



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

January 13, 2025

*Date & time* Monday-January 13, 2025 | 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

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

Regrets: None

Administration: Mike Ramm, Allison Clements, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Jodi Nester.

Regrets: Dr. Steve Matthews

### Adoption of Agenda

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Motion to approve agenda by Kelley Freridge with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

### Officer Elections/Oath of Office

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1. There was a Ceremonial Oath of Office for elected trustees Tricia Anderson, Kelley Freridge, Jake Himmelspach and Andrea Jacobson.
2. Officer Elections were held.
  - Kelley Freridge nominate Jarrod Folsom for President. There were no other nominations. Jarrod Folsom was elected as President unanimously.
  - Jarrod Folsom nominated Kelley Freridge for Vice President. There were no other nominations. Kelley Freridge elected as Vice President unanimously.
  - Christie Ramsey nominated Jake Himmelspach for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Jake Himmelspach was elected as Treasurer unanimously.
  - Jake Himmelspach nominated Christie Ramsey as Secretary. There were no other nominations. Christie Ramsey was elected as Secretary unanimously.

### Recognition

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1. School Board Recognition – Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford read a memo from Dr. Steve Matthews regarding Board appreciation. Rockford Public Schools is very appreciative of our Board of Education and the work that they do.
2. Middle School Student of the Month – A video was played honoring the Middle School Students of the month.
3. Hand 2 Hand Donation – Dr. Wilson-Crawford presented a check for over \$13,000 to Hand 2 Hand after a successful fundraiser that was done at all eight Elementaries and both Middle Schools.

### Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes from the Closed Session December 9, 2024 meeting.

2. Minutes from the December 9, 2024 Meeting
3. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$12,206,938.56.
4. Wrestling donation of \$1,000
5. 2023-2024 Salary Schedules
6. 2024-2025 Salary Schedules
7. Revised MS Winter Coaches

## New Business

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1. Crestwood Furniture Purchase – Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm gave a presentation regarding the purchase of new furniture for Crestwood Elementary. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with support from Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Financial Audit FY2024 – Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Allison Clements discussed the findings of the RPS financial audit. Marc Sawyers from Hungerford CPAs who gave a presentation on the results of the audit. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Certified Staff New Hire – Dr. Wilson-Crawford presented a new hire to the Board of Education for approval. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with approval by Kelley Freridge. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Policy Update – First Reading – Dr. Wilson-Crawford proposed talked about a small change to policy 2410. This was brought to the board for discussion, no action was taken. It will be brought back to the board for a second reading at the February meeting.

## Reports

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1. Student Representative Report

Student Representative to the Board, Brooklyn Schmucher updated the board regarding events at the Secondary Level. She highlighted several student events and praised several student organizations for their success.

2. Collaborative Reports

Shannon Ouellette, Edgerton Trails Elementary Principal updated the board on events happening at the Elementary level.

Rockford High School School Principal, Tom Hosford gave a presentation about things happening at the Secondary Level.

3. Committee Reports – Kelley Freridge gave a report on the recent HR committee meeting. Tricia Anderson talked about things discussed at the Curriculum meeting.
4. Special Services Report – Executive Director of Special Services, Mindy Duba gave an overview of the Special Education Programs that are offered at Rockford Public Schools.

## Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

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Audience Participation. No action taken.

## Superintendent Remarks

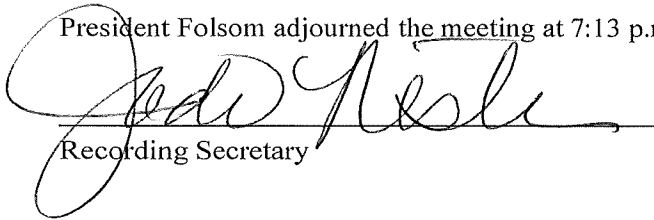
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Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford talked about Professional Development that Administrators participate in and how they work collaboratively with teachers and staff. She also explained how to find the RAMS XII fast goals page. She praised Lisa Jacobs and her staff for their work on the new website and Rachel DeKuiper for her work on Hoops for Haiti.

## Adjournment

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President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

  
Recording Secretary

  
Secretary, Board of Education