

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting January 9, 2023

Date | time Monday – January 9, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

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

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 Kelley Freridge to change the agenda. Item F-6, committee & liaison appointments. There was discussion around the current RPS policy which uses a different, board approved process. Nick is disappointed with the way this was handled. There was support by Jake Himmelspach. There was a roll call vote with 5 yea and 2 nay votes which were cast by Barb Helms and Nick Reichenbach.

Election of Board Officers

There was a motion by Jarrod Folsom for Christie Ramsey to be the temporary chair. This vote passed with 5 yea votes and 2 nay votes which were cast by Nick Reichenbach and Barb Helms.

Jake Himmelspach nominated Jarrod Folsom to serve as President. Jarrod accepted the nomination. No further nominations. 5 yea votes were cast, 1 nay by Nick Reichenbach and 1 abstain by Barb Helms.

Jarrod Folsom nominated Kelley Freridge to serve as Vice President. Nick Reichenbach nominated Jake Himmelspach. No further nominations. Kelley accepted the nominations and was elected with 5 yea votes, 1 nay vote by Nick Reichenbach and 1 abstain by Barb Helms.

Christie Ramsey nominated Nick Reichenbach for Secretary. Nick declined. Kelley Freridge nominated Christie Ramsey for Secretary. Christie accepted the nomination. 5 yea votes were cast, 1 nay by Nick Reichenbach and 1 abstain by Barb Helms.

Kelley Freridge nominated Jake Himmelspach for Treasurer. Jake accepted the nominations. He was elected with 6 yea votes.

Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Kelley Freridge, supported by Christie Ramsey, approving the following consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of December 12, 2022, Regular Meeting

• Payment of bills in the amount of \$9,824,641.74.

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

Matt Zokoe (Cannonsburg Elementary Principal) gave a team report for the Elementary level and Tom Hosford (Principal of Rockford High School) gave a team report for the Secondary Level.

Security Report

Director of Security Scott Beckman gave a report on the security department and procedures at Rockford Public Schools.

Count Day Report

Assistant Superintendent Mike Ramm gave an update on the fall count numbers. RPS is up this year with a total K-12 count of 7762.

Financial Update

Assistant Superintendent Mike Cuneo gave a financial update and shared information on new monies awarded to Rockford Public Schools.

New Business

NRMS Add/Remodel

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm presented a scope and bid review to the board of education. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit Adoption/Presentation

Adriane Schrauben from Hungerford Nichols showed a power-point presentation to the board explaining the Audit Process and Results. Rockford Public Schools was awarded the highest rating possible. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Kelley Freridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Chromebook purchase

Assistant Superintendent of Finance Mike Cuneo presented a recommendation to purchase necessary chrome books for student use. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Kelley Freridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

None

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present	
The following individuals addressed the Board of Education.	
Brenda Wodarski Sonia Andrews M	Melissa Cooper-Prince
Pastor Keith Hemmila Andrea Jacobson	
Adjournment	
President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Recording Secretary Recording Secretary Recording Secretary Secretary, Board of Education	