



ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Tradition of Excellence, One Student at a Time

Agenda for December 2, 2024

5:30 PM

District Board Room
6051 Ash Street
Rockford, MN 55373

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A. Board Roll Call

2. Board Officers Discussion

3. Board Committee Discussion

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4. Board Meeting Schedule Review

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5. Board Mentor Assignments

6. MSBA Leadership Conference

7. Board Handbook

8. Upcoming Communications Items

9. Board Retreat Planning

10. Board Reflections

11. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A.

- Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2024 at 8:00am virtually at Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/cej-feiw-bkv> Or dial: ?(US) +1 502-791-5031? PIN: ?149 312 098?#.
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education - Truth in Taxation: Monday, December 16, 2024 at 5:30pm in the District Office Board Room.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Our Mission: *In partnership with our communities and families, Rockford Area Schools provides challenging opportunities to engage, inspire, and educate globally-minded citizens.*

Our Vision: *Rockford Area Schools provides a supportive, rigorous, and relevant learning culture producing courageous learners prepared to enter a global society.*



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Rockford Board of Education

Jamie Hillstrom

Eric Gordee

Jenny Kneeland

Amy Edwards

Jessica Johnson

Dr. Beth Praska

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover



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SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES		2024	2025
1	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Kneeland	
		Gordee	
		Edwards	
2	POLICY COMMITTEE	Johnson	
		Hillstrom	
		Praska	
3	DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE	Gordee	
		Kneeland	
		Edwards	
4	NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE	Johnson	
		Praska	
		Edwards/Hillstrom	
SCHOOL BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEES		2024	2025
5	FACILITIES COMMITTEE	Gordee	
		Edwards	
6	CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE	Johnson	
		Kneeland	
7	CURRICULUM ADVISORY SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE	Hillstrom	
		Praska	
8	COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD	Kneeland	
		Hillstrom	
9	DISTRICT STAFF DEVELOPMENT	Kneeland	
		Praska	
10	COMMITTEE AT-LARGE	Kneeland	
		Gordee	
		Edwards	
11	COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	Praska	
		Edwards	
SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE		2024	2025
12	MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE (MSHSL)	Kneeland	
		Hillstrom	
13	CHAMBER COMMITTEE	Hillstrom	
		Praska	
14	LEGISLATIVE/MSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	Gordee	
		Praska	
15	ASSOCIATION OF METRO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	Gordee	
		Edwards	
16	MEEKER & WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE (MAWSECO)	Johnson	
		Hillstrom	
17	NORTHWEST SUBURBAN INTEGRATION SCHOOL DISTRICT (NWSISD)	Gordee	
		Hillstrom	
18	SEE (SAFF)	Praska (SEE)	
19	MREA REPRESENTATIVE	Kneeland (MREA)	



2025 ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

1. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**- Board Treasurer and one other board member serve on the committee and work with the Director of Finance and Operations and Superintendent
 - **2025 Assignment:**

2. **POLICY COMMITTEE**- Three board members serve on this committee and work with the Superintendent and Executive Assistant.
 - **202 Assignment:**

3. **DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**- Board Chair and treasurer serve on this committee and work with the Director of Buildings and Grounds and the Superintendent.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

4. **NEGOTIATIONS** - The three board member committee works with the Director of Human Resources, Business Manager and Superintendent.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

SCHOOL BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEES

5. **FACILITIES COMMITTEE** - *Board Chair and Treasurer* serve on this committee with community business representatives, Business Manager and Superintendent. Meets three times per year to review finance and business topics as well as buildings and grounds projects as needed.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

6. **CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE** - Serve as Rockford board representative. The purpose of the committee is to promote professional growth of certified staff. It will also verify Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and requirements for clock hours for relicensure. Meets regularly as needed.
 - **2025 Assignment:**



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7. **CURRICULUM Instruction and Assessment ~~ADVISORY~~ ~~SYSTEM~~ ~~ACCOUNTABILITY~~ COMMITTEE** - Serve as board representative on this advisory committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide community input for new initiatives and curriculum instruction. Committee plans to meet two to three times per year; meeting time and location TBD.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

8. **COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD** - Serve as Rockford board representative on committee. The advisory board makes program recommendations to the school board. Meets quarterly, usually in the evening. This committee also includes the ECFE/School Readiness Advisory Committee. Committee meets four times a year as needed in the evening.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

9. ~~**DISTRICT STAFF DEVELOPMENT** - Serve as board representative on District Staff Development Committee. Committee meets with the board representative as needed.~~
10. ~~**2025 Assignment:**~~

11. **COMMITTEE AT-LARGE** - Serve as Rockford board representative. The committee meets as needed to discuss items under study such as activities, technology, transportation, food service, student data support, referendum steering committee and other district needs.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

12. **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** - This committee is comprised of two board appointees with the Board Chair serving in an advisory capacity. Meetings will occur as needed.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

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13. **MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE (MSHSL)** - Serve as board representative to the Minnesota State High School League. Receives mailings and usually has state level meeting at MSBA Leadership Conference. For more information, go to www.mshsl.org
 - **2025 Assignment:**



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14. **CHAMBER COMMITTEE** - Serve as Rockford School District representative to the Rockford/Greenfield Chamber of Commerce. Meets on a regular bi-monthly basis during the day in Rockford. Only one member can attend the meetings.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

15. **LEGISLATIVE/MSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY** - Serve as Rockford board legislative liaison for Area 20 with Minnesota School Board Association. May attend regional and state delegate assembly meetings. Delegate Assembly members are elected by mail ballot in summer of odd years for a two-year term (currently 2017-2018 calendar years). For more information, go to www.mnsba.org.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

16. **ASSOCIATION OF METRO SCHOOL DISTRICTS** - The Board Chair is the board representative to this organization, with the Vice-chair serving as alternate. They meet monthly on the first Friday of the month (August through May) starting at 7 am at the Quora Education Center. For more information, go to www.asmd.org.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

17. **MEEKER & WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE (MAWSECO)** - Serve as Rockford representative on MAWSECO governing board. Usually meets monthly in the evening on fourth Tuesday at the MAWSECO building in Howard Lake. For more information, go to www.mawseco.k12.mn.us.
 - **2025 Assignment:**

18. **NORTHWEST SUBURBAN INTEGRATION SCHOOL DISTRICT (NWSISD)** - Serve as Rockford board representative on the NWSISD Governing board. The board usually meets monthly in the evening on third Wednesday during school year at their district office in Brooklyn Park. For more information, go to www.nws.k12.mn.us.
 - **2025 Assignment:**



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19. **SCHOOLS FOR EQUITY IN EDUCATION (SEE)** - Serve as board representative at General Membership meetings. Day meetings are usually held five to six times during the school year. For more information, go to www.schoolsforequity.org.

- **2025 Assignment:**

20. **MINNESOTA RURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (MREA)** - Board members would not need to be a designated district representative for/to MREA. The Board and district leadership would all be subscribed to their weekly e-newsletter, *Insider Briefing* (if they do not opt out). For more information, go to www.mreavoice.org. Board representatives may be designated to attend their annual conference in Brainerd in November. Also, as board members attend MSBA meetings, there may be other involvement with MREA as well.

- **2025 Assignment:**

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

2025

July 21, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
July 21, 2025	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
August 4, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
August 18, 2025	Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
September 15, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
September 15, 2025	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
October 6, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
October 20, 2025	Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
November 17, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
November 17, 2025	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
December 1, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
December 15, 2025	Regular Meeting (Truth in Taxation Hearing) - 5:30 p.m.

2026

January 5, 2026	Organizational Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
January 21, 2026	Work Session - 5:30 p.m. (<i>moved due to MLK Jr. Day</i>)
January 21, 2026	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
February 2, 2026	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
February 18, 2026	Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m. (<i>moved due to President's Day</i>)
March 16, 2026	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
March 16, 2026	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
April 6, 2026	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
April 20, 2026	Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
May 18, 2026	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
May 18, 2026	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
June 15, 2026	Work Session - 5:00 p.m. - Superintendent Evaluation
June 15, 2026	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.



SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

2024

July 15, 2024	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
July 15, 2024	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
August 5, 2024	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
August 19, 2024	Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
September 16, 2024	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
September 16, 2024	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
October 7, 2024	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
October 21, 2024	Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
November 25, 2024	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
November 25, 2024	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
December 2, 2024	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
December 16, 2024	Regular Meeting (Truth in Taxation Hearing) - 5:30 p.m.

2025

January 6, 2025	Organizational Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
January 22, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m. (<i>moved due to MLK Jr. Day</i>)
January 22, 2025	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
February 3, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
February 19, 2025	Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m. (<i>moved due to President's Day</i>)
March 17, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
March 17, 2025	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
April 7, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
April 21, 2025	Regular Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
May 19, 2025	Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
May 19, 2025	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
June 16, 2025	Work Session - 5:00 p.m. - Superintendent Evaluation
June 16, 2025	Regular Meeting - 6:30 p.m.