



Independent School District #883

Regular School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a Regular School Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 in the District Board Room. Chair Gordee called the meeting to order at 8:01 am. Members Gordee, Johnson, Morgan, and Hillstrom were present in person, Member Sjodin was present virtually. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover, Director of Business Operations Mike McNulty, and Administrative Assistant Courtney Neibert. Member Praska was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- **Minutes:**

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- **Personnel:**

Status	First Name	Last Name	Position	Date(s)
Leave	Allison	Leistico	REAMS Counselor	September 17 - December 17, 2025
Leave	Britta	Bauer	RMS Teacher	October 20, 2025- June 4, 2026
Lane Change	Laura	Ellos	MA+20 to MA+30	September 1, 2025
Lane Change	Madison	Wawzazek	BA to MA	September 1, 2025
Lane Change	Dan	Houghton	MA+10 to MA+30	September 1, 2025
New Hire	Amanda	Carlen	Athletic Trainer	August 1, 2025
New Hire	Jessica	Attleson	EC/Preschool Teacher	August 5, 2025
New Hire	Aiden	Rund	Community Ed	August 6, 2025
New Hire	Sydney	Yakesh	Community Ed	August 12, 2025
New Hire	Lydia	Gorman	Gymnastics	July 21, 2025
New Hire	Brooklyn	Comeaux	Gymnastics	July 21, 2025
New Hire	Jeffrey	Wright	Girls Soccer Assist Coach	August 11, 2025
New Hire	Bryan	Sandoval Vargas	Boys Soccer Coach	August 11, 2025
Resignation	Michelle	Anderson	EC/Preschool Teacher	July 7, 2025
Resignation	Jennifer	Buckingham	Paraprofessional	July 13, 2025
Resignation	Lindsey	Stotts	EC/Preschool Teacher	July 16, 2025
Resignation	Michelle	O'Hern	REAMS Secretary	September 3, 2025
Resignation	Lisa	Feyen	EC Assistant	August 7, 2025
Rehire	Karissa	Baillargeon	DO Custodian	June 2, 2025

- **Bills and Wire Transfers:**

July 2025 Disbursements Paid (listings attached):

Fund 01 General Fund	\$668,414.64
Fund 01 Payroll	\$158,074.17
Fund 01 BankWest	\$
Fund 02 Food Service	\$ 82,006.60
Fund 04 Community Services	\$ 19,796.73
Fund 04 CEd-BWest/KSBank	\$ 4,930.38
Fund 06 Building Construction	\$ 256,865.65
Fund 07 Debt Redemption	\$ 575.00
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$ 15,265.31
Fund 45 OPEB Trust	\$ 0
Total All Funds	\$ 1,205,928.48

- **Open Enrollments:**

Resident Students Attending Other Schools

Grade	Non-Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
K	Delano	879	9/6/2025	Prefer Delano Schools
4	Orono	278	9/2/2025	More activities options in Orono
K	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	Siblings attend Osseo
K	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	Magnet acceptance
10	Delano	879	9/2/2025	looking for a change in learning environment
6	Delano	879	9/2/2025	Moving to Delano soon
4	Delano	879	9/4/2025	More options
6	Delano	879	9/2/2025	More options
K	Delano	879	9/2/2025	More options
K	Orono	278	9/2/2025	More options in Orono
9	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9/2/2025	Previously attended Buffalo
6	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9/2/2025	More academic and athletic options

Non-Resident Students Attending Rockford

Grade	Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
5	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--Good School
K	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--prefer Rockford Schools
K	Robbinsdale	281	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
6	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--Good School
K	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--location is closer to our home
6	Robbinsdale	281	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--prefer smaller school
5	Elk River	728	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
1	Elk River	728	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--sibling attends Rockford
6	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
5	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--smaller class sizes; interested in environmental focus
5	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--STEM program
8	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--likes smaller school size and more challenging curriculum
9	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
2	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--Good School
5	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--Good School
2	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9/2/2025	Family move--wanted to stay enrolled at Rockford Schools
K	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--older sibling attends Rockford
10	Brooklyn Center	286	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
4	Brooklyn Center	286	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
7	Brooklyn Center	286	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
8	Brooklyn Center	286	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT
K	Elk River	728	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--prefers smaller school
K	Osseo	279	9/2/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--parent works @ Rockford Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH

- **Summer School Programming 2025 Update:** Jill Gordee presented a review of the 2025 Summer School Programming.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- **Facilities Update - Summer Projects:** Director McNulty presented an update on summer facilities projects.
- **Negotiations Update:** Director McNulty presented an update on EMR Negotiations
- **Substatute Pay Rate Approval:** Director McNulty presented Substatute Pay Rates for the board approval.

Gordee motioned to approve the substitute pay rate as presented. Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CULTURE OF COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

- **Policy Updates Final Read:** The board was presented with the following policy updates that were reviewed by the Policy Committee for a Final reading. Policies 710, 711, 712, 713R, 714, 720, 413 FORM, 414 FORM, 415, 506, 506 FORM, 522, and 524R.

Motion by Hillstrom seconded by Johnson to approve policies 710, 711, 712, 713R, 714, 720, 413 FORM, 414 FORM, 415, 506, 506 FORM, 522, and 524R as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Policy Updates First Read:** The board was presented with the following policy updates that were reviewed by the Policy Committee for a first reading. Policies 708, 709R, 721, 416, 414, 514, 516.5, 616, 722, and 806.

COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

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

Johnson motioned, seconded by Sjodin, 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>
Jack Boecker	\$0.05	Food Service Fund (donating remaining amount of senior lunch account balance towards outstanding senior lunch account balances)
Benjamin Vanyo	\$0.80	Food Service Fund (donating remaining amount of senior lunch account balance towards outstanding senior lunch account balances)
Brian Roberts	\$1.00	Food Service Fund (donating remaining amount of senior lunch account balance towards outstanding senior lunch account balances)
Karol Velasco	\$5.50	Food Service Fund (donating remaining amount of senior lunch account balance towards outstanding senior lunch account balances)
Lillian Jorgenson	\$0.80	Food Service Fund (donating remaining amount of senior lunch account balance towards outstanding senior lunch account balances)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$5,150.00	General Fund Donation (REAMS 2nd & 4th grade Artist in Residency)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$115.10	General Fund Donation (REAMS Battle of the Books)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$850.00	General Fund Donation (RHS Banners)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$1,095.16	General Fund Donation (RHS Find your Way Hospitality & Tourism Management Textbooks)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$80.06	General Fund Donation (RMS Battle of the Books)
Chisago Lakes School District	154 Mitel Phones (valued at approximately \$4,000.00)	General Fund Donation

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

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Negotiations Committee Meeting: Monday, September 8, 2025 at 3:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
- Board of Education Work Session: Monday, September 15, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.

- **Board Committee Updates:**

- Gordee - Board Prep Call.
- Johnson - MAWSECO Meeting, MAWSECO Negotiations, Policy Committee Meeting, Retirement Committee Meeting, Board Prep Call, Negotiations Meeting.
- Hillstrom - Negotiations Meeting, Chamber meeting, Policy Committee Meeting, Retirement Committee meeting.
- Morgan - None
- Sjodin - Negotiations Meeting, MSBA training.

Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Gordee seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Courtney Neibert
Recorder

Jamie Hillstrom
Clerk