



Independent School District #883

Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, November 25, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024 in the District Board Room. Chair Gordee called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Members Gordee, Edwards, Johnson, Praska and Hillstrom were present. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover, RHS Principal Paul Menard, Activities Director Dan Pratt, Tech Director Jeff Kienitz, Director of Business Operations Mike McNulty and Administrative Assistant Courtney Neibert. Member Kneeland was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Johnson seconded by Edwards to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Hillstrom to approve the consent items. Motion carried.

- **Minutes:**
 - October 7, 2024 Work Session
 - October 16, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting
 - October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - November 13, 2024 Special Meeting

- **Personnel:**

Status	First Name	Last Name	Position	Date(s)
New Hire	Jennifer	Buckingham	RMS SpEd Paraprofessional	October 23, 2024
New Hire	LeAnn	Marudas	REAMS 3rd Grade	November 5, 2024
New Hire	Gavin	Lenzen	REAMS Custodian	November 6, 2024
New Hire	Sarah	Hamlin	RMS SpEd Paraprofessional	November 25, 2024
Resignation	Natalie	Braun	RMS Nurse	November 1, 2024
Resignation	Tonya	Curtis	RMA SpEd Paraprofessional	November 15, 2024

- **Bills and Wire Transfers:**

October 2024 Disbursements Paid (listings attached):

Fund 01 General Fund	\$ 703,424.28
Fund 01 Payroll	\$ 275,029.30
Fund 02 Food Service	\$ 158,128.13
Fund 04 Community Services	\$ 16,830.98
Fund 06 Building Construction	\$ 111,059.75
Fund 07 Debt Redemption	\$ 0
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$ 36,247.51
Fund 45 OPEB Trust	\$ 0
Total All Funds	\$ 1,300,719.95

- **Open Enrollments:**

Resident Students Attending Other Schools

Grade	Non-Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
10	Osseo	279	9/3/2024	bullying issues
8	Delano	879	11/1/2024	parent works in Delano
K	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	daycare is in Hanover
4	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	more SPED options, bigger district
K	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	older sibling attends Hanover
9	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	seeking larger school district
9	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	seeking larger school district
6	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	seeking larger school district
K	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	family move, want to stay enrolled in Buffalo District
K	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	Hanover Elementary is closer to home & work
2	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	moving; closer to home
7	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	better fit, more educational opportunities
2	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	wanted a change
K	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	older sibling attending Hanover
K	Buffalo	877	9/3/2024	older sibling attends Buffalo

Non-Resident Students Attending Rockford

Grade	Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
6	Osseo	279	9/3/2024	family move, wants to stay @ Rockford
8	Osseo	279	9/3/2024	family move, wants to stay @ Rockford
6	Delano	879	9/5/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT--siblings attend Rockford
11	Anoka Hennepin	11	9/10/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT
7	Osseo	279	9/10/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT--wanted a smaller school district
10	Osseo	279	9/3/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT--NWS options
7	Osseo	279	9/12/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT--wanted smaller class sizes
EC	Buffalo	877	9/16/2024	family move, wants to stay @ Rockford
5	Robbinsdale	281	10/2/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT--plan to move to Rockford
9	Robbinsdale	281	10/2/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT--plan to move to Rockford
10	Robbinsdale	281	10/2/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT--plan to move to Rockford
3	Buffalo	877	11/11/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT
1	St. Michael-Albertville	885	9/3/2024	family move, wants to stay @ Rockford
3	St. Michael-Albertville	885	9/3/2024	family move, wants to stay @ Rockford
6	Buffalo	877	11/19/2024	NEW ENROLLMENT

- **Approval of 284 Support Staff Seniority**

Description	Name	Seniority Date	Years of Service	Hire/Rehire Date	Probationary End Date
CUST	Scott B Larson	8/29/1988	37	8/29/1988	
CUST	Chad M Solomonson	4/13/2015	11	4/13/2015	
CUST	Trevor J Schroeder	8/22/2016	9	8/22/2016	
CUST	John C Jorgensen	10/18/2018	7	10/18/2018	
CUST	Kris Dale Larson	2/14/2019	7	2/14/2019	
CUST	James Douglas Johnson	10/5/2020	5	10/5/2020	
CUST	Robert W Bourdon	12/20/2021	4	12/20/2021	
CUST	Andrew Kottke	11/30/2023	2	11/30/2023	
CUST	Lynn F Freeman	12/1/2023	8	12/4/2017	
CUST	Krissa Baillargeon	7/8/2024	1	7/8/2024	12/27/2024
CUST	Danny Reemts	8/27/2024	1	8/27/2024	3/7/2025
EC-SR	Lisa Anne Feyen	9/9/2015	10	9/9/2015	
EC-SR	Courtney Noel Thorson	9/20/2021	4	9/20/2021	
EC-SR	Cathleen Elizabeth Egbert	8/31/2022	3	8/31/2022	
EC-SR	Kimberly K Johnson	9/23/2022	3	9/23/2022	
EC-SR	Katelin Anne Schroeder	9/1/2023	8	10/10/2017	
EC-SR	Kristy N Qualle	9/16/2024	1	9/16/2024	3/19/2025
MEDIA PARA	Shea Diane Roskowiak	9/26/2011	14	9/26/2011	
MEDIA PARA	Diane S Lehmberg	9/3/2019	23	9/23/2002	
MEDIA PARA	Kaari Binsfeld	8/17/2021	4	8/17/2021	
SACC	Judy L Stetter	1/13/2003	23	1/13/2003	
SACC	Nayeli Schroeder	10/1/2013	13	6/10/2013	
SACC	Sydney Elizabeth Swanson	8/28/2017	8	8/28/2017	
SACC	Elizabeth Hoiland	8/30/2021	4	8/30/2021	
SEC	Angelica Swanson	3/2/2015	19	12/6/2006	
SEC	Stacey Lee Robertson	7/13/2016	9	7/13/2016	
SEC	Monica Sue Palmer	8/5/2020	5	8/5/2020	
SEC	Aimee Roehl	3/17/2021	5	3/17/2021	
SEC	Stephanie T Reichert	1/25/2022	4	1/25/2022	
SEC	Michelle M Herou	1/26/2022	4	1/26/2022	
SEC	Michelle Marie O' Hern	8/9/2023	4	7/12/2021	
SEC	Olivia Koskela	8/31/2023	2	8/31/2023	

Description	Name	Seniority Date	Years of Service	Hire/Rehire Date	Probationary End Date
SPED PARA	Merry L Lanars	1/17/1995	31	1/17/1995	
SPED PARA	Rita Diane Smock	11/2/2007	18	11/2/2007	
SPED PARA	Katherine Ann Sieg	8/29/2012	13	8/29/2012	
SPED PARA	Shari Ann Coons	11/6/2015	10	11/6/2015	
SPED PARA	Amy Jean Jacobson	9/13/2016	9	9/13/2016	
SPED PARA	Tonya Marie Curtis	8/29/2017	8	8/29/2017	
SPED PARA	Pang V Lee	11/27/2017	8	11/27/2017	
SPED PARA	Joyce Marie Nixon	2/12/2018	8	2/12/2018	
SPED PARA	Kellie Margaret Leuer	8/22/2018	7	8/22/2018	
SPED PARA	Loryssa Jean Stefanich	8/22/2018	7	8/22/2018	
SPED PARA	Valerie Kay Lockwood	9/16/2019	6	9/16/2019	
SPED PARA	Karen Marie Bombard	10/4/2019	6	10/4/2019	
SPED PARA	Katherine A Kelly	8/17/2021	4	8/17/2021	
SPED PARA	Brieana M Blackhawk	9/8/2022	3	9/8/2022	
SPED PARA	Kendra Weiland	2/23/2023	3	2/23/2023	
SPED PARA	Jessica R Quenemoen	3/6/2023	3	3/6/2023	
SPED PARA	Nicole A Miller	3/6/2023	3	3/6/2023	
SPED PARA	Patrick L Kasheimer	8/15/2023	39	11/3/1986	
SPED PARA	Kristen Renee Angell	8/17/2023	7	9/6/2018	
SPED PARA	Kayla Linkert	8/17/2023	2	8/17/2023	
SPED PARA	Terrie Chastain	8/17/2023	2	8/17/2023	
SPED PARA	Stephanie Millen Lockett	8/24/2023	2	8/24/2023	
SPED PARA	Andrew Kelly	10/2/2023	2	10/2/2023	
SPED PARA	Danielle Michlitsch	10/2/2023	2	10/2/2023	
SPED PARA	Julie Vergin	10/25/2023	2	10/25/2023	
SPED PARA	Anna Sarkinen	4/1/2024	2	4/1/2024	12/20/2024
SPED PARA	Faith Lusk	4/19/2024	2	4/19/2024	3/12/2025
SPED PARA	Denim Rynkievich	8/22/2024	4	7/25/2021	3/10/2025
SPED PARA	Elizabeth A Borders	8/22/2024	3	9/6/2022	3/7/2025
SPED PARA	Christine Hauge	8/22/2024	1	8/22/2024	3/12/2025
SPED PARA	Mary Spangler	9/3/2024	1	9/3/2024	3/13/2025
SPED PARA	Cecelia Clarke	9/23/2024	1	9/23/2024	4/11/2025

- **Band Approval Trip:** The Board was presented the band extended field trip for approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **November 2024 Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented an update on the schools.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH

- **Fall Activities Recognition:** Students from fall activities provided a recap of the season to the board.
- **RHS Principals Report:** RHS Principal Menard presented an update regarding building goals and the IB program.
- **RHS Courses:** RHS Principal Menard shared course changes for the 25-26 school year for approval.

Motion by Edwards seconded by Johnson to approve the course changes for the 25-26 school year as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- **Sandy Hook Promise:** Director of Technology Kienitz presented to the board about Sandy Hook Promise.
- **Rocket Spotlight:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented an overview of the new Rocket Spotlight program.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- **Facilities Projects Update:** Director of Business Operations Mike McNulty presented Facilities update options to be approved.

Motion by Praska seconded by Hillstrom to approve the Rockford Facilities Update as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Levy Follow-up & Discussion:** Dr. Ridlehoover led a discussion with the board post levy failure.
- **284 MOU:** Dr. Ridlehoover presented the 284 MOU for approval.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Edwards to approve the 284 MOU as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **284 Contract:** Dr. Ridlehoover presented the 2024-2026 284 contract for approval.

Motion by Hillstrom seconded by Edwards to approve the 284 Contract as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Rockford Substitute Pay Rates:** Director of Business Operations Mike McNulty presented in house pay rates for subs.

CULTURE OF COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

- **CACR Report:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented a CACR report.

COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Praska motioned, seconded by Gordee, to approve the following resolution as presented:

- **Resolution of Acknowledgement of Contributions/Donations**

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 123B.02 permits school boards to “receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. On that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, and for the benefit of pupils thereof.”

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the School Board of Rockford Area Schools, Independent School District 883 that the School Board accepts, with appreciation, the contributions detailed below.

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Fund</i>
Jeanne Popp	pens, paper, hand sanitizer, first aid supplies, glue and glue sticks	General Fund Donation
Mason Valley & Family	REAMS Donation: 4 rolls of stickers	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
The Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$500.00	RHS Robotics Activity Fund
Coborns	\$261.41	REAMS Gift Fund
Rockford Lions Club	\$1,446.00	Wrestling Activity Fund
Anonymous Donation	\$15.00	Volleyball Activity Fund
Rockford Education Foundation	\$349.90	General Fund (RHS Exercise Ball Chairs)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$411.52	General Fund (RMS-CES SPED Fingerprint Smart Padlock)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$474.47	General Fund (RMS-CES Trout in the Classroom Startup Supplies)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$129.98	General Fund (Preschool Train Table)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$600.00	General Fund (RHS Children's Theater Field Trip Tickets)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$134.85	General Fund (REAMS Water Bottle Holders)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$231.75	General Fund (RMS-CES Rubik's Cubes)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$800.00	General Fund (RMS-CES Chill Tank for Trout in the Classroom)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$285.00	General Fund (RHS SPED Adult Tricycle)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$229.00	General Fund (RHS Phy Ed Bluetooth Speaker w. Microphone)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$307.27	General Fund (RHS Transportation for Ridgewater College Ignite your Future Event)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$180.00	General Fund (Transportation for 8th grade students to attend Career Fair at RHS)

Rockford Education Foundation	\$412.50	General Fund (RMS-CES Sketchbooks)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$1,000.00	RHS FFA Fund
Rocket Boosters	\$429.85	Girls Basketball Activity Fund
Anonymous Donation	REAMS Donation: Clue Board Game and Book "What If's"	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Michelle Baumgartner	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Cort & Deana Julien	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Dorthea Waite	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
David & Miriam Kopka	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Kate Vinzant & family	REAMS Donation: \$60 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Dave & Becky Stolp	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Josh & Stephanie Gunderson	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Daniel & Meara Lopez	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Kelly Simon	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Samantha Oberg	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Jeff & Sonja Lenarz	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Theresa May	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Barb White	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Amber Knoll	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
James & Morgan Stafford	REAMS Donation: \$40 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Dawn Rund	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Bill & Pam Hammer	REAMS Donation: \$100 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Darren & Torrie Bentley	REAMS Donation: \$200 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Michael & Rachel Muntean	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Dan & Diane Schaible	REAMS Donation: \$20 toward 2nd grade classroom Scholastic Books	General Fund Donation (REAMS)

On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Gordee, Edwards, Johnson, Praska, and Hillstrom. And the following voted against: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 8:00am virtually at Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/cej-feiw-bkv> Or dial: +(US) +1 502-791-5031? PIN: ?149 312 098?#.
- Board of Education Work Session: Monday, December 2, 2024 at 5:30pm in the District Office Board Room.
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education - Truth in Taxation: Monday, December 16, 2024 at 5:30pm in the District Office Board Room.

- **Board Committee Updates:**

- Gordee - Levy Presentations, Facilities Meetings, AMSD Board Meeting, MSBA Board Chats, Board Prep Call, Ed Foundation Gala.
- Edwards - Facilities Committee Meeting, Board Prep Call, Ed Foundation Gala.
- Hillstrom - Levy Presentation, MREA Conference, Curriculum meeting, Chamber meeting, Policy Committee meeting.
- Johnson - Levy Presentation, MAWSECO meeting, Policy Meeting, Chamber Meeting, MREA Conference.
- Praska - Levy Presentation, MREA Conference, Curriculum Meeting, Policy Meeting.

Gordee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Edwards seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*Courtney Neibert
Recorder*

*Jamie Hillstrom
Clerk*