



Independent School District #883

Regular School Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a Regular School Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 in the District Board Room. Chair Gordee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Gordee, Johnson, Morgan, and Sjodin were present. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover, RHS Principal Paul Menard, Activities Director Dan Pratt, NWISD Executive Director Heather Lyke, Technology Director Jeff Kienetz, and Administrative Assistant Courtney Neibert. Board members Praska and Hillstrom were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Sjodin to approve the consent items. Motion carried.

- **Minutes:**

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- **Personnel:**

Status	First Name	Last Name	Position	Date(s)
New Hire	Kory	Bender	RMS SpEd Paraprofessional	March 4, 2025
Resignation	Amber	Cordova	LTS Kindergarten	March 6, 2025

- **Bills and Wire Transfers:**

February 2025 Disbursements Paid (listings attached):

Fund 01 General Fund	\$461,679.18
Fund 01 Payroll	\$513,956.01
Fund 02 Food Service	\$126,910.89
Fund 04 Community Services	\$ 22,585.99
Fund 06 Building Construction	\$ 104,920.25
Fund 07 Debt Redemption	\$ 0
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$ 4,701.15
Fund 45 OPEB Trust	\$ 0
Total All Funds	\$ 1,234,753.47

- **Open Enrollments:**

Resident Students Attending Other Schools

Grade	Non-Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
8	Fergus Falls	544	12/9/2024	online school

Non-Resident Students Attending Rockford

Grade	Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
EC	Buffalo	877	1/28/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--older sibling attends Rockford
9	Buffalo	877	1/10/2025	family move--wants to stay enrolled in Rockford
9	Anoka Hennepin	11	1/27/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT; looking for smaller school
6	Osseo	279	2/10/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
7	Osseo	279	2/10/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
K	Osseo	279	2/10/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
11	Wayzata	284	12/16/2024	family move--wants to stay enrolled in Rockford
5	Wayzata	284	12/16/2024	family move--wants to stay enrolled in Rockford
4	Wayzata	284	12/16/2024	family move--wants to stay enrolled in Rockford

- **MOU Continuance of Agreement:** The Board was presented the MOU - return to work agreement between Diane VanOrsdol and the Rockford Area School for the 2025-26 school year. This is a continuation of the MOU we entered into with Diane VanOrsdol and EdMN for the school year of 2024-25.
- **DECA Nationals Trip:** The board was presented a DECA nationals trip for approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **March 2025 Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented an update on the schools.
- **RHS Rocket Spotlight:** The board recognized Paul Stariha as the RHS Rocket Spotlight recipient.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH

- **Winter Activities Celebration:** Representatives from winter activities shared their highlights from the season.
- **RHS Principals Report:** RHS Principal Paul Menard presented an update on Strategic Directions, SIP Goals, and IB Programs.

CULTURE OF COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

- **NWSISD:** Heather Lyke from NWSISD presented an update.
- **Winter Policy Review Final Read:** The board was presented with the following policy updates that were reviewed by the Policy Committee for a Final reading. Policies 201, 202, 203, 203.1, 203.2, 203.5, 203.6, 204, 205, and 206.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Sjodin to approve policies 201, 202, 203, 203.1, 203.2, 203.5, 203.6, 204, 205, and 206 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Policy 613R Final Read:** The board was presented policy 613R as reviewed by the Policy Committee for a Final reading.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Gordee to approve policy 613R as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Fund Balance Policies 1st Read:** The board was presented policies 701.2R and 714 with updates for a first reading.

HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- **Staff Recognition:** The board was presented with a staff recognition plan for approval.

Motion by Sjodin seconded by Johnson to approve staff recognition as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- **Post Levy Survey Results:** Dr. Ridlehoover presented the Post Levy Survey Results.
- **Technology Report:** Technology Director Jeff Kienitz presented an update on the technology department including the 1:1 Handbook, Strategies and Goals, and Inter-Agency Support

COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

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

Johnson motioned, seconded by Morgan, to approve the following resolution as presented:

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, cleaning wipes, first aid supplies, Book "The Right Thing To Do: The Joe Mauer Story" by Joe Schmidt	General Fund Donation
Delano American Legion	\$500 donation for Bass Clarinet	Band Activity Fund
VFW Post 494	\$1000 donation for Bass Clarinet	Band Activity Fund
Arvold family	REAMS Donation: 4 new student guiro instruments for REAMS music classes	General Fund Donation
Nick Klonne	REAMS & RHS Art Donation: Etch A Sketch	General Fund Donation
Carol Beasecker	RAS Donation: 7 large storage bins	General Fund Donation

Liam Anderson & family	RMS Donation: Kleenex, black felt tip pens, #2 pencils; Books: Wings of Fire, The Lost Heir (Graphic Novel) and The Eye of the Minds, The Mortality Doctrine-Book 1	General Fund Donation
Noah Anderson & family	REAMS & RHS Art Donation: 1 Classpack of Sketchbooks	General Fund Donation
Noah Anderson & family	REAMS Donation: 5 Treehouse-series chapter books	General Fund Donation
Matija Vesovic & family	RMS Donation: Kleenex, #2 pencils, glue sticks	General Fund Donation
Anonymous Donation	RMS Donation: Handheld pencil sharpener, dice set, mechanical pencils, Kleenex, Pencil cap erasers, #2 pencils	General Fund Donation
Kyleigh Jones & Family	REAMS Donations: POP game and watercolor markers	General Fund Donation
Grayson Hunter & Family	RMS Donation: 60 pack glue sticks, more glue sticks & a pencil dispenser	General Fund Donation
Kellan Hunter & Family	REAMS Donation: Trouble board game, Left Center Right game; Chapter books	General Fund Donation
Anonymous Donation	Preschool Donation: Stacking Stones Lorandi Set	General Fund Donation
Ava Arvold & Family	REAMS Donation: Classroom Games & Carpet Dot Spots	General Fund Donation
Ava & Wyatt Arvold & Family	REAMS & RHS Art Donation: 4 pack of oil pastels	General Fund Donation

Ava & Wyatt Arvold & Family	REAMS Donation: Reading temporary tattoos	General Fund Donation
Wyatt Arvold & Family	REAMS Donation: Cheerios & chair bands	General Fund Donation
Elim Stall & Family	Preschool Donation: Magnetic Transform Engineering Car Assembled Toys	General Fund Donation
Colby Wittnebel & Family	REAMS Donation: Page Protector Sheets	General Fund Donation
Grant Wittnebel & Family	REAMS Donation: Connect 4 Game	General Fund Donation
Wotrang Family	REAMS Donation: Book: The One and Only Bob	General Fund Donation
Lundell Family	REAMS Donation: Books: The Three Little Superpigs & Pig the Elf	General Fund Donation
Buchin Family	REAMS Donation: Book: Grumpy Monkey Freshly Squeezed	General Fund Donation
Hutton Family	REAMS Donation: Book: Otto the Ornament	General Fund Donation
Webb Family	REAMS Donation: Book: Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving	General Fund Donation

On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Gordee, Johnson, Morgan, and Sjodin. And the following voted against: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 7:30 am virtually at Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yus-uhff-tds> Or dial: ?(US) +1 470-273-8216? PIN: ?205 293 023?#.
- Communications Committee Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025 at 4:30 pm in the District Office Conference Room.
- Board of Education Work Session: Monday, April 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.

- **Board Committee Updates:**

- Gordee - Board Prep, MSBA Board Chair/Vice Chair Training (second session), AMSD Meetings.
- Johnson - MAWSECO Meeting, MSBA Board Chair/Vice Chair Training (second session), Meeting with Mike McNulty to discuss contracts, Board Prep.
- Morgan - None
- Sjodin - None

Gordee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Sjodin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*Courtney Neibert
Recorder*

*Jamie Hillstrom
Clerk*