



ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 883 BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Tradition of Excellence, One Student at a Time

Agenda for December 4, 2023

6:30 PM

District Board Room

6051 Ash Street

Rockford, MN 55373

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
 - A. Board Roll Call
2. Renewal of existing operating levy discussion 3
3. Strategic Plan Timeline 5
4. Community Survey
5. Inclement Weather Plan
6. Reflection on 2023 assignments and planning for January 2024 Organizational Meeting 6
7. Closed Session -- Negotiations Strategies
8. **BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Negotiations Committee Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2023 at 3:30 pm in RMS-CES Conference Room 11
Policy Committee Meeting: Monday, December 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the District Office Board Room
Levy Renewal Hearing: Monday, December 18, 2023 at 5:45 pm in the District Office Board Room
Truth in Taxation and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room
9. **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.*



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rockford Board of Education

Jamie Hillstrom

Eric Gordee

Jenny Kneeland

Amy Edwards

Jessica Johnson

Beth Praska

Superintendent Jeff Ridlehoover

RESOLUTION RELATING TO
RENEWAL OF AN EXPIRING REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 126C.17, Subd. 9b, allows the School Board to renew an expiring referendum.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 126C.17, Subd. 9b, sets forth the following requirements to renew an expiring referendum:

- 1) The per pupil amount of the referendum is the same as the amount expiring, or for an expiring referendum that was adjusted annually by the rate of inflation, the same as the per-pupil amount of the expiring referendum, adjusted annually for inflation in the same manner as if the expiring referendum had continued;
- 2) the term of the renewed referendum is no longer than the initial term approved by the voters;
- 3) the school board has held a meeting and allowed public testimony on the proposed renewal; and
- 4) the expiring referendum has not been previously renewed under Minnesota Statutes 126C17, Subd. 9b.

WHEREAS, the expiring referendum is within the last two fiscal years of the term of the referendum.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. _____, State of Minnesota, as follows:

The Board hereby determines and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the school district to extend and renew the general education revenue provided by an expiring referendum passed by the voters of the school district on Month Day, Year. This referendum was passed with an amount of \$ _____ per adjusted pupil unit and for a term of _____ years. [*Optional if it applies:* The expiring referendum included an inflationary adjustment provision as provided by Minnesota Statute 126C.17]

The term of the renewed referendum will be _____ years beginning taxes payable [Insert Year].

The clerk is authorized to send this adopted resolution, no later than September 1 of the calendar year in which this resolution was adopted, to the commissioner of the education and to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

This resolution becomes effective 60 days after adoption.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by

and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS
COUNTY OF _____)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. _____
(_____), Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and
correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the school board of said school district duly called and
held on the date therein indicated, so far as such minutes relate to the calling of a special election of said
school district, and that the resolution included therein is a full, true and correct copy of the original
thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such clerk this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Clerk



Rockford Area Schools Strategic Directions

<u>Strategic Direction</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Student Achievement and Growth	Provide high quality instruction, curriculum, and professional development for staff, to impact our students through a robust learning experience.	Through continuous improvement, provide each and every student with a comprehensive education that gives students opportunities to pursue their own personal/professional goals and aspirations.
Healthy and Supportive Environment	Promote respect and collaboration in order to foster secure relationships where all people feel valued and safe. Cultivating a culture to empower all to share new and innovative ideas, and advocate for their own wellbeing, as well as the wellbeing of others.	People do better when they feel better.
Community, School and Family Partnerships	Strengthen and grow supportive and trusting relationships through community outreach and partnerships that encourage collaboration to drive school and community growth.	Community and family engagement promotes school success and satisfaction. Partnerships based on mutual trust and support help to foster this involvement.
Culture of Collective Purpose	Through interconnectedness & interdependence, we create a school community where each person belongs, contributes and feels a sense of ownership.	To create a culture of connectedness where each individual understands their unique value and vital role as part of the school community.
Stewardship of Resources	Strategically investing our resources in a responsible and efficient way that ensures the best possible educational experience for students while also promoting sustainability and ethical financial practices.	To create systems and structures that allow our resources, for quality educational experiences, to be maximized and provide transparency and trust throughout the school community.

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**ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS
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BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Subject: Reflection on 2023 assignments and planning for January 2024
Organizational Meeting**

Meeting Date: December 4, 2023

Prepared by: Superintendent's Office

Date Prepared: December 4, 2023

Information Briefing Action Enclosure Item(s)

Time for Board members to reflect on 2023 committee and officer assignments, review policy 213 and explore 2024 plans.



ROCKFORD AREA SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES		2022	2023
1	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Gordee	Kneeland
		Edwards	Gordee
		TBD	Hillstrom
2	POLICY COMMITTEE	Johnson	Johnson
		TBD	Edwards
		TBD	Praska
3	BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE	Edwards	Gordee
		Gordee	Kneeland
		TBD	Edwards
4	NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE	Gordee	Johnson
		Johnson	Praska
		Praska	Edwards
SCHOOL BOARD AD HOC COMMITTEES		2022	2023
5	MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE (MSHSL)	Kneeland	Kneeland
		Anderson	Hillstrom
6	FACILITIES COMMITTEE	Edwards	Gordee
		Gordee	Edwards
7	CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE	Johnson	Johnsons
		Kneeland	Kneeland
8	CURRICULUM ADVISORY SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE	Anderson	Hillstrom
		Praska	Praska
9	COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD	Kneeland	Kneeland
		Anderson	Hillstrom
10	CHAMBER COMMITTEE	Praska	Kneeland
		Anderson	Praska
11	LEGISLATIVE/MSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	Gordee	Gordee
		Praska	Praska
12	MEEKER & WRIGHT SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE (MAWSECO)	Johnson	Johnson
		Anderson	Praska
13	NORTHWEST SUBURBAN INTEGRATION SCHOOL DISTRICT (NWSISD)	Gordee	Gordee
		Praska	Hillstrom
14	SEE and MREA REPRESENTATIVE	Praska	Praska
		Kneeland	Kneeland
15	DISTRICT STAFF DEVELOPMENT	Kneeland	Kneeland
		Praska	Praska
16	COMMITTEE AT-LARGE	Anderson	Kneeland
		Kneeland	Gordee
		Gordee	Edwards
17	ASSOCIATION OF METRO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	Edwards	Gordee
		Praska	Edwards

Kneeland (Alternate)



Adopted: 9/18/00

Reviewed: 2007

Revised: 06/16/08, 11/21/2022

Orig. 1996

213 SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the structure and the operation of committees or subcommittees of the school board.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the school board to designate school board committees or subcommittees when it is determined that a committee process facilitates the mission of the school board.
- B. The school board has determined that certain permanent standing committees, as described in this policy, do facilitate the operation of the school board and the school district.
- C. A school board committee or subcommittee will be formed by school board resolution, which shall outline the duties and purpose of the committee or subcommittee.
- D. A committee or subcommittee is advisory in nature and has only such authority as specified by the school board.
- E. The school board will receive reports or recommendations from a committee or subcommittee for consideration. The school board, however, retains the right and has the duty to make all final decisions related to such reports or recommendations.
- F. The school board also may establish such ad hoc committees for specific purposes, as it deems appropriate.
- G. The school board reserves the right to limit, create or abolish any standing or ad hoc committee as it deems appropriate.
- H. A committee of the school board shall not appoint a subcommittee of that committee without approval of the school board.

III. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- A. The school board hereby appoints the following standing committees:
 - 1. Finance
 - 2. Policy
 - 3. Building and Grounds

4. Negotiations Committee(s) for various employee groups
- B. The school board will establish, by resolution, for each standing or ad hoc committee the number of members, the term and the charge or mission of each such committee.
- C. The school board chair shall appoint the members of each standing or ad hoc committee and designate the chair thereof.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

- A. All meetings of committees or subcommittees shall be open to the public in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, and notice shall be given as prescribed by law.
- B. A committee or subcommittee shall act only within the guidelines and mission established for that committee or subcommittee by the school board.
- C. Actions of a committee or subcommittee shall be by majority vote and be consistent with the governing rules of the school board.
- D. The committee or subcommittee shall designate a secretary who will record the minutes of actions of the school board committee.
- E. The power of a committee or subcommittee of the school board is advisory only and is limited to making recommendations to the school board.
- F. A committee or subcommittee of the school board shall, when appropriate, clarify in any dealings with the public that its powers are only advisory to the school board.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 13D (Open Meeting Law)

Cross References: MSBA Model Policy 201 (Legal Status of the School Board)
MSBA Model Policy 203 (Operation of the School Board - Governing Rules)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 13, School Law Bulletin "C" (Minnesota's Open Meeting Law)