



## Independent School District #883

Regular School Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a Regular School Board Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 in the District Board Room. Chair Gordee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Gordee, Johnson, Morgan, Hillstrom, Praska, and Sjodin were present. Also present was Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover, RMS-CES Principal Paul Warzeca, CFO Bridget Peterson, Learning & Innovation Coordinator Kathy Madson, AIPAC Liaison Perry Buffie, and Administrative Assistant Courtney Neibert.

### **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 Praska, seconded by Morgan to approve the consent items. Motion carried.*

- **Minutes:**

- January 22, 2025 Work Session

- January 22, 2025 Regular Meeting

- **Personnel:**

Status	First Name	Last Name	Position	Date(s)
Rehire	Caroline	Agre	RHS ADSIS	January 21, 2025
New Hire	Jamalyn	Weege-Soland	RMS SpEd Paraprofessional	January 31, 2025
New Hire	Lindsey	Menard	RMS Nurse	February 10, 2025
New Hire	Amber	Cordova	REAMS LTS Kindergarten	February 18, 2025
New Hire	Byron	Vieau	On Call Custodian Sub	February 18, 2025
Resignation	Mary	Hurley	DO-Tach	February 14, 2025
Resignation	Cecelia	Clarke	REAMS SpEd Paraprofessional	February 28, 2025

- **Bills and Wire Transfers:**

January 2025 Disbursements Paid (listings attached):

Fund 01 General Fund	\$ 778,267.77
Fund 01 Payroll	\$ 632,902.00
Fund 01 BankWest	\$ 140,172.75
Fund 02 Food Service	\$ 306,368.16
Fund 04 Community Services	\$ 8,483.44
Fund 04 CEd-BWest/KSBank	\$ 3,272.37
Fund 06 Building Construction	\$ 1,000.00
Fund 07 Debt Redemption	\$ 500.00
Fund 21 Student Activities	\$ 5,239.67
Fund 45 OPEB Trust	\$ 0
 Total All Funds	 \$ 1,875,706.16

- **Open Enrollments:**

**Resident Students Attending Other Schools**

Grade	Non-Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
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**Non-Resident Students Attending Rockford**

Grade	Resident District	Number	Date Effective	Address Change/New Enrollment
11	Buffalo Hanover Montrose	877	9/3/2024	family move--wants to stay in Rockford Schools
7	Buffalo Hanover Montrose	877	9/3/2024	family move--wants to stay in Rockford Schools
6	Osseo	279	1/6/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--wanted schools with smaller class sizes
6	Anoka Hennepin	11	1/9/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--interested in magnet program
4	Anoka Hennepin	11	1/9/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--interested in magnet program
1	Anoka Hennepin	11	1/9/2025	NEW ENROLLMENT--interested in magnet program
7	Brooklyn Center	286	9/3/2024	family move--wants to stay in Rockford Schools
1	Robbinsdale	281	9/3/2024	family move--wants to stay in Rockford Schools
1	Osseo	279	1/2/2025	family move--wants to stay in Rockford Schools
10	Osseo	279	1/2/2025	family move--wants to stay in Rockford Schools

● **24-25 Teacher Seniority:**

Number	Name	First Day	File Folder	Yrs - Rockford as of December 2024	Months	Tier	Current Valid Licensure	Expiration	General Assignment
1	Sprague, Jennifer	9/8/1989	295950	32	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES ADSIS Reading
2	Engelbreton, Dawn	8/31/1993	327256	31	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Coaching (7-12)	2025 2025	ES Grade 3
3	Ulen, Cheryl	8/31/1993	341845	31	4	4	Mathematics (7-12)	2025	HS Math
4	Merila, Julie	8/29/1994	350771	30	4	4	English/Language Arts (7-12) Coaching (7-12)	2027 2027	HS English
5	Peterson, Colleen	1/3/1995	305327	29	11	4	Developmental / Adaptive Phy Ed (PreK-12) Physical Education (K-12) Coaching (7-12) Driver and Traffic Safety (9-12)	2028 2028 2028 2028	ES Physical Education / DAPE
6	Hester, Jason	8/29/1995	352743	29	4	4	Life Sciences (7-12) Physical Education (K-12)	2028 2028	MS / HS Physical Education
7	Belanger, Amy	8/29/1995	357508	29	4	4	Specific Learning Disabilities (K-12) Mild to Moderate Mentally Hdcp (K-12)	2028 2028	MS Special Education
8	Nolby, Kristen	9/9/1996	344768	25	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6) Coaching (7-12)	2026 2026	MS Math
9	Madson, Jamie	11/18/1996	355894	28	1	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Keyboarding For Computer Application (K-8) Coaching (7-12)	2028 2028 2028	MS CIC (0.25) / STEM (0.75)
10	Mateyka, Kristine	8/31/1998	350263	26	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Coaching (7-12)	2029 2029	MS English

11	Biorn, Holly	8/31/1998	365795	26	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2025	EXCEL Coordinator
12	Merila, Steven	8/31/1998	373040	26	4	4	Physical Sciences (Physics and Chem) (7-12)	2026	HS Science
13	Johnson, Marty	8/31/1998	377368	26	4	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2027	ES Grade 2
14	Schneeweis, Jean	10/28/1998	288554	26	2	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K)	2029 2029	ES Title Reading
15	Hendrickson, Jan	4/12/1999	311670	25	8	4	English/Language Arts (7-12) Specific Learning Disabilities (K-12)	2028 2028	MS English
16	Sarsland, Corina	8/30/1999	343208	25	4	4	Life Sciences (7-12) Coaching (7-12) Principal (K-12)	2028 2028 2026	MS Science
17	Wilts, Bonnie	8/30/1999	357434	25	4	4	Elementary Education (1-6) Coaching (7-12)	2025 2025	MS Social Studies
18	Roelofs, Joel	8/30/1999	375615	25	3	4	Coaching (7-12) Health (5-12) Driver and Traffic Safety (7-12) Physical Education (K-12)	2028 2028 2028 2028	MS PE/Health
19	Tauber, Michael	8/30/1999	381683	25	3	4	Social Studies (7-12)	2027	HS Social Studies
20	Sanner, Tracy	8/30/1999	383135	25	3	4	English/Language Arts (7-12) Emotional Behavior Disorders (K-12)	2027 2027	MS Special Education
21	Eliason, Darren	8/28/2000	383855	24	4	4	Vocal and Classroom Music (K-12) Principal (K-12)	2027 2026	ES CIC (0.5) / Music (0.5)
22	Neff, Kevin	8/28/2000	385556	24	4	4	Elementary Education (1-6) Keyboard For Computer Application (K-8) Mathematics (5-8)	2028 2028 2028	TOSA Tech Integrationist
23	Koste, Anne	8/28/2000	386982	24	4	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES Grade 1
24	Klukas-Weber, Cheri	8/27/2002	352919	22	4	4	Visual Arts (K-12)	2027	ES/HS Art
25	Young, Caroline	8/27/2002	394274	22	4	4	Social Studies (5-12)	2028	HS Social Studies
26	Wirth, Molly	8/18/2003	392152	21	4	4	Secondary Guidance and Counseling (7-12) School Counselor (K-12)	2027 2027	MS Counselor

27	Houghton, Daniel	8/25/2004	394360	20	4	4	Social Studies (7-12)	2027	HS Social Studies
28	Mattson, Kathryn	8/25/2004	417063	20	4	4	Communication Arts/Literature (5-12)	2025	HS English
29	Russell, Beth	8/29/2005	422934	19	4	4	Communication Arts/Literature (5-12) Library Media Specialist (K-12)	2026 2026	MS Digital Skills
30	Ferdig, Jerald	8/29/2006	387299	18	4	4	Instrumental and Classroom Music (K-12)	2028	HS Band
31	Hedeon Childers, Tamara	7/20/2009	372018	15	5	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Reading (K-12)	2027 2027	ES Grade 2
32	Trandahl, Polly	5/17/2010	321227	14	7	4	Elementary Guidance & Counseling (1-6) Elementary Education (K-6) Middle School Guidance & Counseling (MS) Reading (K-12)	2027 2027 2027 2027	HS ADSIS Reading/AVID
33	Yakesh, Rachel	1/31/2011	381543	13	11	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	ES ADSIS Reading
34	Milton, Jennifer	8/22/2012	448595	12	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Communications Arts/Literature (5-8) Social Studies (5-8)	2025 2025 2025	ES Title Math
35	Pennings, Benjamin	7/15/2013	397319	11	5	4	Social Studies (5-12)	2028	HS Social Studies
36	Werth, Elisabeth	8/26/2013	446097	11	4	4	Science (5-8) Life Science (9-12)	2025 2025	MS Science
37	Gregory, McKenzie	8/26/2013	472437	11	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2025	ES Grade 3
38	Hammer, Kylene	9/26/2013	468971	11	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES Grade 2
39	Farmer, Laura	9/26/2013	472919	11	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Early Childhood Ed (B-Grade 3)	2025 2025	ES Grade 3
40	Bakken, Amanda	1/2/2014	439306	10	11	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Social Studies (5-8)	2025 2025	ES Grade 2
41	Van Orsdol, Diane	8/25/2015	286035	9	4	4	Elementary Education (1-6) English as a Second Language (K-12)	2025 2025	ES ELL
42	Starha, Paul	8/25/2015	330571	9	4	4	Coaching (7-12) Social Studies (7-12) Academic Behavioral Strategist (K-12)	2026 2026 2026	HS Special Education

							Autism Spectrum Disorders (B-12)	2026	
43	Ellos, Laura	8/25/2015	403568	9	4	4	Speech Language Pathologist (PreK-12)	2028	ES Speech
44	Gordee, Jill	8/25/2015	478967	9	4	4	School Counselor (K-12)	2025	HS CIC (0.5) / IB Grant (0.5)
45	Nelson, Leah	8/25/2015	485440	9	4	4	English as a Second Language (K-12) Spanish (K-12)	2026 2026	HS Spanish (0.5) / EL (0.5)
46	Morgan, Becca	8/25/2015	486398	9	4	4	Public School Nurse (PreK-12)	2026	School Nurse
47	Cosgrove, Stephanie	8/25/2015	486663	9	4	4	Science (5-8) Chemistry (9-12)	2026 2026	HS Science
48	Kaufman, Abbey	1/2/2016	491479	8	11	4	Social Studies (5-12)	2027	MS Social Studies
49	Anderson, Mali	1/11/2016	479545	8	11	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	ES Kindergarten
50	Gunderson, Sarah	8/22/2016	408072	8	4	4	Visual Arts (K-12)	2025	MS Art
51	Oliverius, Hannah	8/22/2016	490995	8	4	4	Science (5-8) Life Science (9-12)	2027 2027	MS Science
52	Probst, Alexandra	8/22/2016	493290	8	4	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES Grade 1
53	Vasseei, Alex	8/22/2016	495419	8	4	4	Math (5-12)	2027	HS Math
54	Schnettler, Lanaya	12/19/2016	498571	8		4	Academic & Behavior Strategist (K-12)	2028	MS Special Education
55	Wawrzaszek, Madison	5/21/2017	501271	7	7	4	Learning Disabilities (K-12) Developmental Disabilities (K-12) Emotional Behavior Disorders (K-12)	2028 2028 2028	HS Special Education
56	Folger, Katie	8/24/2017	404801	7	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Communication Arts / Literature (5-8)	2028 2028	ES Grade 1
57	Oeding, Brenda	9/18/2017	485882	7	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2027	ES Kindergarten
58	Tensen, Cara	9/18/2017	491213	7	3	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Early Childhood Education (B-Grade 3)	2027 2027	ES Grade 1
59	Laidly, Suzanne	9/18/2017	496681	7	3	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2028	ES Grade 1
60	Udalla, Janee	2/1/2018	466871	6	10	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-12) Reading	2028 2028	MS English

61	Schneider, Corissa	8/21/2018	415346	6	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Autism Spectrum Disorders (K-12) Developmental Disabilities (K-12) Communication Arts / Literature (5-8)	2025 2025 2025	TOSA SpEd Assessment
62	Bauer, Britta	8/21/2018	473372	6	4	4	Instrumental and Classroom Music (K-12)	2029	MS Band
63	Beattie, Amber	8/21/2018	501261	6	4	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-12)	2028	MS Writing
64	Zastoupil, Calli	8/21/2018	505483	6	4	4	Spanish (5-12)	2028	HS Spanish
65	Von Kaenel, Robert	6/17/2019	427849	5	6	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-12)	2027	HS English
66	Gruber, Kaytlyn	6/17/2019	500854	5	6	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2028	ES Kindergarten
67	Korzendorfer, Cassandra	7/8/2019	424447	5	5	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-12)	2026	MS English
68	Bird, Krista	8/19/2019	424909	5	4	4	Communication Arts / Literature (5-8) Elementary Education (K-6)	2026 2026	ES / MS ELL
69	Bloom, Samantha	1/16/2020	1004868	4	11	4	School Counselor (K-12)	2028	HS Counselor
70	Penick, Kacie	8/28/2020	441129	4	4	4	ECSpEd (B-Age 6), ECE (B-Grade 3)	2029	ECSE
on leave	Larson, Meghan	8/19/2020	1003520	4		4	Vocal and Classroom Music	2028	HS Music/Choir
71	Bartels, Emily	5/17/2021	509229	3	7	4	Speech Language Pathologist (PreK-12)	2028	Speech - MS, HS
72	Carlson, Kerry	6/21/2021	439815	3	6	4	Spanish (K-12)	2029	MS Spanish/EL
73	Desmarais-H, Jennifer	9/20/2021	350885	3	4	4	Elementary Education (1-6)	2027	HS Media Specialist (0.5) HS Avid (.34)
74	Kenady, Andrew	9/20/2021	486325	3	3	4	Communication Arts/Literature (5-12)	2028	HS English
75	Bratsch, Derek	7/1/2022	501036	2	5	4	Mathematics (5-12)	2028	HS Math
76	Veldhuizen, Abbey	8/16/2022	433223	2	4	4	Speech-Language Pathologist (PreK-12)	2025	District Speech/Patho
77	Rickart, Aaron	8/16/2022	513911	2	4	3	Physical Ed (K-12), Health (5-12), DAPE (PreK-12)	2025	Elem PE
78	Stall, Allyson	8/16/2022	1017222	2	4	3	Elementary Education (K-6)	2025	ES Grade 3
79	Sindelir, Erin	4/12/2023	453851	1	8	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2026	MS SpEd, Student Support Spec.

							Science (5-8)	2026	
80	Douglas, Suzanne	5/12/2023	510031	1	7	3	Learning Disabilities (K-6)	2026	ES Special Education
81	Finanger, Erika	6/19/2023	507053	1	6	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Reading (K-8) Pre-primary (Age 3 - PreK)	2027 2027 2027	ES Special Education
82	Siltala-Habib, Brenna	6/20/2023	502326	1	6	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2028	ES Grade 4
83	Thell, Elizabeth	06/21/2023	1003968	1	6	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2028	ES Grade 4
84	Schoeller, Elizabeth	7/17/2023	472121	1	5	4	Science (5-8) Life Science (9-12) Chemistry (9-12)	2028 2028 2028	HS Science
85	Beard, Emily	7/18/2023	472322	1	5	4	Elementary Education (K-6)	2029	ES Grade 2
86	George, Anne	8/21/2023	442064	1	4	4	Elementary Education (K-6) Communication Arts/Literature (5-8)	2029 2029	ES Grade 4
87	Sehlin-Goneau, Brenda	8/22/2023	292674	1	4	4	Elementary Education (1-6) Emotional Behavior Disorders (K-12) Learning Disabilities (K-12) Autism Spectrum Disorders (K-12) Mild to Moderate Mentally HDPC (K-12)	2026 2026 2026 2026	HS Special Education
88	Andring, Christina	11/20/2023	389768	1	1	4	Mild to Moderate Mentally HDPC (K-12) Teacher Coordinator WBL (9-12)	2025 2025	District Special Education

- **DECA Overnight Trip:** The board was presented a DECA overnight trip for approval.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- **RMS-CES Celebration:** Paul Warzecha will be giving an update about the collaborative efforts between Three Rivers Park, RAS Community Ed, and Curriculum Integration Coordinator Jamie Madson to establish an Outdoor Club.

### STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

- **AIPAC Vote of Concurrence:** AIPAC Liaison Perry Buffie introduced Jessica Perrault, local AIPAC chairperson. Ms. Perrault shared with the Board the AIPAC vote of concurrence for the 2024-25 school year.

*Motion by Johnson seconded by Sjodin to accept the AIPAC Vote of Concurrence. Motion passed unanimously.*

- **Quarterly Budget Review:** CFO Bridget Peterson presented the quarterly budget review ending December 31, 2024.
- **Revised SY 24-25 Budget:** CFO Bridget Peterson presented the FY 24-25 Budget Amendment for Q2 for approval.

*Motion by Morgan seconded by Hillstrom to approve the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget amendments for quarter 2 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND GROWTH

- **RMS-CES Principals Report:** RMS-CES Principal Paul Warzecha presented an update on building goals, instructional updates, and other building updates.
- **Learning & Innovation Report:** Learning & Innovation Coordinator Kathy Mattson presented an update on BILTs, PD, PLCs, and MTSS.

### HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- **ADSIS Application 25-26 & 26-27:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover gave an update on the 25-26 & 26-27 ADSIS Application

### CULTURE OF COLLECTIVE PURPOSE

- **SY 25-26 Calendar Revision:** Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover presented updates to the 25-26 School Year Calendar, with the support of the administrative staff, including 2 additional PD Days (February 17 & April 6), a date change for Kindergarten Round Up to February 5, 2026, and a change in date for new teacher days to August 5 & 6, 2025 for approval.

*Motion by Johnson seconded by Praska to approve the updates to the 25-26 School Year Calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

- **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 614, 615, 619, 620R, 624, and 524R.

*Motion by Johnson seconded by Sjodin to approve policies 614, 615, 619, 620R, 624 and 524R as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **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.



<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
RAAA JO Volleyball	Volleyball Standards Pads & Volleyball Net Antennas w. Sleeves for CE Volleyball (\$1,913.11)	Community Education (for the CE Volleyball Program)
Box Tops	\$59.00	REAMS Gift Fund
Rockford Lions Club	\$2,000 donation for Bass Clarinet	Band Activity Fund
Buffalo American Legion	\$500 donation for Bass Clarinet	Band Activity Fund
Wachtler Family	RMS Donation: Bag of Books	General Fund Donation (RMS)
Common Thread Custom Apparel	Shirts for Adaptive Floor Hockey Tournament (\$176.52)	General Fund Donation (RHS SPED)
Carol Beasecker	REAMS Donation: Bag Toss Game, Plinko Game, Board Games, Various Balls	General Fund Donation (REAMS)
Genesis Group Homes, Inc.	\$434.00	Wrestling Activity Fund
Easco Plumbing & Heating	\$1,500.00	Wrestling Activity Fund
Stratasys (Charlie Seitzer)	3 Replicator & Desktop 3D printers (total value \$9,258)	General Fund Donation (each building received one Replicator & Desktop 3D printer)
Nick Klonne	RMS Donation: Colored Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners	General Fund Donation (RMS)
Brandon & Meghann Moline	REAMS Donation: Stapler, Disinfecting wipes, Electric pencil sharpener	General Fund Donation (REAMS)

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

*Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.*

- **Upcoming Meetings:**
  - Board of Education Work Session: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
  - Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
- **Board Committee Updates:**
  - Gordee - Facilities Committee Meeting, Board Prep Call, AMSD Meeting, MSBA Board Chair Training, Board Retreat, MSBA Board Chair Chat, MSBA Coffee & Conversations.
  - Johnson - Board Prep Call, MSBA Board Chair Training, Board Retreat, Policy Committee Meeting, Calendar Committee Meeting, Facilities Committee Meeting, SAFF Day at the Capital, MAWSECO Meeting.
  - Morgan - Board Retreat, Finance Committee Meeting.
  - Hillstrom - Board Retreat, Policy Committee Meeting, MSBA coffee and conversations & Friday chats, Chamber meeting, Calendar Committee Meeting, SAFF Meeting, SAFF Day at the Capital.
  - Praska - Board Retreat, Policy Committee Meeting.
  - Sjodin - Board Retreat.

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

*Courtney Neibert  
Recorder*

*Jamie Hillstrom  
Clerk*