

May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026 6:00 PM

Board Room, 350 N. Main Street, Rockford, MI 49341

Call to Order	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
Approval of Agenda	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
Recognition	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
1. Student Representative Report	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
Consent Agenda	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
1. Presentation of Bills in the amount of \$8,301,778.29	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
2. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2026, Regular Meeting	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
3. Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2026, Special Meeting	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
4. Kent ISD Budget	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
Recognition of Visitors and Hearing of People Present	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
New Business	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
1. Board Vacancy Candidate Interview Selection	Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President
2. PKS ECC Playground Access Bid Review	Speaker (s) : Allison Clements, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
3. Bond Refunding Ratifying Resolution	Speaker (s) : Allison Clements, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
4. Certified New Hires	Speaker (s) : Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant

5. Special Policy - First Reading	<p>Superintendent of Human Resources</p> <p>Speaker (s) : Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources</p>
6. Skyward ERP Migration	<p>Speaker (s) : Allison Clements, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations</p>
7. Furniture purchase	<p>Speaker (s) : Mike Ramm, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	
1. Spring Policies - 2nd Reading	<p>Speaker (s) : Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources</p>
<p>Reports</p>	
1. Collaborative Reports	<p>Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President</p>
2. Committee & Liaison Reports	<p>Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President</p>
3. MASB Training Update	<p>Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President</p>
4. Site Improvement Methodology	<p>Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President</p>
5. Bus Inspections	<p>Speaker (s) : Allison Clements, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations</p>
<p>Superintendent Remarks</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	
	<p>Speaker (s) : Jarrod Folsom, Board President</p>



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

April 20, 2026

Date | time Monday, April 20, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.

Location Administration Boardroom

Meeting called to order with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance by President Folsom

In Attendance

Board of Education: Tricia Anderson, Kelley Freridge, Barb Helms, Jarrod Folsom, Jake Himmelspach, Andrea Jacobson, Christie Ramsey

Administration: Dr. Steve Matthews Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Allison Clements, Mike Ramm, Jodi Nester

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Christie Ramsey with support from Kelley Freridge. There was a motion to add an item (Board Comments) to the agenda by Tricia Anderson. There was support by Barb Helms. There was discussion regarding adding this agenda item. Motion to add agenda item was voted on with yea votes from Tricia Anderson and Barb Helms and Nay votes from other five board members. The motion to approve the agenda as presented passed with a Nay vote from Tricia Anderson and Barb Helms and Yea votes from the other five board members. Motion carried.

Recognition

The board recognized the Boys Basketball team who recently won the state championship by presenting them with certificates. They also recognized two individual wrestlers who also won a recent state championship with certificates.

Dr. Kyle Avink, Crestwood Elementary Principal, was recognized for his recent completion of his doctoral degree.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Kelley Freridge with support from Andrea Jacobson. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Presentation of bills in the amount of \$ 14,121,030.19
2. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting
3. Approval of Tenure List
4. 27L Payment
5. \$1,500 Girls Track Donation

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

New Business

1. KIASB Board of Directors Ballot – There was discussion regarding the ballot for the KIASB board of directors. There are four people running for four seats. There was a motion to vote for the four candidates as presented on the ballot by Jarrod Folsom with support from Andrea Jacobson. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Certified Staff New Hire – Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford presented a new hire for an open art teacher at Rockford High School to the board for approval. Motion to approve by Kelley Freridge with support from Christie Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Spring Policies – First Reading - Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford presented spring policy updates to the board. Since this is a first reading, no action is necessary.
4. Staff Appreciation Resolution – Dr. Matthews presented a resolution for staff appreciation week of May 4th with staff appreciation day being May 5, 2026. Motion to approve by Barb Helms with support from Jake Himmelspach. Motion passed unanimously.
5. A proposal for the purchase of iPad devices for elementary students was presented. There was discussion regarding the need for the new devices and the number of devices being ordered. Motion to approve by Jake Himmelspach with support by Andrea Jacobson. Motion passed with 6 yea votes and one nay vote from Barb Helms.

Old Business

None.

Reports

Student Rep Report – RHS Student Representative to the Board, Leah R, gave a presentation on all of the exciting things happening at RPS. She spoke about the Josten's Renaissance conference, Student Council, Appreciation for the theatre and media departments.

Dr. Matthews thanked the Kent ISD for conducting the recent Bond survey and for presenting the results. These results will be posted on our website. She introduced the new Student Council Board.

Rockford Education Foundation – The REF gave a presentation and showed a video about the many things that the REF has been able to help RPS with this year. There is an 18 member Board of Trustees and the Non-Profit organization works closely with the district to help with needs.

Early Childhood Center Update – Melissa Cochrill, Director of Child Care and Preschool Services and Mindy McGinn, Principal of Parkside Early Childhood Center gave a presentation with updates on the Early Childhood program. They discussed recently conducted surveys – A Family Culture survey and a Staff Culture Survey. They also presented a recap of survey results.

Collaborative Reports

Dr. Kyle Avink, Principal of Crestwood Elementary, gave a report on things that are happening this spring at the elementary level. March is reading month. All of the building celebrated this. Spring is busy for field trips and concerts. Because of space limitations, some buildings have fall concerts and some have

spring concerts. Kindergarten screening is happening soon, and students are also busy participating in the MSTEP.

Jennie Thompson, Director of River Valley Academy, gave a report on things happening at the Secondary Level. Both Middle Schools have submitted applications to be honored as Model PLC Schools. The Freshman Center celebrated Student Celebration week prior to Spring Break which included daily prizes and fun raffle prizes as well. The High School is busy with state testing and at River Valley Academy they are working on career and college readiness.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Dr. Korie Wilson-Crawford, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources spoke about the Skyward Migration for the Human Resources and Financial information system. This will be a new version of Skyward. Kelley Freridge also gave some information about the enhanced security of the new system. Carl Vanderzee, President of Communications by Design, talked about the security enhancements and the benefits of updating the Skyward software. He discussed where our data would be stored and other benefits of the updated system.

Christie Ramsey gave an overview of the Curriculum committee meeting and Mike Ramm, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction discussed software improvements and the PowerSchool change and the Professional Learning Plan for the update. There is a new 9th grade STEAM hands on program that will be available for students.

MASB Training Updates

The Spring institute is early May. Christie, Jake and Kelley all received certificates for completing their 200 level training.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Matthews thanked the community for communicating with the District. He talked about the results of the Kent ISD survey and the work the District has to do. We are taking this information and reflecting. We are hopeful that we can do more surveys by the end of the school year.

Dr. Matthews talked about the different ways of learning he sees in the buildings when he visits. Students benefit from digital and non-digital learning.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes – Special Meeting

May 1, 2026

Date | time Monday, May 1, 2026 | 5:30 p.m.

Location Administration Team Room

Meeting called to order with a moment of silence by President Folsom

In Attendance

Board of Education: Kelley Freridge, Jarrod Folsom, Andrea Jacobson, Christie Ramsey

Administration: Mike Ramm, Jodi Nester

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Christie Ramsey with support from Kelley Freridge. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Establishment

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Mike Ramm discussed the need for a reinstatement committee to be formed due to a parent request for reinstatement for their child. Per Board Policy 5610 a committee of Two Board Members, One Administrator, One Teacher and One Parent was presented and approved. This committee will meet and bring their recommendation to the Board of Education during the June 13, 2026, meeting.

Recognition of Visitors & Hearing of People Present – Public Comment

Audience Participation. No action taken.

Adjournment

President Folsom adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Secretary, Board of Education