



Date | time Monday –February 13, 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

In Attendance

Board of Education: Tricia Anderson, Kelley Freridge, Barbara Helms, Jarrod Folsom, Jake Himmelspach, Christie Ramsey, Nick Reichenbach

Student representative: Olivia Bommarito

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

Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Christie Ramsey to approve the agenda as presented. Approval by Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously.

Recognition

A video was played honoring the Middle School Students of the Month for January and February of 2023.

Consent Agenda

Nick Reichenbach made a motion, supported by Kelley Freridge approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

- Winter coaches
- Approval of minutes from the January 9, 2023 and January 24, 2023 meetings.
- Presentation of bills in the amount of \$10,720,930.82
- Petition to strike delinquent taxes

Reports

Student Representative Report

Olivia Bommarito gave a report to the Board of Education about things that are happening at the secondary level.

Collaborative Team Reports

Teya Cotter (Roguewood Elementary Principal) and Lissa Wiedenfeller (North Rockford Middle School Principal) gave a team report for the Elementary and Secondary levels. The report highlighted how we are growing our students, growing our staff and growing our families. Roguewood Elementary won the battle of the books this year. The middle schools had welcome nights for new and current students. The enrollment process for DK students is beginning. Valley View and Roguewood are participating in a program which each staff member and students are reading the same book. Surprise activities are also planned around the content of the book. Crestwood Elementary having a food drive in March.

98B Report

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm showed a PowerPoint and gave a report on Winter Benchmarks. Overall, we are pleased and excited with the numbers for Rockford Public Schools.

Committee Reports

Board Trustee Jake Himmelspach reported on the January finance committee meeting. Several items were discussed at the meeting, some of which will be brought to the board for a vote.

New Business

Schools of Choice Resolutions

Superintendent Steve Matthews presented the recommended 2023-2024 schools of choice resolutions. The following recommendations were recommended:

1. Opt out of Section 105C. Motion to approve by Tricia Anderson with support from Jake Himmelspach. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.
2. Opt into the Kent ISD Collaborative schools of choice program. Motion was made by Jake Himmelspach with support from Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
3. Opt into 105C only for enrollment of siblings of current 105C students. Motion to approve by Nick Reichenbach with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Furniture Purchases

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Korie Wilson-Crawford and Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm gave a presentation showing different new furniture options providing unique experiences to students. The funds would be from the 2019 Bond Proposal. There are 40 classroom pilots this school year. Selection and implementation would take place in 2023, 2024 and 2025. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Christie Ramsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Bond Issue – Series II

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo discussed the purchase of bonds and the cost involved in the purchasing. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support from Tricia Anderson. Motion pass unanimously by roll call vote.

Bus Purchases

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo talked about bus replacement. Rockford Public Schools typically purchases Thomas busses for consistency and repair. The ask was for six 71-passenger busses and one 47-passenger bus through Hoekstra equipment. This will come out of the 2019 bond issue. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support from Jake Himmelspach. The motion passed unanimously.

Baseball/Softball Turf

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo discussed the need for new turf on the baseball and softball fields. The fields would be utilized for practice fields for other sports. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Nick Reichenbach. The motion passed unanimously.

NRMS Masonry

Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mike Cuneo presented bid information for the Masonry contract at North Rockford Middle School. This bid was brought last month, but more research was necessary. After additional research, the low bid was presented for approval. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support from Christie Ramsey.

Old Business

None

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education.

Charles Curtis

Andrea Jacobson

Sean Edwards

Connie Mulders

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education