



Independent School District #883

Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2024

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, December 15, 2024 in the District Board Room. Chair Gordee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members Gordee, Johnson, Morgan, Hillstrom, and Praska were present. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover, CFO Bridget Peterson, Ryan Schmidt from Schlenner Wenner & Co., Director of Business Operations Mike McNulty, and Administrative Assistant Courtney Neibert. Member Sjodin was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Praska seconded by Morgan to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- **Minutes:**

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- **Personnel:**

Status	First Name	Last Name	Position	Date(s)
New Hire	Stephanie	Hopkins	REAMS SpEd Para	November 21, 2025
New Hire	James	Gostomski	Boys BB Asst Coach	December 1, 2025
New Hire	Brady	Anderson	8th Grade Boys BB	December 1, 2025
New Hire	Alexis	Shelstad	3rd Grade Teacher	December 10, 2025
New Hire	Holly	Kimball	Robotics Coach	November 6, 2025

- **Bills and Wire Transfers:**

November 2025 Disbursements Paid (listings attached):

Fund 01 General Fund	\$ 680,282.83
Fund 01 Payroll	\$ 711,838.67
Fund 01 BankWest	\$ 355,050.63
Fund 02 Food Service	\$ 255,475.54
Fund 04 Community Services	\$ 19,159.89
Fund 04 CEEd-BWest/KSBank	\$ 3,536.52
Fund 06 Building Construction	\$ 1,089,088.00
Fund 07 Debt Redemption	\$
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$ 14,882.52
Fund 45 OPEB Trust	\$
 Total All Funds	 \$ 3,129,304.60

- **Open Enrollments:**

Resident Students Attending Other Schools

Grade	Non-Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
10	White Bear Lake	624	9/19/2025	student living with grandparents in White Bear Lake
4	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	family move; continuous enrollment
8	Eden Prairie	272	9/15/2025	attending EP Online
2	Eden Prairie	272	9/15/2025	attending EP Online

Non-Resident Students Attending Rockford

Grade	Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
EC	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	12/1/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT: Closer proximity
6	Anoka Hennepin	11	12/1/2025	RE-ENROLLMENT
1	Anoka Hennepin	11	12/1/2025	RE-ENROLLMENT
4	Anoka Hennepin	11	12/1/2025	RE-ENROLLMENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **December 2025 Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented an update on the schools.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- **Approval of FY2024-2025 Financial Audit Report:** CFO Bridget Peterson presented the FY24-25 Audit Report for approval.

Motion by Morgan seconded by Hillstrom to approve the FY24-25 Audit Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Truth in Taxation Presentation and Public Comments:** CFO Bridget Peterson requested approval of the Truth in Taxation Hearing

There were no public comments.

Motion by Hillstrom, seconded by Johnson to approve the Truth in Taxation Hearing as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Certification of 2025 Payable 2026 Levy:** CFO Bridget Peterson presented the Final Levy 2025 Pay 2026 certification for approval.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Praska to approve Final levy 2025 pay 2026 certification as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

CULTURE OF COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

- **Policy Committee Review First Read:** The board was presented with the following policies that were reviewed by the Policy Committee for approval. Policies 722, 731R, 801, 801 FORM, 805, 807, 301, 302, 303, 701.1, 701.2R, and 701.3R.
- **IOwA Reauthorization Resolution:** The board was presented the Resolution to Authorize Executive Assistant Courtney Neibert as the IOwA.

Education Identity and Access Management Board Resolution

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board (PELSB), and Office of Higher Education (OHE) require annual designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for each local educational agency that uses the Education Identity and Access Management (EDIAM) system. The IOwA is responsible for authorizing, reviewing, and recertifying user access for their local educational agency in accordance with the State of Minnesota Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The IOwA will

authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure systems in accordance with the user's assigned job duties, and will revoke that user's access when it is no longer needed to perform their job duties.

Your school board or equivalent governing board must designate an IOwA to authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure websites for your organization. This EDIAM board resolution must be completed and submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education annually, as well as any time there is a change in the assignment of the Identified Official with Authority.

It is strongly recommended that only one person at the local educational agency or organization (the superintendent or exec. director) is designated as the IOwA. The IOwA will grant the IOwA Proxy role(s).

Designation of the Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity and Access Management

Morgan motioned, seconded by Gordee, to approve the resolution Authorizing Assistant Courtney Neibert as the IOwA:

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

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

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

Johnson motioned, seconded by Hillstrom, 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>
Wright County ADA	\$200.00	RHS FFA Fund
Rockford Education Foundation	\$59.07	General Fund Donation (RHS Live Specimens for IB Biology)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$174.93	General Fund Donation (RHS CNA Scrubs)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$53.98	General Fund Donation (RHS Tools and Supplies for Ag Classroom)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$144.79	General Fund Donation (RHS Rocket Block & IB Annunciation School Project supplies)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$518.95	General Fund Donation (RHS Spectrophotometer)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$130.00	General Fund Donation (REAMS Kindergarten Children's Museum Field Trip Deposit)
Alex, Jeff & Jovie Theismann	REAMS Donation: Foam stickers	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Cassie, Thomas & Eloise Korzendorfer	REAMS Donation: Crayon Rocks & Mini space erasers	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Nat, Becky & Haley Schmidt	REAMS Donation: White Boards, erasers, flip calendar, stickers, and magnetic borders	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Kathleen, Nathan & Ethan Carlson	REAMS Donation: Push pins with wooden clips	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Hanover Athletic Association	\$1,000.00	Football Activity Fund (for football helmet safety caps)
Anonymous Donation	Drinking Water System Pro 4000 System for use with Trout in the Classroom, total cost \$1385.00	General Fund Donation (RMS)

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

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- District All Employee Holiday Event: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 3:20pm at Clays.
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education - Organizational Meeting: Monday, January 5, 2026 at 5:30pm in the District Office Board Room.
- Mayors, City Administrators, and Legislators Roundtable: Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00pm in the District Office Board Room.

- **Board Committee Updates:**
 - Gordee - Northwest Suburban Meetings, Board Prep Call, AMSD meeting, Launch Your Future Night.
 - Johnson - Policy Committee Meeting, MAWSECO Meeting.
 - Morgan - None.
 - Hillstrom - Policy Committee Meeting, MSBA Coffee & Conversation, SAFF Meeting.
 - Praska - Policy Committee Meeting, MREA Meeting.

Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. & Gordee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

*Courtney Neibert
Recorder*

*Jamie Hillstrom
Clerk*