

**ROCKFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**

*Administration Building  
December 19, 2008*

**CLOSED SESSION**

The special meeting of the Rockford Board of Education was called to order by President Nancy Kalchbrenner at 10:40 a.m.

Present: President Nancy Kalchbrenner, Vice President Michael J. Williams,  
Secretary David Kelley, Mr. Harmon Mitchell.  
Absent: Mr. Robert Evans, Mrs. Alice Saudargas, Mrs. Jeanne K. Westholder.

**Motion** by Mr. Williams, **seconded** by Mr. Mitchell, that the Board **hold** a Closed Session in Room 202 to consider the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; the discipline of students; pending or imminent litigation; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2 (c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Ayes: Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

**Motion** by Mr. Williams, **seconded** by Mr. Mitchell, that the Board **reconvene** in Open Session.

**Approved** on voice vote.

The Board was in closed session from 10:42 a.m. until 11:10 p.m.

**Motion** by Mr. Williams, **seconded** by Mr. Mitchell, that the meeting be **recessed** at 11:10 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

**Approved** on voice vote.

**OPEN SESSION**

President Nancy Kalchbrenner called the special meeting of the Rockford Board of Education to order at 11:17 a.m.

Following a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Present: President Nancy Kalchbrenner, Vice President Michael J. Williams, Secretary David Kelley, Mr. Harmon Mitchell.

Absent: Mr. Robert Evans, Mrs. Alice Saudargas, Mrs. Jeanne K. Westholder.

*Following the closed session, Mrs. Kalchbrenner made the following statement: The Board in closed session considered the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; the discipline of students; pending or imminent litigation; or other matters provided for pursuant to §2(c) of the Open Meetings Act. Action will be taken on these items in open session.*

## PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Mitchell complimented Barbour School on their Metal Drum Show performance.

Mrs. Kalchbrenner thanked the Lincoln Middle School students who wrote letters to the Rockford Register Star News Editor.

## CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes – November 4, 18 & December 8, 2008
- B. Personnel
- C. Payroll
- D. Accounts Payable Checks
- E. Purchase Orders
- F. Contracts \$10,000 & Under
- G. Recurring Contracts
  - 1. La Voz Latina for Early Childhood Block Grant Prevention Initiative
  - 2. Larkin Center – 152877
  - 3. Rock River Academy - 128667
- H. Acceptance of Grants
  - 1. Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for ACE High School
  - 2. Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program Grants
  - 3. ISBE for the Beginning Teacher Induction Program
- I. Closed Session Items
  - 1. Release of Redacted Closed Session Minutes, July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007
  - 2. Student Discipline
    - a) Student Discipline AF1 – expelled from school and all school-sponsored activities and prohibited from being on school grounds without the prior written permission of the principal for the remainder of the 1st semester of the 2008-2009 school year with recommendation for alternative placement, and the ten (10) day suspension is affirmed.
    - b) Student Discipline KW2 - suspended for ten (10) days out of school. Any time served in suspension for this infraction is affirmed.
    - c) Student Discipline DP3 – expelled from school and all school-sponsored activities and prohibited from being on school grounds without the prior written permission of the principal for the remainder of the 1st semester of the 2008-2009 school year with recommendation for alternative placement, and the ten (10) day suspension is affirmed.
    - d) Student Discipline MR4 – expelled from school and all school-sponsored activities and prohibited from being on school grounds without the prior written permission of the principal for the remainder of the 1st semester of the 2008-2009 school year with recommendation for alternative placement, and the ten (10) day suspension is affirmed.
    - e) Student Discipline OM5 – expelled from school and all school-sponsored activities and prohibited from being on school grounds without the prior written permission of

the principal for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year with recommendation for alternative placement, and the ten (10) day suspension is affirmed.

- f) Student Discipline TD6 – expelled from school and all school-sponsored activities and prohibited from being on school grounds without the prior written permission of the principal for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year with recommendation for alternative placement, and the ten (10) day suspension is affirmed.
- g) Student Discipline CR7 – suspended for ten (10) days out of school. Any time served in suspension for this infraction is affirmed.
- h) Student Discipline MG8 – suspended for ten (10) days out of school. Any time served in suspension for this infraction is affirmed.
- i) Student Discipline JB9 - suspended for ten (10) days out of school. Any time served in suspension for this infraction is affirmed.

J. Other Consent Items

- 1. 2009 Group Health Insurance Contracts
- 2. District Improvement Plan – 2008
- 3. Financial Results Year-to-Date, November 2008
- 4. Interest Transfer from Working Cash, November 2008
- 5. Monthly Investment Report, November 2008
- 6. Out of District Tuition Rates for 2008-2009
- 7. School Improvement Plans - 2008

**Motion** by Mr. Williams, **seconded** by Mr. Kelley, that the Board **approve** the consent items.

Ayes: Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*"Last month I began giving the Board monthly reports on attendance and discipline. I will be providing them a November attendance report this evening.*

*I want to remind you that all schools will be closed on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen on Monday, January 5. Please be aware that our children will be out of school during the holidays and to drive with caution. Administrative offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and again on Thursday and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*The Board received a copy of the Strategic Plan a few weeks ago; tonight it is being shared with the public. It focuses on five areas: school climate, student achievement, community collaboration & communication, staffing and infrastructure.*

*I would like to thank the Board of Education, my cabinet members, teachers and everyone in District 205 for a wonderful year. Have a safe and joyful holiday season."*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Education Committee: *Next meeting will be on January 6 to discuss the Legacy Academy of Excellence Charter School Proposal.*

Operations Committee: *No report.*

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### A. Alternative Unlimited Tutoring

**Motion** by Mr. Kelley, **seconded** by Mr. Williams, that the Board to **approve** Alternatives Unlimited Tutoring.

Ayes: Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kalchbrenner.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

### B. Board Policy 4.60 Operational Services; Purchases and Contracts

*In response to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Hoffman stated that he and the director of purchasing are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.*

**Motion** by Mr. Kelley, **seconded** by Mr. Williams, that the Board to **approve** Board Policy 4.60 Operational Services; Purchases and Contracts.

Ayes: Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

### C. Columbia College Partnership

**Motion** by Mr. Williams, **seconded** by Mr. Kelley, that the Board to **approve** Columbia College Partnership.

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

### D. United Faith Outreach

**Motion** by Mr. Mitchell, **seconded** by Mr. Williams, that the Board to **approve** United Faith Outreach.

Ayes: Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

## **OTHER BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS/AGENDA RECOMMENDATIONS**

### A. Board Policy 4.70 Operational Services, Resource Conservation

### B. \*\*Educate Online

*In response to Mr. Williams, Mr. Portillo stated that he will provide statistics to Mr. Williams on enrollment and that there is no minimum requirement.*

There were no objections to suspending the rules to vote on this item.

**Motion** by Mr. Kelley, **seconded** by Mr. Williams, that the Board to **approve** Educate Online.

Ayes: Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

C. Employment Eligibility Verification Program (E-Verify)

D. \*\*Gateway Learning

There were no objections to suspending the rules to approve this item.

**Motion** by Mr. Mitchell, **seconded** by Mr. Kelley, that the Board to **approve** Gateway Learning.

Ayes: Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kalchbrenner.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

E. Resolution for Designated Representative(s) to Receive Nominating Papers

There were no objections to suspending the rules to approve this item.

**Motion** by Mr. Williams, **seconded** by Mr. Kelley, that the Board to **approve** Resolution for Designated Representative(s) to Receive Nominating Papers.

Ayes: Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

F. \*\*Rockford Housing Authority

There were no objections to suspending the rules to approve this item.

**Motion** by Mr. Williams, **seconded** by Mr. Kelley, that the Board to **approve** Rockford Housing Authority.

Ayes: Mr. Williams, Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

G. \*\*Tutorial Services

There were no objections to suspending the rules to approve this item.

**Motion** by Mr. Mitchell, **seconded** by Mr. Williams, that the Board to **approve** Tutorial Services.

Ayes: Mrs. Kalchbrenner, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Williams.

Nays: None.

Absent: Mr. Evans, Mrs. Saudargas, Mrs. Westholder.

**Approved** 4-0-3.

H. Freedom of Information Act Log

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Williams, to adjourn at 11:36 a.m.  
Approved on voice vote.

PRESIDENT: Nancy Kalchbrenner /s/  
Nancy Kalchbrenner

SECRETARY: David Kelley /s/  
David L. Kelley

APPROVED: 01/20/2009  
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