



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

October 14, 2024

Date & time Monday-October 14, 2024 | 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, Jarrod Folsom, Kelley Freridge, Barbara Helms, Jake Himmelspach, Nick Reichenbach

Regrets: Christie Ramsey

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Ramm, Allison Clements, Jodi Nester.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Kelley Freridge with support by Tricia Anderson. Trustee Nick Reichenbach made a motion to amend the Agenda with support by Barb Helms. There was discussion regarding adding Secondary Student Transition Plan should be added to the Agenda. The motion to amend the agenda did not pass. Trustee Reichenbach and Trustee Helms both voted yay. Trustee Anderson, President Folsom, Vice President Freridge and Treasurer Himmelspach voted nay.

Recognition

A video was played honoring the Middle School students of the month.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Nick Reichenbach. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting.
2. Athletics Donation of \$7,500
3. Sideline Cheer donations totaling \$4,000
4. Football donation of \$5,100
5. Boys Soccer donation of \$3,000
6. Boys Basketball donation of \$5,000
7. Girls Basketball donations totaling \$2,000
8. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$10,107,032.56
9. Winter Coaches
10. Banking Approvals
11. City of Rockford Lease Agreement Amendment
12. Certified Staff Resignations
13. Fall Extra Duty Assignments

New Business

1. Rockford Freshman Center Bid Approval

Jared Goss discussed the bid process and submitted bids for projects at the Rockford Freshman Center. Motion to by Kelley Freridge with support from Nick Reichenbach. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Certified Staff Recommendations/Personnel Report

Dr. Matthews updated the board on two new hires for Rockford Public Schools. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Tricia Anderson.

Reports

1. Student Representative Report

Student Representative to the Board, Brooklyn Schmuchter updated the Board regarding things happening at Rockford Public Schools.

2. Collaborative Reports

Mindy McGinn, Parkside Elementary Principal gave a report on things happening at the Elementary level. It has been a great start to the school year!

East Rockford Middle School Principal, Adam Burkholder reported on things happening at the Secondary Level.

3. Committee Reports

Kelley Freridge gave a report on the HR Committee meeting.

Jake Himmelspach gave a report on the Finance Committee meeting.

Tricia Anderson gave a report on the Finance Committee meeting.

4. Student Achievement Report

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm gave a presentation regarding Student Achievement.

5. RAMS XII Report

Dr. Matthews gave an update on the RAMS XII strategic plan.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews gave updates regarding current things happening in the district.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.