

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting

April 15, 2024

Date | time Monday – April 15, 2024 | 5:30 p.m. Location Administration Boardroom

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance by President Folsom

In Attendance

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

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews, Mike Ramm, Allison Clements, Korie Wilson-Crawford, Lisa Jacobs, Jodi Nester.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Recognition

A video was played honoring the Middle School Students of the Month.

Athletic Director Cole Andrews introduced the Girls Gymnastics Team and Coach. The Board of Education congratulated them for their third consecutive state championship.

Ryan Ahern was congratulated on his state championship in Wrestling.

All-state diver Julian Cardenas was recognized for his state championship.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with approval by Tricia Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the March 11, 2024 regular meeting
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the March 19, 2024 special meeting
- 3. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$15,295,422.20
- 4. Lightspeed Internet Purchase
- 5. Spring Coaches Revised
- 6. Certified Staff Resignations
- 7. ASBO Certificate of Excellence

New Business

1. Tenure Recommendation

Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford presented a list of teachers being recommended for tenure. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with approval by Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Staff Appreciation Resolution

Dr. Matthews presented the Staff Appreciation Resolution. Staff appreciation will be the week of May 6, 2024 with May 7, 2024 designated as staff appreciation day. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with approval by Christie Ramsey. The resolution was approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

3. Elementary Literacy Resource

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm introduced RPS Director of Literacy Sharon Wells, who presented the details about the process of choosing an Elementary Literary Resource. Motion to approve the recommendation by Kelley Freridge with approval by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Edgerton Trails Startup Instruction Costs

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mike Ramm discussed the Instruction needs for Edgerton Trails opening in the fall of 2024. He discussed the materials needed and asked for the Board of Education's approval to purchase the items needed at Edgerton Trails. Motion to approve by Trisha Anderson with support by Kelley Freridge. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Crestwood Teacher Station Purchase

Mike Ramm, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, gave a brief overview of the teacher station needs at Crestwood Elementary. The purchase will occur in July of 2024. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Jake Himmelspach. Trustee Reichenbach abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Technology Bond Purchase

RPS Director of Technology Bob Stull and Chris Meuser from Communications by Design, presented to the board regarding the need for new devices for students and replacements of damaged staff devices. They also explained the purchasing process. These purchases will be paid with 2019 bond funds. Motion to approve by Nick Reichenbach with support by Barb Helms. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Valley View Bus Loop Approval

OAK Project Superintendent, Jared Goss discussed the process for constructing a Bus Loop at Valley View Elementary and removing portable classrooms. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Tricia Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Valley View Carpet Approval

OAK Project Superintendent, Jared Goss explained the need for new flooring at Valley View Elementary. Motion to approve by Christie Ramsey with approval by Barb Helms. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Digital Signage

Chris Mueser from communications by design presented the plan to replace and add digital signage to multiple buildings. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Nick Reichenbach with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Reports

1. Student Representative

The Student Representative was unable to make the meeting. There was not a student representative report at the April 15, 2024 Board Meeting.

2. MASB Annual Awards

Nick Reichenbach explained the KIASB Dinner and Awards. All Board members are all invited to attend.

3. KIASB/MASB Legislative Dinner

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4. Committee Reports

Trustee Reichenbach discussed the Building and Site Committee meeting minutes. Discussion at the meeting included several projects that were approved by the board this evening.

5. Collaborative Team Reports

Lakes Elementary Principal Mindy McGinn gave a report on what's been happening at the Elementary level. The Students were very excited to see the eclipse. Leftover glasses are being donated to students in South America to view the eclipse safely. Spring concerts are wrapping up. Fifth graders are about to start their M-STEP testing. Open houses are being planned for Elementary buildings.

Jennifer Thompson, Director of Adult/Alternative Education, reported on what is happening at the secondary level. Students have started selecting their classes for next year, and the implementation of the new Social Studies Curriculum is going well. 1,800 tests were completed at the High School, and she thanked administrators and the technology department for helping make the testing run smoothly. Graduation is Monday, May 20,2024 at 7 PM at Calvin College.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education.

Brandee Ritsema Jeff Rowe Charles Curtis Andrea Jacobsen

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews discussed FOIA and explained that our district understands and follows the FOIA Laws. Dr. Matthews, Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford and the FOIA Coordinator discussed the issue brought before the board this evening at length.

While individual students cannot be discussed, he would like the community to know that we work hard at providing a safe space for our students and staff and will continue working hard to provide a safe and welcoming space.

Adjournment	
President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.	
Recording Secretary	Secretary, Board of Education