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*Date | time* Monday – February 12, 2024 | 5:30 p.m.

*Location* Administration Boardroom

*Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm 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: Kelley Freridge, Barb Helms, Jake Himmelspach, Jarrod Folsom, Nick Reichenbach, Tricia Anderson.

Regrets: Christie Ramsey

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Ramm, Allison Clements, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Jill Avink

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### Adoption of Agenda

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Motion to approve agenda by Jake Himmelspach with support by Tricia Anderson. 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 both January and February. Mandy Scott was recognized for being the Michigan Vocal Teacher of the Year.

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### Consent Agenda

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Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge, with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of minutes from January 15, 2024 meeting
- Payment of bills in the amount of \$12,657,057.48
- Certified Staff Resignation
- Petition to Strike Delinquent Taxes

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### New Business

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#### RHS Tennis Courts Bid Approval

Executive Director of Business and Operations, Allison Clements introduced representatives from OAK Construction, GMB Architecture and Rockford Public Schools Director of Operations. Jared Gauss from OAK showed a layout of the new tennis courts and explained the logistics of the area. 12 new tennis courts will be added just behind the weight room at the High School with the existing courts remaining until the project of the new courts is complete. The old courts will then be removed and become green space. The project will be finished in early August in time for the fall season.

Motion to approve by Nick Reichenbach with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

### Valley View Bus Loop and Parking Lot Concept Approval

This project is an opportunity to remove some portables and do some paving work and bus loop reconfiguration. Tom VanDeGriend from GMB Architecture showed a view of the site concept and the enlargement of the loop to make more room for buses and making it safer for the students on the sidewalk. This will also increase the parent loop which will help with traffic in the road. This project will be done before the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Bid process will begin February 28 with the final approval on the March Board Agenda.

Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

### Classroom A/V Multimedia System Bid Approval

Executive Director of Business and Operations, Allison Clements introduced Chris Meuser from Communications By Design and Rockford Public Schools Director of Operational Technology, Bob Stull. This is a District wide improvement project of the classroom A/V system adding new projectors, screens and upgrading A/V components that allows wireless connections from laptops to the screen. Also adding new laptop docking stations in each room and adding teacher amplification to make every room consistent. This is a continuation of the same design that was implemented at Meadow Ridge and Belmont.

Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

### Bond Refunding Ratifying Resolution

Executive Director of Business and Operations, Allison Clements talked about the refinancing of some bonds with very successful bond pricing.

Motion to approve by Nick Reichenbach with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

### Capital Improvement Fund Resolution for Prevailing Wage

Superintendent, Dr. Steve Matthews talked about some legislative changes that were passed in the fall regarding prevailing wage. Allison Clements explained how the new prevailing wage set by the State of Michigan will impact Rockford Public Schools projects.

Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Nick Reichenbach. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

### MASB Labor Strategies Update

Nick Reichenbach attended the MASB Labor Conference and gave an update. The meeting covered the PARA Act along with discussions around evaluations.

## Furniture Purchase

Assistant Superintendent, Mike Ramm talked about the furniture purchase as the district updates learning environments. This bid is for Teacher furniture for Edgerton Trails, Roguewood Elementary and Valley View Elementary. Student furniture for Valley View is also in the packet. This is the second large bid with one more scheduled for the March Board meeting.

Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Tricia Anderson.

Motion passed with a roll call vote of 6 yes and 1 abstained.

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## Old Business

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### Special Policy Updates

Special policy updates are being presented to the board for a second reading. Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford explained that these policies help us stay aligned with current school codes. These updates are regarding evaluations and PERA updates which take effect on February 13, 2024. There are ten policy changes.

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

### Attendance Boundaries

Dr. Steve Matthews discussed the new elementary boundary lines with the new school opening in August 2024. After several district meetings there were three exceptions made. The district will begin the communication process this week. Every resident family with an elementary school student will receive an email that includes a link of the new boundary lines and what their new resident building will be. In District Transfer instructions will be included in the email with a link to complete the In-District Transfer form.

School of Choice will open after the In District Transfer window closes.

Dr. Matthews asked the Board to approve the new attendance boundary lines.

Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Barb Helms. Motion passed unanimously

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## Reports

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### Student Representative Report

Camille Dahlke updated the board on the many current events that have been taking place across the district. The Choral Gala took place on February 11<sup>th</sup> having the High School students collaborating with the Middle School students. Tickets are on sale for the musical Mamma Mia which will take place in March.

### Collaborative Team Reports

Meadow Ridge Elementary Principal, Blake Bowman discussed the two pilots in English Language Arts. Phoenix the counseling dog has joined the Lakes Elementary Staff. Mr. Bowman also talked about the NWEA assessment with a future date for a data summit meeting. Martin Luther King Day was celebrated with a feature on the local news. Parent teacher conferences will be at the end of the second trimester. Belmont fourth graders participated at Zoo School for a week. Roguewood Elementary recently went to see the Peter Pan play. Crestwood is launching their Book Bingo in March. Meadow Ridge was the winner of the battle of the books. Meadow Ridge is one of 5 schools that have been recognized with an early literacy award.

Rockford Freshman Center Principal, Dr. Kelly Amshey shared that the process of welcoming the next group of students for 2024-2025. Secondary is also actively engaged in NWEA and at the Middle Schools Dibels as well. State assessments are right around the corner. North Middle School making the most of their RAM time in a variety of ways. River Valley Academy is looking into the college and career prep by helping students get ready for mock interviews. Student appreciation week was held at Rockford Freshman Center to recognize the students for all of their hard work. It was great to see all of the parents that attended Parent/Teacher conferences. The district Solo and Ensemble was held on Saturday where band students, orchestra students and vocal music students were competing.

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### Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

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The following community members addressed the Board of Education.

Spencer Hayes

Emily Whalen

Charlie Curtis

Shannon Tanis

Andrea Jacobson

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### Adjournment

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Superintendents Comments – Dr. Matthews shared news of North Rockford Middle School having 10 students that have artwork in the Michigan Art Education Association Region 9 show. Dr. Matthews also talked about the continuing strategic planning process with a district on line survey, focus groups of parents, students and community members and moving on to analyzing the data collected. Dr Matthews also shared information about his trip to Guatemala.

President Jarrod Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM

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Recording Secretary

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Secretary, Board of Education