



Independent School District #883

Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a Regular School Board Meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025 in the District Board Room. Chair Gordee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Gordee, Johnson, Morgan, Hillstrom, and Sjodin were present. Board member Praska was absent. Also present were Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover, RMS Principal Paul Warzecha, , CFO Bridget Peterson, IB & Summer School Coordinator Jill Gordee, Learning and Innovation Specialist Kathy Mattson, and Administrative Assistant Christa Larson.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Johnson seconded by Sjodin 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 passed unanimously.

- **Minutes:**
 - April 12, 2025 Work Session
 - April 12, 2025 Regular Meeting

- **Personnel:**

Status	First Name	Last Name	Position	Date(s)
New Hire	Ryan	Pellaton	REAMS Custodian	May 12, 2025
New Hire	Abby	Steinmetz	REAMS 4th Grade	2025-2026
Lane Change	Dan	Houghton	MA 14 to MA+10 14	May 15, 2025
Lane Change	Leah	Nelson	BA+20 to MA	May 15, 2025
Resignation	Krissa	Baillargeon	REAMS Lead Custodian	April 23, 2025
Resignation	Elisabeth	Werth	RMS Science Teacher	June 5, 2025
Leave	Lindsey	Seabright	REAMS Kindergarten	Retro February 24 - June 5, 2025

- **Bills and Wire Transfers:**

April 2025 Disbursements Paid (listings attached):

Fund 01 General Fund	\$534,241.43
Fund 01 Payroll	\$ 437,539.82
Fund 01 BankWest	\$ 0
Fund 02 Food Service	\$ 99,198.73
Fund 04 Community Services	\$ 25,010.89
Fund 04 CEd-BWest/KSBank	\$ 0
Fund 06 Building Construction	\$ 2,000.00
Fund 07 Debt Redemption	\$ 0
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$ 16,101.06
Fund 45 OPEB Trust	\$ 0
 Total All Funds	 \$ 1,114,091.93

- **Open Enrollments:**

Resident Students Attending Other Schools				
Grade	Non-Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
11	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9.4.2024	previously lived in Buffalo District
K	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9.3.2024	previously lived in Buffalo District
3	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	9.4.2024	previously lived in Buffalo District
K	Anoka Hennepin	11	4.1.2025	family move; want to stay enrolled @ Anoka Hennepin
9	Fergus Falls	544	2.24.2025	online school
Non-Resident Students Attending Rockford				
Grade	Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
EC	Delano	879	4.11.2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--daycare in Rockford, receiving speech services
8	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	4.2.2025	family move--wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford Schools
9	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	4.2.2025	family move--wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford Schools
6	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	4.2.2025	family move--wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford Schools
12	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	4.2.2025	family move--wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford Schools
11	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	10.15.2024	legal custody change, want to stay enrolled @ Rockford Schools
8	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	10.15.2024	legal custody change, want to stay enrolled @ Rockford Schools
7	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	4.21.2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--previously attended Rockford, moved out of district but wanted to re-enroll @ Rockford
5	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	4.29.2025	family move--wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford Schools
6	Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose	877	4.1.2024	family move--wants to stay enrolled @ Rockford Schools

- **EMR MOA-ECFE/SR:** The board was presented the EMR MOA for ECFE/SR regarding longevity for approval.
- **Crown College Joint Powers Agreement:** The board was presented the Crown College Joint Powers Agreement for approval.
- **Handbooks Final Reading:** The board was presented with the 2025-2026 handbooks for approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **May 2025 Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented an update on the schools and happenings of the District.
- **Q-Comp Plan Approval:** Learning & Innovation Specialist Kathy Mattson presented on the Q-Comp plan for board approval.

Motion by Johnson seconded by Hillstrom to approve the Q-COMP Plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH

- **IB Celebration:** IB Full Diploma Candidates, Harrison (Max) Edwards and Riley Moran, and Career Related Diploma Candidates McKenna Bernard, Vanessa Lee, Marcus Dietman, Sawyer Egbert and Oliver Stewart were celebrated for their hard work in pursuing IB-related diplomas.
- **RMS-CES Rocket Spotlight:** RMS-CES Principal Paul Warzecha presented RMS-CES teacher Jan Hendrickson with the Rocket Spotlight Award.
- **RMS-CES Celebration:** RMS-CES Students, Penny Yang, Hudson Bright, Bailey Berent, Sophia Miller, Reegan Mullins, and Ryan Erickson were celebrated for their research and development ideas for laws that impact Minnesota's environment.
- **RMS-CES Principal's Report:** RMS-CES Principal Paul Warzecha presented an update on building goals and school events from RMS.
- **Summer Programming:** Summer School Coordinator, Jill Gordee, updated the board regarding summer programming.
- **Resolution to Certify Listing of Graduates:** The board was presented with the resolution certifying the listing of graduates for approval.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 883, Authorizes Rockford High School Principal, Paul Menard, to grant high school diplomas on Friday, May 30, 2025 to all Rockford Area School District students that have met the State of Minnesota and Rockford Area School District graduation requirements.

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

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- **Preliminary SY 25-26 Budget Approval:** CFO Bridget Peterson presented the Preliminary SY25-26 budget for board approval.

Motion by Morgan seconded by Johnson to approve the Preliminary SY25-26 budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Superintendent's Contract Addendum:** The board was presented the Superintendent's Contract Addendum for approval.

Motion by Hillstrom seconded by Gordee to approve the Superintendent's Contract Addendum as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

CULTURE OF COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

- **End of Year District Operational Plan:** Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover shared an update regarding the End of Year District Operational Plan with the board.

COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

- Resolution of Acknowledgement of Contributions/Donations**

Sjodin motioned, seconded by Johnson, 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>
Hanover Athletic Association	\$1500 DECA Donation (for DECA Nationals)	DECA Activity Fund
Rocket Boosters	\$2000 DECA Donation (for DECA Nationals)	DECA Activity Fund
Rockford Lions	\$3000 DECA Donation (for DECA Nationals)	DECA Activity Fund
Rockford Education Foundation	\$299.96	General Fund Donation (REAMS Boogie Board Writing Tablets)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$3,588.12	General Fund Donation (Stainless Steel Tables & Stools for RHS Tech Ed)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$311.28	General Fund Donation (RMS Doc Cam)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$2,243.51	General Fund Donation (RHS Jet Spindle Sander for Tech Ed, RHS Vocal Jazz Academy, Seeds for RMS-CES STEM Showcase)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$195.98	General Fund Donation (Seed Packets and Sugar Scrubs for RMS STEM Showcase)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$2,239.00	General Fund Donation (2nd Grade MN Zoo Fieldtrip, 3rd Grade Stages Theatre Fieldtrip, 4th Grade Ordway Center Fieldtrip)
Rockford Education Foundation	\$1,500.00	General Fund Donation (RMS Stork House Fieldtrip)
Rockford-Greenfield Chamber	\$600 DECA Donation (for DECA Nationals)	DECA Activity Fund
Box Tops for Education	\$131.50	RMS Gift Fund
Jeanne Popp	RAS Donation: 2 large boxes of paper & labels	General Fund Donation
Levi Wittnebel & Family	REAMS Donation: Connect 4 Game	General Fund Donation
Eli Ketcher & Family	REAMS Donation: 3 classroom books ("In a Pickle", "The Bridge Home", and "Hero"); Set of magnetic bookmarks	General Fund Donation
Brady & Addie White & Family	RMS-CES Donation: "Alex Rider" by Anthony Horowitz Graphic Novel collection and Post It Notes; classroom pencil sharpener & Sequence Game	General Fund Donation
Janssen Family	RMS-CES Donation: Boxes of Tissue & 2 hand-held pencil sharpeners	General Fund Donation
Vajgrt Family	RMS-CES Donation: Box of 150 presharpened pencils, box of 30 glue sticks, 12 spiral notebooks, boxes of tissue	General Fund Donation
Ian Anderson & Family	RMS-CES Donation: Classroom Pencil Sharpener; \$10 donation to Teacher online supply account & 6-pack of masking tape	General Fund Donation
Nick Klonne	RMS-CES Donation: 30 count computer mice, 12 pk of computer mice and 10 pack of headphones	General Fund Donation
Lewis Family	RMS-CES Donation: 12 count Elmer's Glue & \$25 donation to Teacher online supply account	General Fund Donation
Grayson Hunter & Family	RMS-CES Donation: Think Fun Rush Hour Game and \$30 donation to Teacher online supply account	General Fund Donation
Mortenson Family	RMS-CES Donation: Classroom Puzzles	General Fund Donation
Daniel Folger & Family	RMS-CES Donation: 150 count labels, \$10 donation to Teacher online supply account	General Fund Donation
Eli Menard & Family	RMS-CES Donation: 12 count Elmer's Glue	General Fund Donation
Laura Langemak	RMS-CES Donation: \$10 donation to Teacher online supply account	General Fund Donation
Ally, Kenny & Elim Stall	REAMS Donation: Mini Lego People	General Fund Donation

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

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

- **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Board of Education Work Session: Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the District Board Room.
- Negotiations Monday, June 16, 2025 at 3:15 pm in the District Board Room.
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Monday, June 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the District Board Room. The 5:00 pm work session is cancelled. The closed session Superintendent Evaluation will take place at the end of the 5:30 pm regular meeting.

- **Board Committee Updates:**

- Gordee - MSBA Legislative Meetings, AMSD Meeting, Finance Committee, Board Prep, Facilities Committee, NWSISD Meetings, Superintendent Evaluation work, NHS Inductions and Senior Awards
- Johnson - Board Prep, MAWSECO DAPE Extravaganza Event, Negotiations, EOY Award Committee, NHS Inductions and Senior Awards, MAWSECO Board Meeting, Chamber Meeting
- Morgan - Finance Committee, NHS Inductions and Senior Awards
- Hillstrom -MSBA Legislative Updates, NHS Inductions and Senior Awards, EOY Award Committee, Curriculum Instruction Meeting, and Negotiations
- Sjodin –Continuing Education Meeting, and NHS Inductions and Senior Awards

Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Gordee seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

*Christa Larson
Recorder*

*Jamie Hillstrom
Clerk*