawsuit. Motion to approve joining the lawsuit by Jake Himmelspach with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Old Business

1. Fall Policy Updates – Second Reading

Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford discussed the second reading of the seven revised and one new policy. These policies have been discussed in the policy committee since October. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support by Nick Reichenbach. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

1. Student Representative

Student Representative, Camille Dahlke presented to the board on things happening at the High School. She talked about events being put on by the Band and Theatre. In sports, the winter season has just started. Winter wishes are happening for needs that students may have.

2. Collaborative Team Reports

Larry Watters, Principal of Parkside Elementary talked about the things happening at the Elementary buildings. Elementary concerts are happening at the High School. Toys for tots, shopping with heroes, and food drives are all things happening to give back to the community. Secret Santa shops will be available for students.

Jenny Thompson, River Valley Academy, thanked the board and administration for their support of students and staff. She shared with the board that early release days are providing staff with needed time to help with increased learning. Winter II sports begin on January 8, 2024, at the Middle School level. The Freshman Center has created a learning lunch opportunity for students who may need some extra help. River Valley Academy enjoyed a Thanksgiving lunch donated by Meijer.

3. New Attendance Boundaries

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo gave a presentation on the proposed new Attendance boundaries. There was no action taken at this time.

4. Emergency Operations Plan

Director of Security Scott Beckman discussed Rockford Public Schools Emergency Operations plan.


Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education.

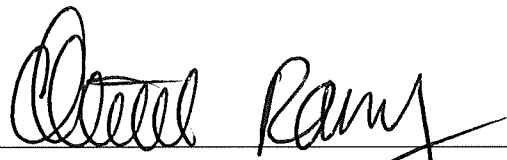
Brenda Wodarski Ben Smyth Sarah O'Niell

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.



Recording Secretary



Secretary, Board of Education