

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR ROCKDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 84**

715 Meadow Avenue Rockdale, Illinois, Monday, May 3, 2021

Teleconference 4:00 p.m.

1. Call meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call of Committee Members
3. Review of multi-year strategic plan
  - a. Address impact of COVID-19 in all (5) areas of plan
  - b. Discuss potential impact of COVID-19 on 2021-2022 school year
4. Public Comment
5. Adjournment

Minutes for the Committee Meeting on 5/3/2021:

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.
2. Committee members present: Rockdale Parent/Community Member, Anne Slabaugh, J.H. Mathematics Teacher, Hannah Kirk, Music Teacher, Beth Kelch, and Rockdale Superintendent, Dr. Paul Schrik.
3. The committee reviewed 2020-2021 school year progress of the three-year strategic plan.
  - a. Student Achievement/Curriculum
    - i. The Academic Goals Committee chose not to perform a needs assessment as the response to the global pandemic has prioritized professional development for the 20210-2022 school year.
    - ii. During the current school year, the district's comprehensive assessment program, iReady, has been utilized for both remote and now in-person ELA assessment.
    - iii. The Director of Technology will present a budget plan for technology to the Board at its May 2021 regular meeting.
    - iv. Class size for all grade levels, K-5, will be split between two teachers per grade level by utilizing ESSER stimulus money.
  - b. Programs and Services
    - i. Due to the global pandemic the district was only able to offer virtual band/choir. Some unused budgeted expenses were used to purchase new volleyball uniforms.
    - ii. The school library acquired flexible furniture at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, but the library remains closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.
    - iii. A science committee has been established to review district curriculum/practices. Committee members virtually attended a national science conference.
  - c. Facilities
    - i. The Facilities Committee met three times during the 2020-2021 school year. The committee reviewed the district's maintenance projects from last summer and, given the global pandemic and 10-Year Life Safety Plan, developed a list of maintenance projects to bring to the Board at its regular meeting in May.
    - ii. The staff received individual online certification training in ALICE, with the anticipation of completing school-wide intruder drill scenarios during the February 2022 teachers' institute.
  - d. District Finances
    - i. The Finance Committee met three times during the 2020-2021 school year to discuss the district's current year's budget, the effect of the global pandemic on the current budget, and anticipated revenues/expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year.
    - ii. ESSER I, II, and III federal grants, Title I, II, III, and IV, ASP, along with transportation and nutritional grant funding has provided the district unique, and in some cases, additional, grant funding as a consequence of the global pandemic.
    - iii. The Superintendent has been in contact with Freshman Senator, John Connor, from Crest Hill to ask for support in reference to amending the state budget to include additional revenue for districts such as Rockdale that are heavily reliant on CPPRT revenue.

- e. Community/District Relations
  - i. The district has utilized its additional communication medium, Apptegy, as a key component in communicating with staff, parents, and the community, especially during full-remote instruction when in-person communication was not an option.
  - ii. Even with Apptegy, district email, the district website, the school marquee, School Board Meetings, and the walk-up option, virtual meetings the global pandemic has prevented in-person communication with parents as it relates to Open House, Parent/Teacher Conferences, P.T.O. meetings, etc. The district continues to find as many avenues to continue to keep the lines of communication open with parents and the community.
  - iii. The global pandemic and guidance resulting from the pandemic has prevented the district from promoting and holding school-community connections.
  - iv. Even with limited ability to work directly with community partners due to the pandemic, the Rockdale P.T.O. continues to find creative ways to keep lines of communication open between the school and the community.
- 4. There was not public comment.
- 5. All committee members agreed to participate as committee members for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 6. The Superintendent shared that the particulars of this year's progress towards the three-year strategic plan will be shared with the Board at its regular May meeting.
- 7. The committee adjourned at 4:48 p.m.