



# ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

*A Tradition of Excellence, One Student at a Time*

Agenda for March 12, 2025

5:30 PM

District Board Room

6051 Ash Street

Rockford, MN 55373

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
  - A. Board Roll Call
2. Review/Revision of policies 701.2R & 714 2
3. Crows Proposal 6
4. Summer Trips
5. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room
6. **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.*

## **Rockford Board of Education**

Eric Gordee	Jessica Johnson
Jamie Hillstrom	Chris Morgan
Dr. Beth Praska	Kevin Sjodin
Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover	



**Rockford Area School District #883 -- Policy 701.2R**

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Adopted: 4-17-06

Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

**701.2R FUND BALANCE POLICY**

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to insure the financial stability for the District, to provide a sound basis to justify continuation of the strong financial rating, and to provide a reserve enabling the district to deal with unforeseen budget expenditures.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

To ensure the financial strength and stability of the District, the Board will endeavor to maintain an unappropriated fund balance of at least 12-15 % of the District's Unobligated General Fund Operating Expenditure Budget.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

A. Unappropriated Fund Balance- Fund Balance in the District's General Fund, which is not earmarked for spending or reserved as required by state law.

**IV. REQUIREMENT**

When the General Fund unappropriated balance is projected to decrease below 10 % of the General Fund budget, the District shall initiate one or more of the following measures:

- A. Reduce expenditures through implementation of cost containment measures.
- B. Seek opportunities to increase revenue. Consider fee increases where appropriate. Examine options to increase enrollment.
- C. If permitted by state law, request from voters additional revenue through an increase in the operating referendum or other financial options.
- D. A combination of the above options.



Adopted: 06/21/11

Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised: 01/23/2023

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## **714 FUND BALANCES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to create new fund balance classifications to allow for more useful fund balance reporting and for compliance with the reporting guidelines specified in Statement No. 54 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The policy of this school district is to comply with GASB Statement No. 54. To the extent a specific conflict occurs between this policy and the provisions of GASB Statement No. 54, the GASB Statement shall prevail.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Assigned" fund balance amounts are comprised of unrestricted funds constrained by the school district's intent that they be used for specific purposes, but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In funds other than the general fund, the assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. The assigned fund balance category will cover the portion of a fund balance that reflects the school district's intended use of those resources. The action to assign a fund balance may be taken after the end of the fiscal year. An assigned fund balance cannot be a negative number.
- B. "Committed" fund balance amounts are comprised of unrestricted funds used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school board and that remain binding unless removed by the school board by subsequent formal action. The formal action to commit a fund balance must occur prior to fiscal year end; however, the specific amounts actually committed can be determined in the subsequent fiscal year. A committed fund balance cannot be a negative number.
- C. "Enabling legislation" means legislation that authorizes a school district to assess, levy, charge, or otherwise mandate payment of resources from external providers and includes a legally enforceable requirement that those resources be used only for the specific purposes listed in the legislation.
- D. "Fund balance" means the arithmetic difference between the assets and liabilities reported in a school district fund.
- E. "Nonspendable" fund balance amounts are comprised of funds that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be



maintained intact. They include items that are inherently unspendable, such as, but not limited to, inventories, prepaid items, long-term receivables, non-financial assets held for resale, or the permanent principal of endowment funds.

- F. "Restricted" fund balance amounts are comprised of funds that have legally enforceable constraints placed on their use that either are externally imposed by resource providers or creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, voters, or laws or regulations of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- G. "Unassigned" fund balance amounts are the residual amounts in the general fund not reported in any other classification. Unassigned amounts in the general fund are technically available for expenditure for any purpose. The general fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance. Other funds would report a negative unassigned fund balance should the total of nonspendable, restricted, and committed fund balances exceed the total net resources of that fund.
- H. "Unrestricted" fund balance is the amount of fund balance left after determining both nonspendable and restricted net resources. This amount can be determined by adding the committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balances.

**IV. CLASSIFICATION OF FUND BALANCES**

The school district shall classify its fund balances in its various funds in one or more of the following five classifications: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

**V. MINIMUM FUND BALANCE**

The school district will strive to maintain a minimum unassigned general fund balance of 12-15% percent of the annual budget.

**VI. ORDER OF RESOURCE USE**

If resources from more than one fund balance classification could be spent, the school district will strive to spend resources from fund balance classifications in the following order (first to last): restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

**VII. COMMITTING FUND BALANCE**

A majority vote of the school board is required to commit a fund balance to a specific purpose and subsequently to remove or change any constraint so adopted by the board.

**VIII. ASSIGNING FUND BALANCE**

The school board, by majority vote, may assign fund balances to be used for specific purposes when appropriate. The board also delegates the power to assign fund balances to the following: Superintendent and Business Manager. Assignments so made shall be reported to the school



board on a monthly basis, either separately or as part of ongoing reporting by the assigning party if other than the school board.

An appropriation of an existing fund balance to eliminate a projected budgetary deficit in the subsequent year's budget in an amount no greater than the projected excess of expected expenditures over expected revenues satisfies the criteria to be classified as an assignment of fund balance.

**IX. REVIEW**

The school board will conduct an annual review of the sufficiency of the minimum unassigned general fund balance level.

**Legal References:** Statement No. 54 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board

**Cross References:**



# Rockford Town Baseball

BRINGING THE  
COMMUNITY TOGETHER

# Why Town Baseball?

- Attendance is on the rise... Over 3,000 to the local Region Tournament held in Delano in 2021, The state tournament attracted 21,013 in 2021 and 28,007 in 2023. People moving away from large venues in downtown Minneapolis.
- Local TV (FOX9) giving more exposure doing town baseball spots.
- Local pride. Something for young kids to go with their family and see older people in their community play and look up to.
- Potential draw to the community. Places to eat and activities can attract more families.
- There is a history of Town Baseball in Rockford. The historical society has pictures and information of the Rockford Rox that played in the 60's. There also was a team in the late 90's and early 2000's of the River Bandits.
- The local North Star League approved the new team for 2022 on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- We play games at the High School Baseball Field. A majority of our players are recent Rockford Graduates
- We have completed 3 seasons, and attendance is between 60-100 people per game. We typically host 9-11 home games per season.

# Why am I here?

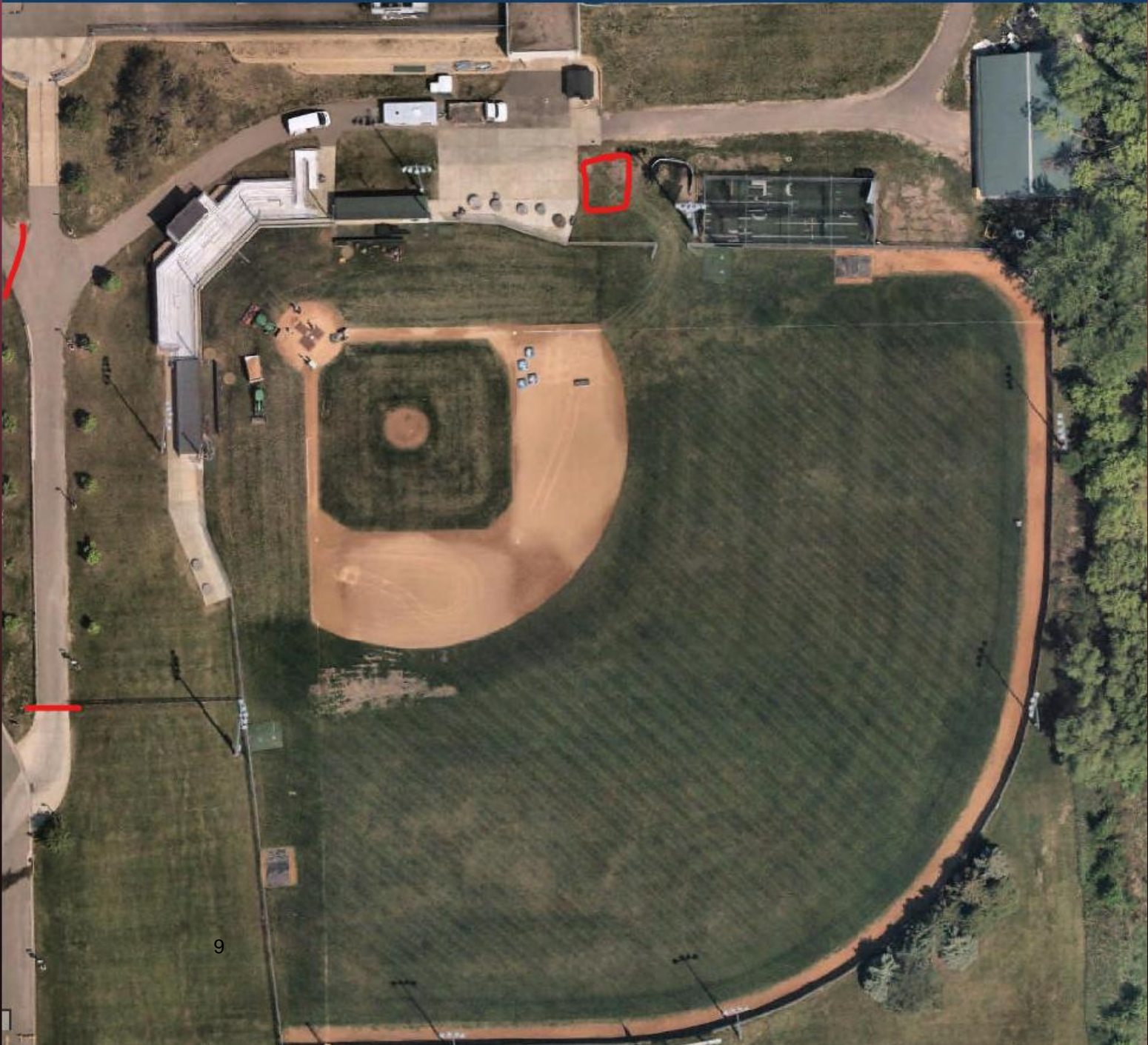
- Request approval for the ability to negotiate with the School District to offer beer and seltzer sales during games
- Feed back from fans is they would like the opportunity to have a drink or two at the game
- It also helps build more revenue for the team. Current revenue is from player fees, admissions, concessions, apparel sales and sponsorships. Expenses are umpires, field rental, light rental, uniforms, caps, bats, baseballs, insurance, apparel costs, other equipment, Hennepin County food license, and other miscellaneous expenses
- It is a requirement to host a Region Tournament in the future.

Rockford High School baseball field:

Area of use is fenced in on all sides with the exception of the tar path. This will help to contain the alcohol. We would also have someone posted at the main entrance to reduce if not eliminate any container from going to the parking lot or closer to the school.

We will work with the custodial staff and request a garbage/recycling container be placed by the entrance/exit to assist with the control.

My initial plan would be to have a tent to sell the beer/seltzers from to keep it completely separate from the concession stand. All unsold cans would be removed from the premises after each game.



# Other concerns?

- The Rockford Lions have agreed to partner with the Rockford Crows to sell the beer and seltzers. They have liquor liability insurance in place for other fundraising they do and have experience working with the City and State to get proper licensing in accordance with the Minnesota Statutes 340A.
- The Crows have had insurance with the District being named additional insured for every season
- The request would be to not overlap with School Sponsored Activities. See attached season schedule for 2025:

## ROCKFORD CROWS home schedule 2025

- May 28 - Wed - 7:00PM vs St Augusta
- June 4 - Wed - 7:30PM vs Hutchinson (last day of school)
- June 8 - Sunday - 1:00PM vs Howard Lake
- June 18 - Wed - 7:00PM vs Hamel
- June 20 - Friday - 7:30PM vs Waverly
- June 27 - Friday - 7:30PM vs Litchfield
- July 9 - Wed - 7:00PM vs Cokato
- July 11 - Friday - 7:30PM vs DC
- July 18 - Friday - 7:00PM vs Luxemburg
- Playoffs for the Region will be in Eden Valley and Litchfield

## RHS Spring Sports

### Baseball

- 5/12 last home regular season
- 5/29 last potential Section host
- 6/14 State Championship Game

### Softball

- 5/19 Last home regular season
- 5/22 1 round of Sections
- 6/6 State Championship Game

### Track

- 5/20 last chance meet
- 6/12 State Championships

### Tennis - Boys

- 6/6 State Championships

### Golf

- 5/15 Conference Tournament
- 6/11 State Championships

### Trap

- 6/20 State Championships