



**Independent School District #883
Regular School Board Meeting
June 18, 2012**

Chair Botten called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Members Abrahamson, Anderson, Botten, Smith and Tryon were present. Member Grimm arrived at 6:40 PM. Also present were Principals Ryan Jensen and Brenda Petersmeyer, Activities Director/Assistant Principal Glenn Klaphake, and Business Manager Sandy Strozyk. Superintendent Paul Durand arrived at 6:47 PM.

Anderson motioned to approve the agenda. Tyron seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

- **Staff Receiving Tenure** – The board recognized Tamara Hedeem, Rachel Yakesh, and Lynn Novisky for receiving tenure in our school district. Tamara Hedeem is our Title 1 Reading Teacher at the elementary school, Rachel Yakesh is a kindergarten teacher and Lynn Novisky is special education teacher at the middle school.
- **Leaders in Educational Excellence Award** – The board recognized teachers Kim Andres, Jan Kintner, and Mark Vatsndal for being nominated by their buildings to represent Rockford at this year's LEEA ceremony and banquet, held by Resource Training and Solutions in October.
- **Educational Support Staff Awards** – The board recognized Katie Curlew, Christa Larson and Connie Aarsvold have been nominated by their co-workers to represent Rockford at this year's Educational Support Staff Award banquet, sponsored by Resource Training and Solutions scheduled for September.
- **Kindness Council** - Nick Jacobs was recognized for his leadership with the REAMS Kindness Council this year. He collaborated with the council to create many opportunities for REAMS students to be leaders through kind actions and words.
- **Buildings and Grounds** - Maureen Mullen was recognized for her exceptional leadership in her first year as our building and grounds director. Maureen has spearheaded many initiatives for our district.
- **Technology** - John Engel was recognized for his exceptional leadership in his first year as our technology director. John rolled up his sleeves during his first weeks of employment and never stopped through the year as he implemented several initiatives for our district.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Items

Abrahamson motioned, seconded by Anderson, to approve the following consent items:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting-May 21, 2012
- Minutes of the Special Meeting-June 6, 2012
- Personnel:
 1. Approval of Tenure-Lynn Novitsky, Rachel Yakesh and Tamara Hedeem.
 2. Lani Brown-Worley, hire as Q Comp Advisor for the 2012-13 school year
 3. Amy Denneson-hire as Middle School Principal/Director of Teaching and Learning
 4. Rebecca McGrane, approval of child care leave effective approximately December 14, 2012 through March 4, 2013 as per request.

5. Carey Sang, approval of child care leave effective approximately November 26, 2012 through February 4, 2013 as per request.
6. Non-renewal of Contracts for 2011-12 Long-Term Substitutes
 - Kimberly Baird, James Carr, Tamra Flanigan
7. Joe Peatrowsky, resignation as secondary science teacher, pending finding suitable replacement
8. Summer Galaxy Kids – short-term summer help only
 - Michelle Nichols, Trevor Schroeder, Brianna Mallak, Jay Diaferio
 Student Helpers-- Shaun Palm, Rachel Neumann
 Substitute-- Cody Miller
- Bills and Wire Transfers:

General Fund	\$	317,933.37
Food Service	\$	55,675.16
Community Services	\$	23,624.35
Debt Service	\$	75.03
Agency Fund	\$	22,586.00
Total	\$	419,893.91

 Wire Transfers totaling \$ 200,000
- Open Enrollments
 1. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled to ISD 877
 2. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 281
 3. Student in Grade 9, open enrolled to ISD 276
 4. Student in Grade 11, open enrolled to ISD 276
 5. Student in Grade 5, open enrolled from ISD 877
 6. Student in Grade 6, open enrolled from ISD 728
 7. Student in Grade 7, open enrolled from ISD 279
- Donations from City of Rockford, and Box Tops for Education
- Approval of Galaxy Kids Program Rate Schedule-Short-term, Summer Help only, for Assistants \$10/hr., Student \$7.25/hr., and Substitutes at \$10/hr.

Motion passed unanimously.

Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

Business Manager Strozyk updated the board on the end of school enrollment as well as 2012-13 student projections. An enrollment report will be included at the July and August regular meetings.

Activities Director Glenn Klaphake and RACE representatives Michelle Byers, Chad Robran and Jason Calder updated the board on the history of RACE (Rockford Area Collaborative Effort), its grant application process and on district's softball pinwheel project with the Twins grant.

High Student Achievement

Excel Coordinator/Assistant Principal Amy Denneson presented the middle school principals report on behalf of Principal Marie Flanary on the value-added planning for staff for the 2012-13 school year. The planning included curriculum units, integrative themes and partnership activities. STEM showcase will be held on November 1. She also updated the board on staffing interviews.

Principal Petersmeyer updated the board on Move Up and Transition Days, Sowah Mensah performance, track and field day, math staff training, and arts magnet staff training. Brenda also updated the board on staff interviews.

Principal Jensen gave a report on the graduation ceremony, the graduation appeal process, MCA math scores, on-line MCA math remediation program, third trimester report cards, 2012-13 master schedule and staffing interviews. He also spoke to the board regarding open positions at the high school. He will bring the 2012 Senior Exit survey results at the August meeting.

Director of Teaching and Learning Ave Beaupre gave written report on the assessment schedules, curriculum cycle for 2012-13, QComp staff development, and summer staff development training.

Superintendent Durand gave a report on the various meetings, school events, area meetings, MAWSECO superintendent meeting, administrative meetings, GE open house, Best Prep luncheon and meeting, Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Diploma dinner, TIES Technology Academy and upcoming events.

Community Education Director Flanary gave a written report on the Community Education Advisory Council meeting and program updates in early childhood, community center, Galaxy Kids and community ed.

Director of Teaching and Learning Beaupre gave a written report on the QComp program for this past school year with the summary of findings and recommendation.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the QComp Annual Report for 2011-12 as presented. Grimm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tryon motioned to approve the Quality Compensation program for the 2012-13 school year as presented. Anderson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Teaching and Learning Beaupre presented a written report of the District Staff Development Program. Approval is planned for the July regular meeting.

Fiscal Responsibility

Business Manager Strozyk gave updates to the board on the treasurer's report, recycling grant, summary of highlights from the year, food service program, and transportation program. She commends Deb Graunke and the Taher staff for a great job on the food service program in the district.

Grimm motioned to approve acceptance of the MDE intervention specialist grant and add a 1.0 FTE intervention specialist position. Smith seconded. Motioned carried unanimously. Anderson was absent for this vote.

Business Manage Strozyk gave an update on the work and research with the proposed bond election in November.

Anderson motioned to approve the commercial insurance with Hanover for 2012-13 as proposed. Tryon seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Botten asked for more information on the MSHSL accident policy.

Efficient and Effective Operations

Buildings and Grounds Director Maureen Mullen gave an update on the 2011-12 projects including an online maintenance/work request program, recycling program and cleaning product conversion and the upcoming summer project list.

Technology Director John Engel presented an overview of technology activities for 2011-12 including a centralized technology department, recycling obsolete equipment, webcasting, classroom technology and online help desk system as well as a summary of upgrades and additions planned for the 2012-13 school year including server storage expansion, implementing facilities schedule online system and wireless expansion.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the Rockford Area Schools Technology Plan for 2013-2015 as presented. Grimm seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the revised 2011-12 school year calendar to reflect the snow day on February 29, 2012. Tryon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Tryon motioned to approve final reading of the 807 Health and Safety Policy as presented and the Health and Safety Finance Code Expenditures for 2012-13. Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Abrahamson motioned to approve the following handbooks with changes as presented.

- REAMS Parent and Student Handbook
- REAMS Staff Handbook
- RMS-CES Student/Parent Handbook
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- RHS Student/Parent Handbook
- RHS Staff Handbook
- RHS Coaching/Advisor Handbook
- Rockford Community Center Staff Handbook
- Launching Pad Preschool Parent Handbook
- Rockford Early Childhood Programs Staff Handbook
- Galaxy Kids Program Parent Handbook
- Galaxy Kids Program Staff Handbook

Grimm seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Grimm motioned to hold the final reading and approve the 611 Home Schooling Policy. Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The individual board members gave reports on their committee assignments.

Announcements

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2012 at 6:30 PM in Rockford Middle School Board Room.

Chair Botten recessed the meeting at 9:05 PM and closed the meeting at 9:15 PM to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

Chair Botten reopened the meeting at 10:30 PM and stated that the board discussed the superintendent's evaluation.

Abrahamson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 PM, seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Ehlers
Recorder

Chuck Tryon
Clerk