

**Independent School District #883  
School Board Work Session/Business Meeting  
May 7, 2012**

Pursuant to due call and notice, the Rockford Board of Education met in a special meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012. Chair Botten called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Abrahamson, Anderson, Botten, Grimm, and Tryon were present. Member Smith arrived at 6:38 pm. Also present was Superintendent Paul Durand.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the agenda. Tryon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Showcase**

This year's exchange students Estefanny Perez from Ecuador, and Elisabeth (Lisa) Speigl from Germany spoke about their experiences in our school district.

Community Education Director Flanary introduced Lindsey Eichenlaub, Youth Coordinator/Activities Coordinator. She presented information regarding the Destination Imagination program along with students Lillian Boulton and Jack Edeburn. The Edeburn and Boulton families also spoke about their children's experience.

**Consent Items**

Anderson motioned to approve the following personnel items:

- Heather Holasek, hired as Head Dance Team Coach
- Jenna Forbrook, hired as Assistant Dance Team Coach
- Faye Melnick, approved leave of absence request, starting April 30 through the end of the 2011-12 school year.
- Traci Moore, approved leave of absence request for the 2012-13 school year.
- Michelle Schulze, resignation as activities secretary, through the end of the 2011-12 contract year.
- Kay Kaster, resignation/retirement as ECSE teacher, effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year.

Grimm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Efficient and Effective Operations**

The Board reviewed the following policies. Approval is scheduled for the May 21 regular meeting.

- 202 School Board Officers.
- 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings
- 301 School District Administration
- 302 Superintendent
- 306 Administrator Code of Ethics

Non-Substantive Changes

- 101 Legal Status of the School District
- 205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings

Superintendent Durand reviewed the current student enrollment and projections through 2017-18 school year with the Board.

Tryon motioned to approve the 2012-13 staffing and budget as presented. Revisions for the following staffing and enrollment assumptions include--

**Unassigned Revenue Revision 2012-13:**

Reduction in general education aid for reduced kindergarten students:     \$ -59,280

Additional special education aid for additional positions:	\$ 50,000
Reduction in federal dollars for funding of additional special ed director:	\$ -30,000
Unassigned revised 2012-13 revenue:	\$ 13,390,510

**Unassigned Expenditure Revision 2012-13:**

Additional elementary class section:	\$ 50,000	
Additional Speech Teacher 1.0 FTE:	\$ 50,000	(\$25,000 net cost-includes special ed revenue)
Additional Psychologist 1.0 FTE:	\$ 50,000	(\$25,000 net cost-includes special ed revenue)
Additional Director (0.5 to 0.8 FTE):	\$ -0-	(\$30,000 net cost-funded with federal dollars, less revenue)
Instrumental Music 0.2 FTE	\$ 10,000	
Title I Para Reduction	\$ -22,000	(fill MS media para internally with para loss)
HS English Reduction	\$ -25,000	(fill recent resignation of 1.0 English with 0.5 FTE)
Unassigned revised 2012-13 expenditures:		\$ 13,876,539
Projected 2012-13 unassigned fund balance:		\$ 751,758

**Staffing Includes:**

Title I Program with 2.5 FTE teaching staff  
 ES Gifted & Talented with 1.0 FTE teaching staff  
 REAMS Fine Arts Coordination assigned 0.2 FTE current staff  
 STEM Coordination assigned with middle school gifted 1.0 FTE with current staff  
 Elementary teaching retirements filled 2.0 FTE

**Capital Outlay:**

Capital Expenditure Revision 2012-13:	
Allocates 2012-13 in full, adds Twins Grant matching commitment of \$ 30,000	
Capital 2012-13 expenditure revision:	\$ 233,127
Projected 2012-13 capital fund balance:	\$ 550,823

Abrahamson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Durand discussed with the Board options for a bond election, including dates, projects, financing options, referendum options, requirements and timeline scenarios.

Abrahamson motioned to reschedule the work session to discuss bond options to Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 6 PM in the board room. Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tryon motioned to change the family pass to \$200. Abrahamson seconded. Tryon rescinded his motion.

Smith motioned to change the family pass to \$190. Anderson seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Grimm motioned to approve the fee structure for 2012-13 school year as follows. Abrahamson seconded.

**Rockford High School**

Parking Permit	
Annual Fee	\$90.00
Trimester Fee	\$35.00
Daily Fee	\$3.00
Replacement Fee	\$5.00
Service fee for removal of the immobilization boot	\$30.00

**Rockford Middle/High School**

Instrument Rental	\$30.00	(does not include percussion)
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**Rockford Activities Department**

Jr High Sports/Co-curricular Fee	\$90.00	Family Maximum: \$400.00
Sr High Sports/Co-curricular Fee	\$125.00	Family Maximum: \$400.00
Jr High CoCurricular Fee	\$50.00	Family Maximum: \$400.00
Sr High CoCurricular Fee	\$75.00	Family Maximum: \$400.00
Sr Citizen Annual Pass	\$25.00	
Student Annual Pass	\$45.00	
Adult Annual Pass	\$65.00	
(Family Annual Pass)	\$190.00 (previous motion))	
Student Admission per event	\$4.00	(includes boys & girls soccer)
Adult Admission per event	\$6.00	
Band/Choir Performance Gate Charge Student		dropped
Band/Choir Performance Gate Charge Adult		dropped
MS Musical Gate Charge Student	\$2.00	
MS Musical Gate Charge Adult	\$4.00	

**Lunch Prices****2012-13**

Elementary Student	\$2.15
Middle School Student	\$2.40
High School Student	\$2.40
Adult	\$3.25
 Milk	 \$0.45
Breakfast	\$1.35

Motion passed unanimously.

**Safe and Welcoming Environment**

Grimm motioned to approve the Wright County Soccer Club request to place a banner on school property as proposed with no liability to the district if any damage to the banner happens to take place. Tryon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Durand introduced the new Rockee book to the Board and spoke about its development.

Superintendent Durand also spoke about the new community education flyer.

**Announcements**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the school board room.

Abrahamson motioned, Tryon seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Kathy Ehlers  
Recorder

Chuck Tryon  
Clerk