

Mike Ramm, current principal of Eastern Middle School, was introduced as the new Superintendent of Instruction beginning in January of 2019. Mike was selected from a pool of 53 applicants and stood out as an exceptional communicator and leader.

Maggie Thelen, Director of Instructional Technology, shared information on the Creative Teaching and Learning Center currently being constructed at Rockford High School. The center will provide a state of the art space inspired by the work of Professor Beichner out of NC State University, whose work on the SCALE-UP project has transformed classrooms around the world. The center will provide state of the art interactive spaces which can be used for collaboration. An initial handful of teachers have been selected to begin teaching in the space when it opens. Professional development and community events will also take place here.

Mike Cuneo, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, spoke about the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, CAFR. It is filed yearly and if one is interested in finding how the district spends its money, it can be found on the district website under Transparency.

Christine Ramsey and Dr. Shibler spoke about the current lame duck session and a number of bills related to education that will be attempted to be pushed through. It was encouraged that parents contact their representatives and let them know these bills deserve the full attention of the new senators, representatives, and governor taking office, and should not be pushed through in a last minute rush.

Rockford High School Marching band recently won the State Championships for the second year in a row and took 14th place in a National competition. They will be performing along with other musical groups including various choirs and orchestra at the annual Collage Concert on December 7th and 8th. It is a great showcase of talent and tickets are available for \$1 at rocktix.org.