



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

September 9, 2024

*Date & time* Monday-September 9, 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

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Board of Education: Jarrod Folsom, Kelley Freridge, Barbara Helms, Christie Ramsey

Regrets: Tricia Anderson, Nick Reichenbach

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

#### Adoption of Agenda

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Motion to approve agenda by Christie Ramsey with support by Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Recognition

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None

#### Consent Agenda

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Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Barb Helms. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes from the August 12, 2024 meeting.
2. Football donation of \$5,000.
3. Field Hockey donation of \$1,000
4. Certified Staff Resignation
5. Revised Fall Coaches
6. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$15,774,432.50

#### New Business

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##### 1. MASB Voting Delegates

Dr. Matthews spoke about the requirements to be a MASB delegate. Jarrod Folsom and Christie Ramsey will both be at the upcoming meeting and there was a motion by President Folsom for the two of them to be the MASB delegates for Rockford Public Schools. Motion to approve by Jarrod Folsom with Support by Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously.

##### 2. Certified Staff Recommendations/Personnel Report

Dr. Korie Wilson Crawford present seven new hires to the Board of Education for approval. Motion passed unanimously. She also gave a personnel update. Rockford Public Schools has hired Seventeen new Certified Staff for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support by Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

## Reports

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### 1. Student Representative Report

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

### 2. Collaborative Reports

Jeremy Karel, Valley View Elementary Principal talked about things that are happening at the Elementary buildings. He talked about the changes at the Elementary Levels with the new boundaries. It has been a great start to the year.

Rockford High School Principal, Tom Hosford gave a presentation regarding things happening at the Secondary Level. Mr. Hosford praised the Student Representative for her leadership. Mr. Hosford talked about the Twenty-Two Foreign Exchange Students that are attending Rockford High School for the 24-25 school year from various countries.

### 3. Committee Reports

None

### 4. MASB Sessions Report

President Folsom gave an update on the Fall MASB Sessions and updates. Digital materials were provided to Board members. He also gave a brief update on the Summer Sessions he attended.

### 5. Grow Your Own Report

Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford and Lisa Jacobs gave an update on the Grow Your Own Program. The Grow Your Own Program is a funded program. Rockford Public Schools partners with Grand Valley State University, Michigan State University and Ferris State University for this program.

### 6. Bus Inspection Report

Executive Director of Business and Operations Allison Clements introduced Matt Puett, Director of Transportation. Mr. Puett thanked the Board for the new upgraded transportation facilities. He also discussed and updated the Board of Education on the recent Bus Inspection Report.

### 7. Construction Report

Executive Director of Business and Operations Allison Clements introduced Jared Goss from Owens Ames Kimball and Shawn Hawyard, Director of Operations who give a construction update on ongoing projects in the district.

### 8. RAMS XII Report

Superintendent Matthews gave a report on the RAMS XII 2025-2027 Strategic Plan.

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## 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. Matthews gave an update about a recent incident at the Rockford Public Schools Administrative Building. He praised the staff and law enforcement for their handling of this situation.

Data from the MI School Data website regarding reading proficiency was shared by Dr. Matthews.

## Adjournment

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

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Recording Secretary

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Secretary, Board of Education