

**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 3A  
ROCHESTER, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**REGULAR MEETING, August 16, 2023**

The Rochester Board of Education met for a regular meeting on August 16, 2023. President Magoulias called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

THOSE PRESENT: Chris Jewell  
Bob Chiles  
Todd Hannah  
Amy Reynolds  
Dr. Christie Magoulias  
Don Carley

ABSENT: Aimee Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan W. Cox, Superintendent  
Suzanne Keller, Director of Educational Services  
Jennifer Shaw, Director of Special Education  
Kris Kahler, Director of Business Services  
Sarah Lockard, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Jeff Reed, RHS Principal  
Kim Poole, RJHS Principal  
Randy Krepel, RIS Asst. Principal  
Beth Wellbaum, RES 2-3 Principal  
Adrienne VanFossan, RES EC-1 Principal  
Samatha Sullivan, Special Education Coordinator  
Joe Michelich, Rochester Times

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Kristin LaMontagne - Addressed the Board requesting Board meetings be made more accessible by streaming the meetings

Leah Brock - Addressed the Board regarding busing information and double routing

Patti Tweron - Addressed the Board regarding the transportation department

Sara Randazzo

Sarah Kerley

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of all Regular and Closed Session Minutes of the Board of Education
- B. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with Village of Rochester for Resource Officer
- C. Approve Disposal of Verbatim Closed Session Recordings Older than 18 Months

Mr. Jewell made a motion to approve the consensus agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carley and carried unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **Investment Report**

Dr. Kahler reviewed the investment report. There were no comments or questions from the Board.

### **Approval of Bills/Payroll/Treasurer's Report**

The Board did not present any questions regarding the bills. Mr. Carley made a motion to approve the bills, payroll, and Treasurer's report. Mr. Jewell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Year to Date Fund Summary**

Dr. Kahler reviewed the year to date fund summary. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

### **Presentation of Rochester CUSD #3A budget FY24**

Dr. Kahler presented the FY24 budget. The FY24 budget will be on display at the District Office. A Public Hearing will be conducted prior to the September Board of Education meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **Director and Principal Reports**

Mr. Reed highlighted from the RHS report that the RHS had a great first day and was great to see senior students that he had in the elementary school. The Marching Rockets won first place in the Illinois State Fair Parade. Mrs. Godar won her pony show at the fair.

Mrs. Poole highlighted from the RJHS report that Junior High had a great first day. A new cell phone policy was put into place to remove cell phone use to enhance social interaction and reduce cyberbullying. All cell phones and earbuds are to remain in lockers.

Mr. Krepel highlighted from the RIS report that the morning assembly was great and the 4th graders had their signing day on August 9, 2023.

Mrs. Wellbaum reported that RES 2-3 had a great first day and complimented the staff for stepping up to help and making the first day a success.

Mrs. VanFossan highlighted that EC-1 students enjoyed the Popsicles with the Principal event. The first day of school was a success as staff and administrators worked together.

Mrs. Keller reported that all twenty-seven new teachers participated in the New Teacher Orientation. The energy of the two (2) day meeting was electric and Mrs. Keller thanked everyone involved who helped make it a success.

Mrs. Shaw reported that the Special Education Store was a hit again this year. SASSED was unable to secure a teacher for the visually impaired. Online vision services will shift to Vocavision and will be provided at a lesser cost.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Cox highlighted all the success for new student orientations, and commended the District's principals, teachers, staff, and students for the preparations made to ensure a successful start to the school year.

The engineering survey for tennis courts has been completed. Initial plans will be presented to

the administration in the near future. Prior to any work commencing the plans will be presented to the Building Committee and/or Board of Education as required by the size and scope of the work discussed. The current condition of the courts combined with needing the ability to start the work as soon as possible, has led to the decision to rent tennis courts and SouthEast High School for home meets and practices this season.

Work will begin on the electronic sign in the coming weeks. The old electronic sign will be repurposed and placed at the RES campus.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to bring before the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion to Reschedule Regular September Meeting of the Board of Education**

The regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Education to be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30pm will be rescheduled for the same evening beginning at 7:15pm to allow time for individuals to attend the homecoming parade. The Budget Hearing will be scheduled at 7:00pm.

**First Reading of Revisions and Updates to Board of Education Policies**

Policies to be updated and revised are included for first reading. A Policy Committee meeting will be scheduled prior to second reading and approval.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Carley made a motion to go into closed session for purposes defined in: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jewell and passed unanimously.

The Board entered into closed session at 7:21 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:02 p.m.

**Approve Personnel Report**

Mrs. Reynolds made a motion to approve the personnel report, which was seconded by Mr. Chiles and passed unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

***Licensed Staff:***

Doerfler, Megan	Science Teacher, RJHS
Sergent, Jessica	Kindergarten Teacher, RES EC-1

***Support Staff:***

Ealey, Julei	Recess Supervisor, RES EC-1 and 2-3
Rice, Pamela	Special Education Aide, RHS

**Extra-Curricular Staff:**

Busboom, Emma	Assistant Cross Country Coach, RJHS
Cochran, Peggy	Head Literary Coach, RJHS/RIS
Eubanks, Timothy	7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, RIS
Green, Stephanie	Assistant Volleyball Coach, JHS
Gripper, Christian	Assistant Track Position, RJHS
Kelley, Andrew	Assistant Track Position, RJHS
Salazar, Rolando	Heads Boys Tennis Coach, RHS
Schneider, Lindsay	Sophomore Class Sponsor, RHS
Seitz, Olivia	Junior Class Sponsor, RHS

**Volunteer Extra-Curricular Staff:**

Schedule, Mark	Robotics Club, RHS
Will, Brian	Robotics Club, RHS

**RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS:**

**Licensed Staff:**

Trexler, Andrea	English Teacher, RJHS, Effective the end of the 2026-2027 School Year
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**Support Staff:**

Anderson, Patricia	Recess Supervisor, RES, Effective August 13, 2023
Becker, Christi	Special Education Aide, District, Effective August 9, 2023
Myren, Anjanette	Literacy Aide, RES, Effective August 3, 2023
Surbeck, Gregory	School Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective August 31, 2023

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

**Licensed Staff:**

Lyons, Audrianna	English Teacher, RJHS, Effective February 23, 2024 through May 20, 2024
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Hannah made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. that was seconded by Mrs. Reynolds and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Christie Magoulias, President  
Board of Education

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Amy Reynolds, Recording Secretary  
Board of Education