



Independent School District #883

Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2026

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 in the District Board Room. Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Johnson, Gordee, Morgan, Hillstrom, Praska, and Sjodin were present. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover, REAMS Principal Brenda Nyhus, and Administrative Assistant Courtney Neibert.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Gordee seconded by Sjodin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- **Minutes:**
 - March 16, 2026 Work Session
 - March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting

- **Bills and Wire Transfers:**

March 2026 Disbursements Paid (listings attached):

Fund 01 General Fund	\$ 787,536.95
Fund 01 Payroll	\$ 976,186.66
Fund 01 BankWest	\$ 225,050.72
Fund 02 Food Service	\$ 111,764.04
Fund 04 Community Services	\$ 23,591.05
Fund 04 CEd-BWest/KSBank	\$ 3,865.69
Fund 06 Building Construction	\$
Fund 07 Debt Redemption	\$
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$ 7,652.27
Fund 45 OPEB Trust	\$
Total All Funds	\$ 2,135,647.38

- **Open Enrollments:**

Resident Students Attending Other Schools

Grade	Non-Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
7	Houston	294	1/20/2026	online school
2	Houston	294	1/20/2026	online school
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12	Howard Lake, Waverly, Winsted	2687	3/16/2026	moved, wants to stay enrolled @ HLWW
7	White Bear Lake	624	3/30/2026	moved in with grandparents; mother still resides in Rockford
EC	Buffalo - Hanover - Montrose	877	4/7/2026	attends daycare in Buffalo

Non-Resident Students Attending Rockford

Grade	Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
6	Buffalo - Hanover - Montrose	877	4/7/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT--closer to home and smaller school
3	Buffalo - Hanover - Montrose	877	2/18/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT--closer to home and smaller school
K	Buffalo - Hanover - Montrose	877	2/18/2026	NEW ENROLLMENT--closer to home and smaller school
2	Columbia Heights	13	1/5/2026	family move, wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford
4	Minneapolis	1	2/23/2026	family move, wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford
5	Minneapolis	1	2/23/2026	family move, wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford

- **Non-Classified Contract Continuation for 26-27 School Year:** The board was presented the list of non-classified contract renewals for approval.
- **Deep Portage Field Trip:** The board was presented the Deep Portage field trip for approval.
- **MOU Continuance of Agreement for 26-27 SY:** The board was presented an MOU Continuance of agreement for approval.
- **Speech Club Field Trip:** The board was presented the Speech Club field trip for approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **April 2026 Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented an update on the schools.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH

- **IB Celebration:** The board recognized the 2026 Full Diploma and Career Related Pathway Candidates.
- **Band/Choir Celebration:** The board celebrated the recent Band/Choir trip.
- **Winter Letter Leaders & Math Masters Celebration:** The board celebrated students that participated in winter Letter Leaders & Math Masters.
- **REAMS Celebration:** The board celebrated soloists for the 2026 All School Song.
- **REAMS Principal Report:** Principal Nyhus presented to the board on her buildings goals and other things going on at REAMS

HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- **HR Update:** The board was presented an update on the HR department.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- **Resolution of Nonrenewal of Probationary Teachers:** Dr. Ridlehoover presented the resolution of nonrenewal of a probationary teaches.

Gordee motioned, seconded by Sjodin, to approve the following resolution as it relates to Laura Kuker, Alexis Shelstad, and Mark Boon as presented:

WHEREAS, *Laura Kuker, Alexis Shelstad, and Mark Boon*, presented accordingly on the meeting agenda is probationary teacher in Independent District No. 883.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 883, that pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 5 and the District master agreement, the teaching contract of *Laura Kuker, Alexis Shelstad, and Mark Boon*, probationary teacher in Independent District No. 883, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2024 - 2025 school year effective June 5, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to *Laura Kuker, Alexis Shelstad, and Mark Boon* regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

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

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted

- **Personnel:**

Status	First Name	Last Name	Position	Date(s)
New Hire	Ann	Slavec	RMS LTS	April 6 - June 4, 2026
New Hire	Emily	Halverson	Varsity Dance Coach	
New Hire	Ryley	Barrett	Assistant Dance Coach	
New Hire	Bridget	Peterson	CFO	May 1, 2026
Status Change	Jill	Gordee	RHS Assistant Principal	July 1, 2026
Resignation	Brenda	Oeding	REAMS Kindergarten	June 5, 2026
Resignation	Sara	Anderson	REAMS Custodian	March 20, 2026
Resignation	Mike	McNulty	DO DIR of Business Op	June 30, 2026
Resignation	John	Redepenning	Wrestling Coach	March 30, 2026
Non-Renewal	Laura	Kuker	REAMS SpEd Teacher	June 5, 2026
Non-Renewal	Alexis	Shelstad	REAMS 3rd Grade	June 5, 2026
Non-Renewal	Mark	Boon	RMS Science Teacher	June 5, 2026
Leave			Custodian	June 9 - Sept 1, 2026
Extra Assignment	Jill	Gordee	Summer School Coord	Summer 2026
Extra Assignment	Erin	Sindelir	Summer School Admin	Summer 2026
Extra Assignment	Mike	McNulty	Asst Golf Coach	March 16, 2026

Motion by Praska seconded by Hillstrom to approve the personnel list. Members Johnson, Morgan, Hillstrom, Praska, and Sjodin voted in favor. Member Gordee abstained.

CULTURE OF COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

- **Policy Committee Review First Reading:** The board reviewed the following Policy Committee reviewed policies 702, 703, 704, 705, 705.1R, 706, 707R, and 707 attachment.
- **MSBA Policy Updates First Reading:** The board reviewed the following MSBA updated policies 211, 401, 404, 405, 406, 410, 418, 420, 427, 503, 515, 520, 530, 615, 613, 616, 618, 619, 620R, 701, 807, and 731R.
- **Handbooks First Reading:** The board reviewed the following handbooks: RAS Parent & Student, RAS Staff, Galaxy Kids Staff, Galaxy Kids Parents, Early Childhood Staff, Launching Pad Preschool Parent, RAS Board, 1:1 District Issued Device, Volunteer, Paraprofessional, AWAIR Plan.
- **Approval of Safety Plan:** The board was asked to approve the Safety Plan.

Motion by Praska seconded by Morgan to approve the Safety Plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

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

Sjodin motioned, seconded by Gordee, 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.

Donor	Amount	Fund
The Blackbaud Giving Fund	\$60.00	REAMS Gift Fund
Culvers of Rogers	\$505.00	RHS FFA Activity Fund
Dean & Christy Evans	\$54.00	RHS Band/Choir Trip Fund
Rocket Boosters	\$1899.25 for lettering supplies	Activities
Culvers of Delano	\$524.00	RHS FFA Activity Fund
Larry & Jill Franklin	\$500 in memory of Laura Franklin (memorial for tulip garden at RMS)	RMS Gift Fund
Theismann Family	REAMS Donations: paint cups, sensory bottles, wooden alphabet tracing board, buttons, translucent rainbow pebbles, loose parts, road tape, "Lines that Wiggle" book	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Eli Menard & Family	RMS Donations: Glue & Colored Pencils	General Fund Donations (RMS)
Bidne Family	REAMS Donation: Astro Bright Paper Pack	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Conner Miller & Family	REAMS Donations: building snowflakes for morning tubs	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Werman Family	REAMS Donations: snack donations, baggies, dry erase markers	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Norenberg Family	REAMS Donations: 4 Books, Uno, Break the Ice game	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Haley Schmidt & Family	REAMS Donations: Classroom light, City of Ember book, The False Prince book, I Survived: The American Revolution 1776 book	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Bidne Family	REAMS Donation: Astro Bright Paper Pack	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Linkert Family	REAMS Donations: "Junkyard Wonders" book, Squishy Tube sensory toys	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Storm Family	REAMS Donations: Magnetic cubes, iSpy book, 32 pack of mini notebooks	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Alexa Morrison & Family	REAMS Donation: Sticky Anchor Chart Paper	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Lydia Prange & Family	REAMS Donation: Glue Sticks	General Fund Donations (REAMS)

Owen Elison & Family	REAMS Donation: Magnetic Match Rings	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Joey Dumont & Family	REAMS Donations: Lincoln Logs, Colored Pencils	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Saylor Ruis & Family	REAMS Donations: Snacks, Colored Pencils	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Nolan Entrinkin & Family	REAMS Donation: Legos	General Fund Donations (REAMS)
Jared Juarez Bahena & Family	REAMS Donation: Book: "Happy Birthday Cupcake"	General Fund Donations (REAMS)

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

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- EOY Award Selection Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 2:45 pm in the District Office Conference Room.
- Facilities Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 8:00 am virtually at <https://meet.google.com/pfr-psup-voe> Or dial: (US) +1 929-324-9594 PIN: 639 153 487#
- Finance Committee Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026 at 8:15 am virtually at Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/nyi-nbuj-avu> Or dial: (US) +1 414-436-8538 PIN: 420 066 436#
- NHS Induction & Senior Awards: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6 pm in the RHS Auditorium
- Board of Education Work Session: Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.

- **Board Committee Updates:**

- Johnson - MAWSECO Meetings, Committee at Large Meeting, District Professional Development day, board prep call, MSBA chair chat.
- Gordee - Board Prep call, Northwest Suburban meeting.
- Morgan - None
- Hillstrom - Committee at Large, Chamber Event, Coffee and Conversation, District Professional Development day.
- Praska - None
- Sjodin - Committee at Large Meeting

Gordee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. & Sjodin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*Courtney Neibert
Recorder*

*Jamie Hillstrom
Clerk*