

**ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rochester, Massachusetts
16 Pine Street - Rochester, MA 02770**

**MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2022**

Regular meeting of the Rochester School Committee was held on Thursday – October 27, 2022 at 6:30pm. This meeting was held full in-person and there was also a zoom link available.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hartley, Chairperson, Robin Rounseville, Jason Chisholm, Anne Fernandes and Katherine Duggan.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools; Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations; Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Craig Davidson, Director of Student Services; Charles West, Assistant Principal; Diana Russo (via zoom), Administrative Assistant to the Supt. and teachers, members of the press and public.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm., by Chairperson Hartley. Ms. Hartley stated in accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the Agenda has been set, the meeting is being video-taped.

The school committee, administration and everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Approval of Minutes:

A. Approval of Minutes –

Approval of Minutes – Regular Session: September 1, 2022

MOTION: by Ms. Fernandes to approve September 1, 2022 minutes as presented

SECOND: by Mr. Chisholm

5:0 All in favor (motion passed)

IV. General

A. Review of Open Meeting Law Complaint

Superintendent Nelson made the following statement:

This week we received an open meeting law complaint related to one of this committee's members. As this public body is required to follow the response procedures as outlined by the Attorney General's Division of Open Government. These procedures and obligations include: The Chairperson disseminating the complaint to the members of the public body (which has been done), The public body must meet to review the complaint within 14 business days (which we are doing right now). The public body after review, must respond in writing to the complainant within 14 business days and provide a copy of the complaint and response to the Attorney General. Tonight, I am recommending that committee delegate their responsibility to respond to legal counsel. Attorney Blair Bailey could not be here tonight, but is aware and has reviewed the complaint. I am

asking that the committee vote to delegate their responsibility to respond to the presented open meeting law complaint to legal counsel.

Chairperson Hartley expressed that Mr. Bailey has been informed and is willing to serve as the school committee's delegate.

Motion to appoint Mr. Blair Bailey as the school committee's delegate to respond to the Open Meeting Law Complaint

MOTION: by Mr. Chisholm

SECOND: by Ms. Rounseville

4:1 Motion Passed (Fernandes abstained)

B. OpenSciEd Presentation

Superintendent Nelson made the following statement:

Last year we shared the news that our school districts were awarded a competitive grant that would bring new science resources to our students. Earlier this year during the strategic plan review we also discussed how OpenSciEd would play into our work this year. Tonight, Dr. Fedorowicz our Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning with the support of Principal Medeiros will provide an informational presentation on OpenSciEd. This is not a voting item and no action is needed by the committee tonight on this topic.

Dr. Fedorowicz and Mr. Medeiros presented the following:

Overview OpenSciEd

- Awarded Grant for Grades 6 – 8 Science
 - Includes supplemental resources, materials, and PD
- High quality, rigorous science instructional materials
- Open Educational Resources
- Aligned to MA State Curriculum Frameworks and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- Innovative instructional delivery model in the sciences

Objective OpenSciEd

- OpenSciEd:
 - DESE partnered with 9 other states and Boston University for development and implementation process
 - developed with educators
 - Researched based regarding how students learn science
 - Comprehensive, robust, research-based
- Objective: *To improve science education through the development and implementation of high-quality, freely available science instructional materials that are research-based.*

Implementation and Professional Development

- Two units are implemented each year
- Three-year process
 - Two supplemental units/year
- Professional development for each unit
- Teachers attended:
 - 4-day launch unit scope and sequence
 - Three supplemental unit-based PD sessions
- After 3-year pilot, full integration

Science Resources 2022-2023

- This year, the grades 6-8 are implementing the following supplemental units:
 - Grade 6: “*Light & Matter*” and “*Sound Waves*”
 - Grade 7: “*Contact Forces*” and “*Thermal Energy*”
 - Grade 8: “*Chemical Reactions & Matter*” and “*Chemical Reactions & Energy*”

MA OpenSciEd Unit Sequence & Alignment with 2016 MA STE Framework

The table below provides guidance to Massachusetts teachers using OpenSciEd as their classroom science curriculum. The following identifies the MA standards addressed or partially addressed in the released OpenSciEd units. *Italics indicated partially addressed standards*

6 th grade	MA 6.1) Light & Matter	6.MS-PS4-2
	MA 6.2) Sound Waves (OSE 8.2)*	6.MS-PS4-1, 6.MS-PS4-2
	MA 6.3) Forces at a Distance (OSE 8.3)*	6.MS-PS4-3, 7.MS-PS2-5, 7.MS-PS3-2
	MA 6.4) Earth in Space (OSE 8.4)*	6.MS-ESS1-1a, 6.MS-ESS1-5(MA), 6.MS-PS2-4, 6.MS-PS4-2, 8.MS-ESS1-1b, 8.MS-ESS1-2
	MA 6.5) Plate Tectonics & Rock Cycling (OSE 6.4)	6.MS-ESS1-4, 6.MS-ESS2-3, 6.MS-LS4-1, 7.MS-ESS2-2, 8.MS-ESS2-1
	MA 6.6) Cells & Systems	6.MS-LS1-1, 6.MS-LS1-2, 6.MS-LS1-3
7 th grade	MA 7.1) Contact Forces (OSE 8.1)*	6.MS-ETS2-1(MA), 6.MS-ETS2-2(MA), 7.MS-PS3-1, 7.MS-PS3-5, 7.MS-ETS1-2, 7.MS-ETS1-4, 7.MS-ETS1-7(MA), 8.MS-PS2-1, 8.MS-PS2-2, 8.MS-ETS2-4(MA)
	MA 7.2) Thermal Energy (OSE 6.2)*	6.MS-PS4-2, 6.MS-ETS1-6(MA), 7.MS-PS3-3, 7.MS-PS3-4, 7.MS-PS3-5, 7.MS-PS3-6(MA), 7.MS-ETS1-4, 7.MS-ETS1-7(MA), 8.MS-PS1-4
	MA 7.3) Matter Cycling & Photosynthesis (OSE 7.4)	6.MS-LS1-2, 7.MS-LS2-3, 8.MS-PS1-2
	MA 7.4) Ecosystem Dynamics	6.MS-ETS1-1, 7.MS-LS2-1, 7.MS-LS2-2, 7.MS-LS2-4, 7.MS-LS2-5, 7.MS-LS2-6(MA), 7.MS-ESS3-4, 7.MS-ETS1-2, 7.MS-ETS1-4
	MA 7.5) Natural Resources & Human	7.MS-ESS3-3, 7.MS-ESS3-4, 8.MS-ESS3-1, 8.MS-ESS3-5, 7.MS-ETS1-2
	MA 7.6) Natural Hazards (OSE 6.5)*	6.MS-ETS1-1, 7.MS-ESS3-2, 7.MS-ETS1-2
8 th grade	MA 8.1) Chemical Reactions & Matter (OSE 7.1)*	6.MS-PS1-8(MA), 8.MS-PS1-1, 8.MS-PS1-2, 8.MS-PS1-5
	MA 8.2) Chemical Reactions & Energy (OSE 7.2)*	6.MS-PS1-6, 7.MS-ETS1-2, 7.MS-ETS1-4, 7.MS-ETS1-7(MA)
	MA 8.3) Metabolic Reactions (OSE 7.3)*	6.MS-LS1-3, 8.MS-LS1-5, 8.MS-LS1-7, 8.MS-PS1-1, 8.MS-PS1-2
	MA 8.4) Genetics	8.MS-LS1-5, 8.MS-LS3-1, 8.MS-LS3-2, 8.MS-LS3-3(MA), 8.MS-LS3-4(MA), 8.MS-LS4-5
	MA 8.5) Natural Selection & Ancestry	6.MS-LS4-1, 6.MS-LS4-2, 7.MS-LS1-4, 8.MS-LS4-4
	MA 8.6) Weather (OSE 6.3)*	6.MS-PS1-7(MA), 6.MS-PS4-2, 7.MS-ESS2-4, 7.MS-PS3-4, 7.MS-PS3-6(MA), 8.MS-ESS2-5, 8.MS-ESS2-6, 8.MS-PS1-4, 8.MS-PS2-2

* Indicates unit that appears in a different grade level in the OSE national sequence

Standards not addressed include: 6.MS-ETS1-5; 6.MS-ETS2-3(MA); 7.MS-ETS3-1-5(MA); 7.MS-PS2-3; 8.MS-ETS2-5(MA)

Updated December 2021 – shifts in the sequence of opening units based on educator implementation feedback

Student Experience

- In the OpenSciEd supplemental units, students engage in investigations to make sense of relevant, real world observable events (phenomena).
- Ex: supplemental units address questions such as:

- How can a sound make something move?
- How can containers keep stuff from warming up or cooling down?



Home-School Connection

- Bringing home science may look different:
 - Your child may ask why different natural occurrences happen
 - Say, “*My science teacher won’t tell me the answer to my questions.*”
 - No traditional vocabulary lists or study guides

Supporting Your Student in the Sciences

- Show interest in their thinking process
- Support research to find answers
- Resist directly giving the answer to your student...discovery is part of the process

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FEEDBACK:

Chairperson Hartley expressed that it’s great to see a bridging program from 6th grade to the Jr. High School, she expressed it’s so important and it’s a big step for our students.

Ms. Fernandes asked about tools used for this particular program. Dr. Fedorowicz explained that it depends on the unit, Mr. Medeiros elaborated and explained that he has worked with Asst. Supt. Barber to make sure that we were able to allocate funds to get materials for these programs. Ms. Fernandes also inquired about assessments, she asked “is this a project based learning type approach?”. Mrs. Forns explained that there are different opportunities for assessments, there are entrance tickets, there are exit tickets, every day the students are writing an in actual science journal, she explained that she is able to ask questions and keep track of their learning, she reported that by the questions they ask she is able to see if they know what’s going on. She reported that she can do informal and formal assessments on a daily basis.

Ms. Rounseville expressed that her question was around how we measure success and Mrs. Forns answered her question. She expressed that it's really great to see Mrs. Forns passion for teaching science.

Ms. Duggan wanted to thank Mrs. Forns, she expressed that it's a huge time investment and learning commitment, so thank you on our behalf and on behalf of the students at Rochester Memorial School.

C. 2023-2024 Draft School Calendar

Chairperson Hartley expressed that this is an early look at the 2023-2024 School Calendar. She explained that the Joint School Committees last year requested to have an earlier look at the calendar this year so that we had more time to raise questions and have more time to review it. She reported that we will have other chances to review it, therefore it is up to the school committee if you would like to review it on your own or would you like the Superintendent to review it with us month by month.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FEEDBACK:

Ms. Fernandes expressed that she noticed that the first day of school for students is August 24th which is a Thursday, she asked if we have done that before, Mr. Nelson did report that it had been done about four or five years ago. Mr. Nelson expressed that some of the early feedback is that the school year start date is too early. Mr. Nelson expressed that regardless of when we start we need 180 school days and then we build in an additional five days for any snow/wind/power outage, etc. days that we might have. Mr. Nelson reported that in addition to the school committees we also share it with the associations, we ask principals to share it with their school councils and we gather all the feedback from the different stakeholders and report back to the Joint School Committee before they approve the calendar. He explained that the Joint School Committee will have their initial review of the calendar on November 7th and will then approve the calendar in January.

Ms. Fernandes thanked the administration for getting the calendar ready early.

D. Meal Price Increase

Superintendent Nelson made the following statement:

As shared at our first school committee meeting of the 22-23 school year – this evening we are proposing a meal price increase based on the financial landscape of the food service industry. Although – breakfast and lunches remain free for students this school year (this does not include second meals or meals consumed by staff members) – we know that our current rates do not cover the operating costs of the Food Service Department. We never enjoy proposing rate increases for our students and families – and have not proposed increases since the 2017-2018 school year – but know it is fiscally responsible to do so at this time. Therefore, we are presenting new breakfast and lunch rates to go into effect on January 3, 2023. At this time, I will ask Mr. Barber our Asst. Superintendent of Finance and Operations to summarize the proposal.

Mr. Barber explained that the Old Rochester Regional School District/Mass School Superintendency Union # 55 have been faced with supply chain issues, significantly higher costs for products and service costs necessary to produce the meals. The Commonwealth of Mass has extended the free meals program for our student's daily breakfast and lunch through the 2022-2023 school year for all first servings. He reported that the current USDA weighted average price per student meal is \$3.31, this is also the price used by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This is the minimum required price to be charged for all meals served from the Kindergarten through 12th grade. It is expected that the USDA weighted average will go up another \$.15 for the upcoming school year. Currently our rates are \$3.00 at the elementary schools and \$3.25 at the secondary schools for lunch and \$2.25 for breakfast. The last time we increased our prices was during the 2017-2018 school, with an increase of \$.25. The administration is proposing that meal pricing rates for breakfast and lunch rates increase as follows:

Effective January 3, 2023 (This date will allow administration enough time to communicate the new rates to the tri-town families)

Elementary Schools Meal Price:

Breakfast pricing from \$2.25 to a new rate of \$2.75

Lunch pricing from \$3.00 to a new rate of \$3.50

Motion to approve a meal price increase of .50 for breakfast and lunch by January 3, 2023.

MOTION: by Ms. Fernandes

SECOND: by Ms. Rounseville

5:0 Motion Passed

E. Approval of Surplus Technology List

Superintendent Nelson made the following statement:

I am recommending that the school committee review and approve the list of technology surplus that has been identified for disposal.

Technology Surplus List

Laptop	Quantity	Year
MacBook	99	2009
Desktop		
eMac	21	2001
iMac	104	2009
Chromebook		
Model 740	137	2015
Miscellaneous		
Speakers	3	N/A
Television	6	N/A
Video Deck	2	N/A
Ceiling Projector	3	2010
Alpha Smart	30	1998

Alpha Smart Cart	1	1998
Apple Carts	3	2001
WIFI Access Points	45	2010
Cameras	7	2012

*All devices listed above are either broken beyond repair or will not update to current operating systems due to outdated software.

Motion to dispose of the technology surplus equipment as presented

MOTION: by Mr. Chisholm

SECOND: by Ms. Rounseville

5:0 Motion Passed

V. New Business

1. Financial Report –

Financial Report:

Please find the following financial report in relation to the general funds of Rochester Elementary School District:

Budget Report by Department for September 30, 2022

For the purpose of our Financial Forecasting:

The Rochester School District currently has \$1,238,359 available of the general funds appropriated in the 2023 Fiscal Year. Per the attached Year to Date Budget Report by Department, we are able to identify how our funds are encumbered and expended. This report recognizes that of the total \$6,594,844 appropriated to the District, consisting of both the Rochester School District and the one-time non-annual student resource package.

- ☐ \$ 6,561,486 – General Fund Operating
- ☐ \$ 33,358 - Non-annual student resource package
- ☐ \$ 6,594,844 - General Funds Approved
- ☐ \$ 5,356,485 – Obligations Paid Year to Date
- ☐ \$ 1,238,359 - Remaining Available Funds

Bristol County Agricultural High School enrolled student operational budget of \$289,698 costs is pending its first

billing to be received for payment.

- ☐ \$ 289,698 – Bristol County Agricultural High School
- ☐ \$ 0 - Obligations Paid Year to Date
- ☐ \$ 289,698 - Remaining Available Funds

Mr. Barber also reported the following the Food Service Report:

Meal participation continues to grow strong.

- Nation –Wide supply chain disruptions continue to impact on our program.
- I am actively engaged and advocating for a continuation for Universal Free Meals through the USDA.
- MA is one of only five states across the country provided with the opportunity to continue provide our children with Free School Meal due to an extension and funding provided by the is a Commonwealth of MA.
- This is an amazing benefit to our community, families and most importantly our children.

- Equal Access to Free healthy school meals has proven to be a huge success as our participation increases speak volumes to this:

Mr. Barber also reference a comparison of Pre-Pandemic (free/paid/reduced) vs. Current (free for all)

SY 18-19

	Meal Count	%	Meal Count	%
Breakfast	2711	5%	7922	16%
Lunch	20072	36%	26873	54%

SY 22-23

Increased Breakfast	5211	11%
Increased Lunch	6801	18%

Mr. Barber also reported the following Facilities Report:

- Completed minor repairs in roof membrane.
- Annual air quality testing of facility completed, no action levels.
- Replaced generator transfer switch.
- Completed alarm upgrade.
- HVAC system to winter mode.
- Conducted routine maintenance on all facility systems.

Ms. Fernandes asked for an update on the solar panels. Mr. Nelson reported that the work is still in progress, it's currently with the Planning Committee of the Town and Solar Company and they are working on local requirements.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Chairperson Hartley made the following statement:

During the past month I've spent some time quite a bit of time thinking and talking about our school district and our guiding principles. Sort of asking myself, what are our core values? and what documents guide our decisions? The review of our key documents confirm that we have key core values, we have clear, strong, guiding documents and policies overseen by our policy subcommittee and a comprehensive strategic plan. Our district mission is one that's been with us for quite a while and it's a wonderful mission I think, which is "to inspire all students to think, to learn and to achieve" and here at Rochester Memorial we have important school rules you see them if you walk around the school, as Mr. Medeiros often recites, "take care of yourself, take care of others and take care of our school environment". Also at Rochester Memorial School we use Responsive Classroom and the letter of each value spells out CARES which is an important word here at Rochester Memorial. Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy and Self-Control. All of these principles guide and support our staff and our students in the important work of teaching and

learning. I'm really grateful as I look through the many documents that guide our schools, we have the such strong documents.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davidson, Office of the Director of Student Services reported on the following:

Director Davidson reported on Community Talk Series, that took place on October 17th, at 6:30p.m.- Dr. Robert Brooks will present "*Nurturing Resilience in Our Children and Teens During Challenging Times*". Dr. Brooks will describe realistic strategies that can be used to nurture hope and resilience in children and their families. Biographical Information: Dr. Brooks is a clinical psychologist on the faculty of Harvard Medical School and former Director of the Department of Psychology at McLean Hospital, a private psychiatric hospital in the Boston area. Dr. Brooks has lectured nationally and internationally and written extensively about such topics as: resilience across the lifespan, parenting and family issues, resilience in children and adolescents with special needs, motivation, and creating positive school and work environments.

Dr. Fedorowicz, Office of Teaching & Learning reported on the following:

Dr. Fedorowicz reported that in the world of teaching and learning that her office continues to align vertically and horizontally literacy in the elementary schools so that students have that consistency similar to the OpenSciEd emerging into the Jr. High School. She reported that there are two ways that we are allowing this to happen, one way is through our work with Hill for Literacy, which as you recall is another partner through DESE that we are working with, she reported that the Literacy Leadership Team consisting of administrators and teacher representation at both lower and upper elementary met with Hill in September to review an overview of the process and to start working on a needs assessment that's required. She reported that staff informational followed by staff interviews and classroom visits will start taking place next month at RMS, which is part of the needs assessment and this is where they will start collecting data, conduct an analysis and then provide recommendations and create an actual plan which is currently scheduled for late January. Dr. Fedorowicz reported that Mr. Medeiros was at the forefront of getting the Hill into the districts. The other way for consistency for literacy is through a grant, she announced that they were awarded the Lead for Literacy Grant that they applied for about a month and a half ago and that will help the district work on literacy initiatives, she reported that each of the elementary schools received the grant and the final product or the outcome is very much in line with what we are doing with Hill to Literacy, but it dives a little deeper into our measurable literacy goals and action steps related to our Massachusetts Tiered Supports, and that's another piece that will help us support literacy and look at any learning gaps. She thanked the administrators and teachers who are involved in this process.

Dr. Fedorowicz also gave an update on the New Teacher Induction, she reported they met last week and the district provided introductory IXL training to the new teachers, she explained that IXL is our digital tool that helps provide additional skills supports for our students who need those extra supports, she explained that on November 10th at our full day of professional development the teachers will be offered IXL advanced training and they will be ready to use it in the classrooms.

Dr. Fedorowicz reported that they have submitted a grant focused on Instructional Technology. She reported that it's written to focus on training for our new promethean boards, and hopefully we will have some news by the next school committee meeting.

Dr. Fedorowicz reported that Instructional Council met on Monday and started to work on a curriculum review cycle, she reported that she had representation from all the buildings, and a

variety of grades, she expressed everyone had a voice at the table and we can start looking at curriculum, “where we are?” “what we need?” so that we are up to date and in line with DESE to maintain that rigor and sense of belonging. She expressed it was a great start and she felt it was a great collaborative conversation.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Mr. Medeiros reported on the following:

- On Wednesday September 21st the district conducted our first half day for staff professional development. All staff participated in Promethean Board training where they focused on how to navigate their panels, set up user profiles, and learn how to use the Promethean App Suite including the Whiteboard, Screen Capture, Screen Share, and the Timer and Spinner.
- Parent Conferences took place on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st.
- Mr. West and I led the annual staff A.L.I.C.E. training at our staff meeting which took place on Wednesday October 5, 2022. We will be collaborating with our District ALICE team and the Rochester Police Department to conduct a school ALICE drill. All families will be notified two weeks prior to the drill.
- We had an all-school meeting on Tuesday October 11th to announce the grade level winners of the RMS PTO Read-A-Thon. Congratulations to all the winners and we had a wonderful participation rate.
- Author Alec Carlin visited RMS on Tuesday October 4th to discuss his book “How to Bake a Universe.”
- The Rochester Board of Health conducted a Flu Clinic at Rochester Memorial School on Tuesday, October 4 from 3:30-5:30 for all residents ages: 4-64.
- The Scholastic Book Fair took place October 17th through October 21st in the RMS Library. I would like to thank the RMS PTO for organizing and facilitating this year’s Fair as they do each year.

VIII. School Committee

B. Committee Reports

1. Budget Subcommittee- Ms. Hartley reported that the committee had their first meeting today and started their first conversation about the FY24 Budget.
2. ORR District School Committee – Mr. Chisholm reported the ORR School Committee met on October 19th. Mr. Chisholm reported that the community members spoke during open comment, he would ask that community members continue to be respectful during those interactions. He reported that there was a report regarding the discipline process, he expressed that it was very useful for the school committee members to hear. The committee meets again in December.
3. SMEC- Ms. Fernandes reported that they met on September 29th, approved minutes, officers were nominated and elected, staff reduction and appointments were reviewed and placed on file, FY23 Spending and Revenue Projections were reviewed and approved as submitted, Surplus Property was discussed and voted to dispose of in accordance with SMEC Property Policy. The board approved the proposed FY 23 calendar and the board also reviewed the DESE Audit. The next meeting will be on November 29th.
4. READS- Mr. Nelson reported that READS met on September 15th and reviewed and discussed the following: Introduction of New Members, Approval of Minutes, Special Education Administrators Report, Recognition of Executive Board for 22-23, Sub-committee Membership, Approval of 457 Plan, Approval of FY22 Staffing, Approval of Job Descriptions, Organizational Chart, Updates of Facilities, Capital Skills Grant, READS Quarterly Report and SCRO Update.
5. Tri-town Foundation- no report
6. Early Childhood Council- Ms. Duggan reported that they have not met.

7. Policy Sub-Committee- Ms. Duggan reported the following: This committee has met twice in the past few weeks. They met on September 14 and discussed that the Policy Sub-Committee procedures will be changing and minutes will now be taken and voted on, and policy subcommittee meetings will be posted on the website 48 hours before the meeting.

In terms of individual policies, we reviewed 8 policies that were updated by MASC to reflect new requirements and guidance that the term race should explicitly include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture, hair type, hair length, and protective hairstyles. These were:

1. JK/JIC – Student Discipline
2. JICA – Student Dress
3. AC-Non Discrimination Including Harassment and Retaliation
4. AC-R- Procedures for Responding to Complaints of Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation
5. GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity
6. GCF – Professional Staff Hiring
7. JB-Equal Educational Opportunities
8. JFBB – School Choice

These policies were brought to the Joint School Committee on September 29 and while JK/JIC and JB were referred back to the Policy Subcommittee, all the others were approved.

At the October 25 meeting, we revisited JIC - Student Discipline and JB - Equal Educational Opportunities, and these will be sent back to the Joint School Committee for approval at their next meeting. We then turned to 6 policies related to Instructional Materials:

1. IJ Instructional Materials
2. IJ-R Reconsideration of Instructional Resources
3. District Adopted Procedures
4. IJJ/IJK/IKA/IJL/IJM Selection Policy for Instructional Materials and Programs
5. IJLA Library Resources
6. KE - PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

These policies were last reviewed and revised in 2012 and then again reviewed and revised when MASC reviewed the entire policy manual in 2013. It was decided that Assistant Superintendent Fedorowicz will lead a review of the District Adopted Procedures governing the implementation of these policies and we will meet again in November to discuss the results. Finally, we also reviewed policies JH Student Absences and Excuses Policy & JE Attendance Policy.

Superintendent Nelson will consult with school building leaders on potential updates to these policies.

8. Equity Sub-Committee: Mr. Chisholm reported that the committee met on October 13th, he reported that Central Office did a great job at explaining the purpose of this committee, they explained what the role of the Equity Sub-Committee has been in the past, he indicated that Supt. Nelson used the word “task force” and he explained that was not the intent, the need is a “sounding board” an “advisory” to give feedback to central office around policy and procedures that are being put in place. He reported that they also reviewed the mission statement of the Equity Sub-Committee and they talked about at length about the tools that are in place right now. They also talked about making resources available to parents so that they feel heard and understood and also helping children to know what is expected of them when they are in our community.

Ms. Duggan reported to the Committee that she will be attending the three day MASC Conference in Hyannis on November 3rd, 4th and 5th and will report back to the school committee next month.

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

Chairperson Hartley reported:

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is Thursday – November 17, 2022 @ 6:30pm in person at Rochester Memorial School.

The next meeting of the Joint School Committee is Thursday – November 7, 2022 @ 6:30pm in person at the Media Room at the Jr. High School.

X. Open Comments: Ms. Hartley read the open comment policy.

The following open comments were heard:

Rhonda Baptiste, Rochester Resident made the following statement: Ms. Baptiste explained that she was going to share a letter signed by 631 community members (54 who reside outside of the Tri-Town, but have ties to our community).

As members of the Old Rochester Regional School District community, we are speaking out against the efforts to suppress, demonize and ban books from our district's school libraries. These attempts target books by and about LGBTQ+, Black people, Indigenous people and people of color. These groups are underrepresented in books in our schools, despite recent school district efforts to provide greater access to books which reflect the diverse makeup of our community. These achievements should be celebrated, not impeded. A parent has a right to decide which books their own children may read, but no single parent or community member has that right over another's child. Access to books and information is integral to a healthy democracy, economic growth and a more compassionate society. Engaging in reading builds empathy. When kids read books centered on someone different from them, they learn to see others as fully human. Recognizing the humanity of others creates a community of compassion and prevents hatred, cruelty, bullying and bigotry. When our young scholars, who are minorities in their communities, read books elevating characters like them, they feel validated and seen. They receive the message: You matter. Attempts to ban books highlighting underrepresented kids sends them the message: You shouldn't exist; your story doesn't matter and we don't want our kids to empathize with you. This is a dangerous message which can result in grave consequences, like depression, self-harm and suicidal ideation. No child should feel like they are unworthy and undeserving of love and respect. We hope for a positive future, free from fear and prejudice; where all of us work together and support each other to create and foster a diverse community built on common ground. Sharing our unique stories and identities is the best way to build that common ground. We stand with our dedicated educators, teachers, librarians and all those who seek to better the lives of our kids. Education should be about expanding minds and broadening perspectives, not narrowing thoughts.

Sarah Bernier, Rochester Resident made the following statement:

I moved to this area six years ago for the schools from Westport when I was pregnant with my second child, I now have three two of which are here at Rochester Memorial School and the third will be here next Fall and I'm very pleased with the school, the children are thriving, I'm very pleased with Mr. Medeiros, but as I become more involved, listening, coming to meetings, talking to parents throughout the Tri-Town I feel like my eyes and my ears are getting in tone, I don't really have any concerns with my children at the elementary level I feel like they are safe and protected, but I do start to have concerns as my children move on to the Jr. High and High School and this book issue is kind of highlighting that, I don't think any of us disagree fundamentally with what Rhonda said, but she also not being transparent, a lot of those books that are asking to be "banned" are sexually explicit and in my opinion they are pornographic and I'm opposed to sexually explicit written and illustrated content in the school libraries, it doesn't matter if it's between any two types of human beings, or what sexual preference they have, none of those books should be in the school libraries, they can be in a public library, kids can find stuff on the internet, but let me parent my child at home with safe non pornographic books. I haven't read all of them, but some of them should not be in

schools and other similar books with heterosexuals should also not be in schools. Schools in my opinion should teach the basics, I don't need schools to teach about gender, to teach about race, to teach about politics, to teach about any of those things, let me as the parent do that. Those are my concerns and I don't have much faith that an open comment section of the school committee anything is going to happen, really the only thing that will bring awareness is the parent groups on social media, and the reason I raise my voice tonight is because maybe there are other parents out there that think they are not represented so I just wanted to share my thoughts in case other people feel the same way.

Peggy Dube, Mattapoisett Resident made the following statement:

I just quickly want to say if my biggest concern as a parent right now over the past few years is the "pornographic books" in the school library I think we are missing the big picture. Racism and equality, there are economic challenges that are kids are facing every day, these are not big issues, if a kid reads a book, sorry, not many children read books, but they do look at their phones, all of the things that are in issue right now are really accessible to them, so I think our bigger concern as parents should be that we are not all represented. I have three white so far straight children, I am not concerned for their safety, I am concerned about people in their community who are underrepresented and underserved, so my focus is to see that those groups of people who have historically been oppressed are brought to light and supported and I don't care about the books that they may or may not read.

Ben Bailey, Rochester Resident made the following statement:

Look let's cut through this bologna here, this is not about books about poor oppressed people, this is about books that have sexually explicit images in them. This issue is going on all across the country where sexually explicit books are being introduced into school libraries and into the classrooms and it is taking the responsibility for sex education away from parents and this an attempt to drive wedges between parents and children, and it's trying to put in the hands of people outside of the home, now acts that are depicted in these graphic novels are illegal in children of this age, which would be considered child pornography, if my neighbor was handing that out to a child he would be put in jail, but librarians are somehow exempt, teachers are somehow exempt. Parents are furious, this is not the job of the schools to present sexually explicit materials to children and to try and to gloss this over as to somehow underrepresenting poor oppressed people, this is not black people, this is not Hispanic people, this is not economically disadvantaged people that we are talking about, no one is talking about removing those books from the school that talk about those struggles, we are talking about getting rid of sexually explicit books being shown to minors and children, that's a parents responsibility, that's what we object to and we are not going to let the issue go.

Matthew Bache, Rochester Resident made the following statement:

I have two kids here at that school, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. West, you guys do a great job, my wife always talks about you guys, I saw the pictures on Facebook so I thought I bought on them on Amazon, I don't like the books, so I came here because of it, you guys have common sense, its pedophilia, if you're handing those out to kids there something weird about that, I wouldn't hand it out to a kid, and I know you guys are thinking to yourself, I probably wouldn't do it either, that's all it wanted to say, other than that everything is cool. Thank you.

Chairperson Hartley thanked everyone for attending the meeting and their comments.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: by Mr. Chisholm at 7:51 p.m. to enter executive session for the purpose of exception #4 and exception #7

SECOND: by Ms. Fernandes

5:0 ROLL CALL: Chisholm: yes, Duggan: yes, Rounseville: yes, Hartley: yes, Fernandes: yes

MOTION: by Ms. Fernandes to go come out of Executive Session at 8:08 pm only to adjourn

SECOND: by Ms. Rounseville

5:00 ROLL CALL: Chisholm: yes, Duggan: yes, Rounseville: yes, Hartley: yes, Fernandes: yes

MOTION to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. by Ms. Rounseville

SECOND: by Ms. Duggan

Submitted,
Diana Russo,
School Committee Secretary

**ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**REGULAR MEETING
Rochester Memorial School
16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA 02770**

ZOOM LINK: <https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/93803715280?pwd=dVpHTmgxSi92U3lldlIzTXduR3lRUT09>

Meeting ID: 938 0371 5280 Passcode: 559447

October 27, 2022

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. School Committee, Administrators and public will have the option of meeting in person in the Band Room located at the Rochester Memorial School at 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA 02770 or via zoom.

TIME: 6:30 PM

MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

I. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes- Regular Session: September 1, 2022

B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session: September 1, 2022

C. Approval of Budget Minutes - NONE

II. Consent Agenda

III. Agenda Items Pending

IV. General

A. Review of Open Meeting Law Complaint

B. OpenSciEd Presentation

C. 2023-2024 Draft School Calendar

D. Meal Price Increase

E. Approval of Surplus Technology List

V. New Business

A. Policy Review

B. Curriculum

C. Business

1. Financial Report

2. Food Service Director Report

3. Facilities Director Report

2. Budget Transfers

D. Personnel

VI. Special Topic Report

VII. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

VIII. School Committee

A. School Committee Goals

B. Committee Reports

1. Budget Subcommittee

2. ORR District School Committee

3. SMEC

4. READS

5. Tri-Town Foundation

6. Early Childhood Council

7. Policy Sub-Committee

8. Equity Sub-Committee

C. School Committee Re-organization

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

B. Future Agenda Items

X. Open Comments

XI. Information Items

XII. Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rochester, MA

TO: Rochester School Committee
FROM: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: October 20, 2022
RE: Agenda Items

The following items are on the agenda for October 27, 2022.

I. Approval of Minutes

I.A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Session

Recommendation

That the School Committee review and approve the minutes of September 1, 2022. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 September Minutes”.

I.B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session

Recommendation

That the School Committee review and approve the minutes of September 1, 2022. These will be brought to the meeting.

IV. General

A. Review of Open Meeting Law Complaint

That the School Committee review an Open Meeting Law Complaint. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 Open Meeting Law Complaint” and “RSC 10272022 Open Meeting Law Complaint Supporting Documentation”.

B. OpenSciEd Presentation

Recommendation:

That the School Committee hear a presentation from administration regarding OpenSciEd. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 OpenSciEd Presentation”.

C. School Calendar Discussion

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review the draft school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 School Calendar”.

D. Meal Price Increase

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review and approve a meal price increase. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 Meal Price Increase”

E. Approval of Surplus Technology List

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review and approve a technology surplus list. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 Technology Surplus List”

V. New Business

1. Financial Report

Recommendation

That the School Committee hear a report from Mr. Barber. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 FY23 Financial Memo”, “RSC 10272022 FY23 General Operations Financial Report” and “RSC 10272022 FY23 Bristol Aggie Financial Report”.

2. Food Services Report

Recommendation

That the School Committee hear a report from Mr. Barber. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 Food Service Report”.

3. Facilities Report

Recommendation

That the School Committee hear a report from Mr. Barber. Please refer to “RSC 10272022 Facilities Report.”

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

The next meeting(s) of Committee will be held as follows:

Rochester School Committee

November 17, 2022 - NEW DATE

December 1st Cancelled

Rochester Memorial School

16 Pine Street

Rochester, Ma 02770

Joint School Committee

November 7, 2022 (Additional Meeting)

January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

ORR Jr. High School

133 Marion Road

Mattapoisett, MA 02739

B. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- MCAS Results Report (November– depending upon receipt of results)
- Initial Budget Review (January)
- Approval of Chairperson’s Annual Report (February)
- Health Unit Application (February)
- Interim report on School Committee progress toward goals (February)
- Budget Approval (public hearings) (February)
- School Committee Reorganization (May/June – depending on election date)
- School Choice Public Hearing (May)
- Administrator Contracts (May)
- Approval of new School Council goals (June)

XII. Executive Session

Recommendation

That the School Committee enter into executive session for purposes of exception #7, to comply with the provisions of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.

If you have questions about any of the recommendations above please feel free to call me.

**ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rochester, Massachusetts
16 Pine Street - Rochester, MA 02770**

**MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2022**

Regular meeting of the Rochester School Committee was held on Thursday – September 1, 2022 at 6:30pm. This meeting was held full in-person and there was also a zoom link available.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Hartley, Chairperson, Robin Rounseville, Jason Chisholm (virtually via zoom), Anne Fernandes and Katherine Duggan.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools; Howard Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations; Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Craig Davidson, Director of Student Services; Charles West, Assistant Principal; teachers, students, members of the press and public.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm., by Chairperson Hartley. Ms. Hartley stated in accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the Agenda has been set, the meeting is being video-taped.

Chairperson Hartley welcomed everyone to the 1st meeting of the school year. Ms. Hartley informed members of the public both on zoom and in person that the school committee and some members of the administration would be taking a tour of the building and would return to resume the agenda as posted.

The tour of the building ended at 6:55 p.m. Ms. Hartley expressed that it was wonderful to walk around the building looking at all the learning spaces and that the building looks great, she thanked everyone for their hard work. She also made note that Jason Chisholm has joined the meeting via zoom.

Ms. Hartley welcomed everyone again to the first meeting of the school committee, she expressed that she's a firm believer of beginnings and endings, I think beginnings and endings are extremely important especially in a school community and she wanted to say that she thinks it's really special that this meeting happens on 1st day of September and also on the 1st week of school and she expressed that it is a good reminder for us as we walk around the school and see our school looking like regular education is taking place as opposed to what it looked like during the pandemic, and as she thinks about the beginnings she saw many great plans and great ideas are happening in our classrooms, and I had a quotation from Plato that I just want to offer and it goes like this. "The Beginning is the Most Important Part of the Work." And she really believes that and she believes that all accomplishments come from setting goals and from understanding the beginnings and understanding the rest of the time that we have. She expressed that she would also say that the school district has had a terrific start to the school year, they had a first day with teachers, teachers gathered together and heard inspiring words from Superintendent Nelson and other school leaders, as well as a speaker and some professional development and then had time to

come back to their classrooms and prepare for the first day with their students. She expressed that she stopped by on opening day and it was so wonderful, she expressed that it was immediately apparent that we were back to our regular school days, she expressed it was great to see everyone so eager and with such great expectations for the new school year.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT:

The following new staff members were recognized and welcomed by school committee and administration.

Shari Fedorowicz – Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

Kaitlyn Laprise – Music Teacher

Anne Realini – Classroom Teacher

Kathryn Sebastiao – Classroom Teacher (one year)

Jennifer Hunter – Classroom Teacher (3rd grade)

Dawn L'Hereux – Assistant Head Cook

Fatima Pimentel – Assistant Cook

I. Approval of Minutes:

A. Approval of Minutes –

Approval of Minutes – Regular Session: June 1, 2022

MOTION: by Ms. Fernandes to approve June 1, 2022 minutes as presented

SECOND: by Mr. Rounseville

5:0 ROLL CALL (Rounseville; yes, Fernandes; yes, Duggan; yes, Chisholm; yes, Hartley; yes)

Approval of Minutes – Regular Session: July 21, 2022

MOTION: by Ms. Fernandes to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Duggan

3:2 ROLL CALL (Rounseville; yes, Fernandes; yes, Duggan; abstain, Chisholm; abstain, Hartley; yes)

IV. General

A. Opening Day Update

Superintendent Nelson made the following statement:

This past Monday – we welcomed back our faculty and staff members for Opening Day festivities. It was clear to me that the energy that we knew pre pandemic was back. Although – many of us are sad to see summer end - you could feel the excitement of a new school year and could tell the teachers and staff were ready to get going the next day with their students. We started the day with a meet and greet in our Old Rochester Campus Cafeteria – offering our staff not only coffee and breakfast treats – but also the opportunity to reconnect with one another. It is always great to have the different schools all together. Following our meet and greet – all staff members reported to the high school auditorium. There, I had the honor of sharing opening remarks with our faculty and staff members. My focus was celebrating our educators – acknowledging the incredibly important work they do for our children and families and how great they are at it. Moreover, I stressed how important public educators and public education is in our society – and stressed that the work they do truly matters. Next, Dr. Shari Fedorowicz – jumped right in to her role and greeted our faculty and took the opportunity to introduce all new educators and staff members – including sharing some fun photographs of each new individual and fun facts about them. Before hearing from our keynote speaker – one of our traditions on opening day is recognizing the longevity of our incredible staff members. Therefore, each principal announced which educators in their buildings had reached different milestones (example being 10 years, 15 years, etc.).

Honestly – it is one of the most entertaining parts of opening day. Here is the list of those recognized this year: Finally – we heard from speaker Liz Kleinrock – her work is focused on equity and she spoke to our faculty on the importance of fostering a sense of belonging – and supporting all students and families. From there – teachers and staff members reported to their individual school buildings for additional opening day work and time to prepare their classrooms! Principal Medeiros – could you please speak to what additional activities occurred after returning to RMS?

Mr. Medeiros reported that they held their staff orientation in the cafeteria, introduced all the new staff, we reviewed procedural items, like safety protocols, mandated training, and also the focus of continuing to look at teaching and learning. He reported that they spent a good amount of time reviewed what was accomplished the last school year from a school improvement standpoint and then looking ahead to our goals for the 2022-2023 school year. He expressed that this is very important so that educators and staff know what is expected of them and it also helps them to create their own educator goals. He reported that teachers were also provided a lunch, he thanked the food service director and her staff for providing lunch for the entire staff. He reported that after lunch teachers had a chance to go back to their classrooms and prepare for the first day of school.

In your back up information – I shared with all the “Welcome Back to School” message I shared with our faculty, the agenda for opening day, and our new teacher slideshow. More importantly – the next day our students kicked off the 2022-2023 school year by returning to our schools. As a Central Office staff – we all split up and made sure each school had support to greet our students and families on Day One – for example Dr. Fedorowicz spent time here at Rochester Memorial School watching all the fun that comes with the first day of school. Mr. Barber spent time at the high school and Center School, Mr. Davidson was at Sippican School and I spent the morning at the Junior High School and then Old Hammondtown School. In closing, so much time goes into planning for the students’ return during the summer and I know how much effort your building administration and incredible staff put into ensuring a smooth opening day - and from what I saw and what I’ve seen this week – that is exactly what occurred – a smooth opening day and great first week!

B. Approval of Student Handbook

Superintendent Nelson explained that Principal Medeiros would present the 2022-2023 student handbook and outline any changes to it compared to last year’s. It is recommended that the school committee review and approve the student handbook - Mr. Medeiros could you please present the proposed student handbook.

Mr. Medeiros presented and reviewed the changes in the student handbook with the school committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FEEDBACK:

Ms. Fernandes asked a question about the language on page 10 where there is language about tardiness she referred to the following language “If the students’ absences or tardiness occur on a regular basis and impede their academic progress, the school, as a mandated reporter, must consider filing a Child Requiring Assistance (CRS) report.” Ms. Fernandes inquired if the absences DON’T impede their academic progress is the rest mute?

Mr. Medeiros reported that language is in line with DESE attendance language, and that language allows us to work with families if a family has a medical issue for example, and have students do some of the work at home rather than have the student truant.

Ms. Fernandes stated “so if the student is absent on a regular basis but it is not impeding their academic progress, then you don’t have to file. Mr. Medeiros asked “that’s correct we would not have to file in that case”.

Ms. Fernandes also had a question about the following language:

Recess

All students will have outdoor recess. Recess is held indoors only in very inclement weather. Please be sure that your child is properly dressed. Decorative footwear and flip-flops can create a safety issue when students play at recess. Therefore, flip-flops or any other type of opened-toe shoes are not to be worn to school. We strongly recommend sneakers for all students.

Ms. Fernandes inquired about the flip-flop or opened-toe shoes and how is something like that enforced? Is it done class by class? How is it enforced?

Mr. Medeiros reported that most of the time it is noticed by the classroom teacher and they will do a nice job at speaking to the student in a private manner and have them come to the nurses’ office or see Ms. Cruz or Ms. Pacheco to talk about the safety piece and then we typically cooperate with families so that other options are brought in.

Ms. Fernandes expressed concern for the word indigent when referring to students who might be going through a hard financial hardship and asked if administration could come up with a different sentence. Ms. Rounseville agrees that “indigent” does have some negative connotations, she’s just not sure what she would put in its place. Mr. Nelson suggested “Students who are experiencing financial hardship are exempt from paying fees.” Everyone agreed that would work.

Ms. Fernandes also had a question about the “Anti-Racism Resolution” she asked if this was decided upon at the Joint School Committee meeting? Mr. Nelson reported that each committee approved it individually but all of them did approve it. Ms. Fernandes reported that she has questions about the Resolution. Mr. Nelson encouraged Ms. Fernandes to share her concerns with Ms. Duggan who represents Rochester in the Policy Sub-Committee and she could then bring it back to the Policy Sub-Committee.

Ms. Rounseville was wondering if this is available in hard copy for families or just online? Mr. Medeiros expressed that the handbook will be sent to parents online and it will also be posted on the school’s website.

Ms. Fernandes asked if the motion could be tabled until the next meeting until her questions are answered regarding the Anti-Racism Resolution. Ms. Hartley expressed that we could vote on this as it was presented and if anything changes after the resolution is reviewed we could bring it back to the attention of the school committee. Ms. Fernandes agreed.

MOTION: by Ms. Rounseville to approve the student handbook for the 2022-2023 school year as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Duggan

5:0 ROLL CALL (Rounseville; yes, Fernandes; yes, Duggan; yes, Chisholm; yes, Hartley; yes)

C. Approval of Surplus List

Superintendent Nelson made the following statement:

I am recommending that the school committee review and approve the list of technology and equipment that has been identified for disposal.

The following surplus list/special education evaluation tools was presented to the school committee.

- Wilson Fluency Basic 2007
- CTOPP 1999
- GORT 4th Edition 2010
- WIAT-3 2010
- OWLs 1986
- TOWL-3 1996
- YCAT 2000
- DIBBELS Grade 2 2003
- Formal Reading Inventory 1985
- TIES 1987
- TOWRE 1999
- SRI-2 1999
- TWS-4 1999
- Woodcock Diagnostic Reading Battery 1997
- TORC-3 1995
- GSRT 2000
- Board Maker Version 6 2008
- TOPA 1984
- TOPL 1992
- SPI 1981
- TACL-3 1999
- Writing With Symbols 2000
- Goldman Fristoe 2 2000
- The Story Box Set A and Set B 1990
- WRAML-2 2003
- OLWs 1996
- WIAT-II 2009
- WISC-iv 2004
- WTPSI-III 2002
- WILSON 3rd Edition 2010

The following surplus list of out dated/expired version literacy resources were presented to the school committee.

	Title	ISBN
70	READING 2013 COMMON CORE STUDENT EDITION PACKAGE + DIGITAL COURSEWARE 6- YEAR LICENSE GRADE 2	9.78033E+12

3	READING 2011 FRESH READS FOR FLUENCY AND COMPREHENSION GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
30	READING 2011 READERS AND WRITERS NOTEBOOK GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
4	READING 2011 WEEKLY TESTS GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
4	READING 2014 WEEKLY BALANCED TESTS GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
4	READING 2014 WEEKLY TESTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
4	READING 2011 COMMON CORE STANDARDS WEEKLY TESTS TEACHER MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2013 COMMON CORE TEACHERS EDITION PACKAGE GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS UNIT AND END-OF-YEAR BENCHMARK TESTS TEACHER MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 COMPREHENSION WORKTEXT AND TEACHING GUIDE GRADE K/2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 FLUENCY WORKTEXT AND TEACHER GUIDE GRADE K/2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 FRESH READS FOR FLUENCY AND COMPREHENSION TEACHERS MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 READERS AND WRITERS NOTEBOOK TEACHERS MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 VOCABULARY WORKTEXT AND TEACHING GUIDE GRADE K/2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2013 COMMON CORE FRESH READS FOR FLUENCY AND COMPREHENSION TEACHERS MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2014 UNIT AND END-OF-YEAR BALANCED BENCHMARK TESTS TEACHERS MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2014 UNIT AND END-OF-YEAR BENCHMARK TESTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS TEACHER'S MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2014 WEEKLY BALANCED TESTS TEACHERS MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12

3	READING 2014 WEEKLY TESTS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS TEACHER'S MANUAL GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 ENVISION IT! PICTURED VOCABULARY CARDS GRADE 2.2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 HIGH-FREQUENCY TESTED VOCABULARY CARDS GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	SOUND SPELLING CARDS GRADE 1/3	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 LEVELED READERS SUPER KIT GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2013 READING SLEUTH SMALL GROUP 12 PACK GRADE 2	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2013 COMMON CORE TEACHERS EDITION PACKAGE GRADE 3	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 ENVISION IT! PICTURED VOCABULARY CARDS GRADE 3	9.78033E+12
3	READING 2011 LEVELED READERS SUPER KIT GRADE 3	9.78033E+12
4	Leveled readers-grade 5	9.78033E+12
1	Leveled readers - Grade 5	9.78033E+12
1	Leveled readers - Grade 5	9.78033E+12
	Scott Foresman Reading Street 4th Grade Leveled Readers Super Kit - 540 readers (4th Grade Leveled Readers Super Kit	9.78033E+12
5	Grade 1.2 textbook	9.78033E+12
5	Grade 1.4 textbook	9.78033E+12
5	Grade 1.3 textbook	9.78033E+12
5	Grade 1.5 textbook	9.78033E+12
5	grade 4.2 textbook	9.78033E+12
4	grade 4 reader's and writer's notebook	9.78033E+12
5	grade 5.1 textbook	9.78033E+12
3	grade 4 teacher's manual unit 3	9.78033E+12
5	Grade 5.2 textbooks	9.78033E+12

3	Grade 5 teacher manuals 5.5	9.78033E+12
3	5.1 teacher manual	9.78033E+12
3	Grade 5 flip chart	9.78033E+12
3	Grade 3 audio text	9.78033E+12
3	grade 1 leveled readers teaching guide	9.78033E+12
3	sidewalk level c teacher's guide	9.78033E+12
5	grade 3.2 textbook	9.78033E+12
5	grade 3.1 textbook	9.78033E+12
3	grade 3.1 teacher's manual	9.78033E+12
3	grade 3.6 teacher's manual	9.78033E+12
3	grade 3.4 teacher's manual	9.78033E+12
3	grade 1.5 writer's notebooks teacher's edition	9.78033E+12
5	grade 1.R workbooks	9.78033E+12
3	K-1 assessment book	9.78033E+12
3	Grade 5 Writing Rubrics and Anchor Papers	9.78033E+12
3	Vocabulary Worktext and Teaching Guide (3–6)	9.78033E+12
5	Student Edition, Volume 5.2	9.78033E+12
5	Student Edition, Volume 5.1	9.78033E+12
3	RDG11 RETELLING CRDS GR.5	9.78033E+12
3	RDG11 RDG ST RDRS DVD-ROM GR.5	9.78033E+12
3	RDG11 D/P ASSETS DVD-ROM GR.5	9.78033E+12
3	RDG 07 RDR'S THEATER ANTHOLOGY GR. 5	9.78033E+12
3	RDG11 RDRS & WRTRS NTBK GR.5	9.78033E+12
3	RDG 10 (AI5) GRMR & WRTNG PRC BK GR.5	9.78033E+12
3	RDG11 PRAC STATIONS MGT HNDBKS GR.5	9.78033E+12
3	RDG11 PHON DECODING WKTXT & TG GR.3/6	9.78033E+12

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3	Comprehension Worktext and Teaching Guide (3–6)	9.78033E+12
3	Component Implementation Guide Grade (3–6)	9.78033E+12
3	Benchmark Assessment Test Unit 5.1 (10 pack)	9.78033E+12
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1	All Write teacher's kit	669459828
1	Writers Express	669386324

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FEEDBACK:

Ms. Rounseville asked if administration could remind her what happens when items are disposed of, she inquired if we try to find homes for some of the items that we no longer use.

Mr. Barber explained that in some cases items are repurposed but in this case these are outdated items that are no longer being used and therefore they are formally removed of any individual access.

MOTION: by Ms. Fernandes to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes as amended

SECOND: by Mr. Rounseville

5:0 ROLL CALL (Rounseville; yes, Fernandes; yes, Duggan; yes, Chisholm; yes, Hartley; yes)

V. New Business

1. Financial Report –

Please find the following financial report in relation to the general funds of Rochester Elementary School District: Final Budget Report by Department for June 30, 2022

For the purpose of our Financial Forecasting:

The Rochester School District has closed its Fiscal Year June 30, 2022 year end with remaining funds in the amount of \$47,950.87. This balance includes funds from two approved funding sources from the Town Meeting in May of 2021.

Of the balance referred to above:

Bristol County Agricultural High School \$26,965.07

Rochester Memorial School \$20,985.80

Total funds to return to Town \$47,950.87

These funds will be returned to the Town of Rochester for the purpose of Free-Cash.

Mr. Barber also provided a facilities report and a food service report. Mr. Barber explained that during the FY23 school year the free meals were extended through June 30, 2022, however he explained that it's just the first meal (breakfast & lunch) and that if anyone child wants a second meal or any snacks those would have to be paid for. Mr. Barber explained that with the supply chain issues, significantly higher costs for products and service costs necessary to produce meals we will be making recommendations for price changes as it relates to the second breakfast and lunch. Mr. Barber reported that because of our accountability through the state families are still encouraged to fill out the free/reduced lunch application for any families who think they might be eligible. Mr. Barber also gave a report on technology and the work that's been taking place in the technology department during the summer months and the weeks leading up to the beginning of the school year.

D. Personnel - Supt. Nelson reviewed the following changes with the school committee.

The following staff members were hired/transferred for the 2022-2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effect. Date</u>
Kaitlyn Laprise	Music Teacher	8/29/2022
Anne Realini	Classroom Teacher	8/29/2022
Kathryn Sebastiao	Classroom Teacher (one year)	8/29/2022
Dawn L'Hereux	Assistant Head Cook	8/29/2022
Fatima Pimentel	Assistant Cook	8/29/2022

The following staff members retired/resigned/non-renewal.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status/Date</u>
Christine Williamson	Music Teacher	Retirement 6/3/2022
Kristen Mathieu	Classroom Teacher	Retirement 9/3/2022
Joanna Smith	Art Teacher	LOA (22-23 SY)
Jane LaRue	Assistant Head Cook	Retirement 6/30/2022
Janet LePage	Lunch/Aide	Resignation 6/30/2022
Jocelyn Mare	Classroom Teacher	Resignation 8/25/2022

The following staff changed positions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Position</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Beth Hemenway	Classroom Teacher	Art Teacher (one year)
Dawn L'Hereux	Assistant Cook	Assistant Head Cook
Jennifer Hunter	Paraprofessional	Classroom Teacher

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Hartley had a couple of things to mention, she reported that on August 26th she came to Rochester Memorial School to meet with Superintendent Nelson, Principal Medeiros, Gene Jones, the Fire Chief and the Lieutenant Bennett from the Police Department, she reported that they went to do a review of the court yards at the school, she reported that Mr. Medeiros did a great job at giving us a tour and while we were looking at the courtyard we had a discussion about security measures and identified strong security measures for those areas. She wanted to thank everyone involved in that and really appreciates all their time and efforts. Ms. Hartley also reported that she attended the opening day on August 29th and that it was a great day and she was very pleased to be there and she was very proud of our staff.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Superintendent Nelson made the following statement:

Well – I have to tell you it feels great to have week one in the books. I am extremely grateful to our facilities, food services, IT department, administrative team, teachers, support staff and all the other individuals who assisted in opening schools. This week – I've been able to visit all the schools, observe arrival times and dismissal times, attend open houses, kindergarten orientations and visit most of classrooms. It has really been awesome. My favorite interaction was a bumping into a familiar face – who is now a 3rd grader in one of our elementary schools – this student was quick to point out that I wore the same shoes last year when he saw me and suggested that I needed to buy new ones for this year. I don't disagree with him. On a serious note - the school buildings and classrooms look very inviting and welcoming and reflect many of the pre pandemic staples that make school so special. During my visits it was fun to watch the students and teachers participating in community building activities as they get to know one another and establish classroom norms and expectations.

Dr. Fedorowicz, Office of Teaching & Learning reported on the following:

She expressed that she's really excited to be part of this phenomenal team and community, she expressed it's been a great transition so far, she reported that she started on August 1st. She reported that the bulk of her work so far this month has been working on relationships, getting to know the team, visiting buildings, visiting classrooms. She expressed that she's also been working on planning professional development, writing grants and everything teaching and learning and getting to know the structure of the district. She expressed that she's really happy to be part of this school district and getting to know everyone. She reported that she has started to work on projects with principals and support staff. She gave an overview of projects that her office worked on in the past month; the New Teacher Induction which was last week, she reported they had a really good turnout and the energy of all the new teachers and mentors was amazing, she reported that during orientation they reviewed teaching and learning, technology, student support services, and then the teachers were able to head to their buildings, she expressed that there were a lot of smiles, a lot of excitement and a lot of great conversations. Principals and Central Office Administrators were also present to welcome new teachers, she expressed it was a great day. She wanted to thank everyone for attending and also to thank Kim Read who made the day go extremely smooth and made the room look amazing. She reported that Opening Day was great, walking through the buildings, seeing the classrooms, meeting everyone. Other initiatives that we are looking at is literacy, she reported that they have written a grant to help with that initiative and we are looking at Hill to Literacy to come in and do an assessment for each of the buildings. Dr. Fedorowicz also gave an update on upcoming professional development, she reported that on the 1st half day on

September 21st we will have an initial training on Promethean Boards, the training will cover, how to setup the classroom, how to be interactive with the students and different ways to get the students engaged. She expressed it's been a great start to the year.

Ms. Hartley expressed that the committee is very excited about the Literacy piece and asked if Dr. Fedorowicz knew how many staff members Hill to Literacy will they send for that initial visit to do the needs assessment? Dr. Fedorowicz explained that she that met with them already this week to do one piece of the work and next week we will be planning the dates they will arrive and the number of people they are sending. Ms. Hartley also inquired if the training was after school or part of the school day? Dr. Fedorowicz explained that it would be during a regular professional development day.

Ms. Fernandes had a question about the Phase I rollover, will it take the entire Fall? Dr. Fedorowicz reported that yes, it will take approximately a semester to roll out. Ms. Fernandes asked if she will have analysis by the end of the fall to make recommendations? She expressed that will be part of the meeting next week to plan out the dates, so hopefully sooner rather than later but I'll have to get back to you once we get the dates settled.

Ms. Rounseville asked if the assessment Dr. Fedorowicz is referring to would involve all students? She reported that all students would be taking a survey, in terms of interviews with students I will get back to you, we are still working out the details.

Mr. Davidson, Office of the Director of Student Services reported on the following:

Our SAIL Program was back again on our ORR Campus. Over 200 students participated in courses that incorporated strategies in Problem-solving and critical-thinking, Writing, Reading, and Mathematics, Cooperative learning and student reflection, Interdisciplinary connections and many more. In June I shared with this committee that all four of our districts received grant funding to create extended day programming. The Summer Enrichment Program ran each afternoon after the SAIL Program offering Students K-8 opportunities in Academics, Arts, athletics and social emotional learning lessons. Over 100 students participated in our 6-week program. The most rewarding part of this program was our 15 high school students who worked as mentors for our K-8 students. It brought the whole community together in an amazing way. In conclusion, we didn't want the summer programming to end! So we applied for another grant and received even more funding to offer our 2nd ever Summer Acceleration Academy. The academy ran from August 15th through the 19th. The academy focused on early literacy skills for K-2 students and Mathematics for students in 3rd, 4th, 8th and 10th grade.

A big thank you goes out to our Director of Food Services Jill Henesey and Director of Facilities Gene Jones. Between their offices we were able to serve lunch to all participating students throughout the 7 weeks of programming and keeping our buildings clean and prepared for reopening. In total we ran 7 weeks of summer programming, totaling 172 hours of educational opportunities for 452 Tri-Town students, employing 136 staff members, with 115 of those staff members being current Tri-Town Educators and/or high school students.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Medeiros reported on the following:

We welcomed 498 students on the first day of school including 26 new students who enrolled over the summer break.

As we get ready to embark upon another school year I would like to welcome in some new members of our staff. We are all excited to have Mrs. Anne Realini join our 2nd grade team, Mrs. Jennifer Hunter joining our 3rd grade team, Kaitlyn Laprise is our new instrumental music teacher, Ms. Kathryn Sebastiao joining our 4th grade team and Ms. Fatima Pimentel is joining our cafeteria team as our new 3-hour cook.

I would like to thank Mr. Bernard and the custodial team from FM&M for their efforts during summer clean up as our building looks outstanding. I would also like to thank Mrs. Guard, Mrs. Amato and Mr. Simmons for managing our main office and technology infrastructure throughout the summer months.

Open House for families of students in grades 1-6 took place on Tuesday August 30th from 6:30-7:30pm. Kindergarten orientation took place on Wednesday August 31st and was broken up into two cohorts. Students and families were invited by the first letter of their last name for either a morning or afternoon session. Last names starting with letters A-L came in from 9:00-10:30am and last names starting M-Z came in from 1:00-2:30pm.

I would like to thank the RMS PTO and all of the parents, guardians or community members who came by Rochester Memorial on Monday August 29th to decorate the sidewalks right outside of all our entrance as part of the PTO's "Chalk the Walk." The art work and messaging was truly wonderful and added a nice component to our opening day for students.

I am pleased to announce that this year the Old Rochester Regional School District is moving forward with online student registration using our student information system PowerSchool. In an effort to update student contacts, addresses, emails and phone numbers we have provided our families with information and instructions on how to create a student account so they may update the required student demographics information. This will take the place of hard copy packets that were traditionally used.

VIII. School Committee

B. Committee Reports

1. Budget Subcommittee- no report
2. ORR District School Committee – no report
3. SMEC- Ms. Fernandes reported that they met on June 14th, approved minutes, 2nd reading the FY23 spending plan, and next meeting is scheduled for September 27th.
4. READS- no report
5. Tri-town Foundation- no report
6. Early Childhood Council- no report
7. Policy Sub-Committee- Ms. Duggan reported the following:

Ms. Duggan reported last met on 6/22/22, and agreed to put forth four policies for approval at the next Joint School Committee meeting in June:

1. AC Non Discrimination Policy Including Harassment & Retaliation
2. AC-R R Procedures for Responding to Complaints of Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation
3. ACAB Sexual Harassment Policy
4. JICK Harassment of Students

All four policies were approved by the Joint School Committee. We also agreed upon a set schedule of four meetings for this coming academic year, to be held prior to Joint School Committee meetings to streamline policy approval and voting.

8. Equity Sub-Committee: Ms. Duggan reported that they will meet on October 5th.

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

Chairperson Hartley reported:

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is Thursday – October 13, 2022 @ 6:30pm in person at Rochester Memorial School.

The next meeting of the Joint School Committee is Thursday – September 29, 2022 @ 6:30pm in person at the Media Room at the Jr. High School.

X. Open Comments: Ms. Hartley read the open comment policy.

The following open comments were heard:

Karen Thomas made the following statement: *“We all need to work together to protect our children, whether it’s in the classroom or on social media, I feel that we need to protect our families and values. I know noticed on the agenda that there was something on curriculum but it was passed over, because one of the roles of the school committee is to approve or adopt major revisions of curriculum and textbooks at the recommendation of the superintendent. It’s been a long concern in the education of today’s youth, I feel that there needs to be steps that critical race theory and comprehensive sex education do not take root in education or curriculum. To quote a parent CRT is definitely happening, don’t tell children they are oppressed, racism is at the government level and policies really need to be going back to the parents. A recent school board in Texas banned CRT so that it can’t be done, 25 of 30 school committee seats in Florida also spoke against teaching CRT. There’s a mother right here in Dartmouth, her child went home with a reading and in it was all about CRT, she stopped the child from reading it and she was going to the school committee with hopefully some support and other parents to find out why is that happening. I was referring to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, one of the things it refers to is teaching a full scope at American History and it includes the evils of slavery, racism and segregation but within the context of Americans highest ideals and there’s been progress to realizing them, it speaks to George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and examining their lives and what they did for this country but also looks at the contradiction because they owned slaves which they did, but I hope when it’s taught it focuses on honest history as it says and all they did for this country. What is social learning, how does RMS include diversity, equity and inclusion into classroom instruction? What resources are used to teach CRT, by whom and when is this instruction done during the school day? What book titles are in the school libraries or classroom libraries addressing CRT? Within a public and private school teachers, activists and school boards push and teach children to reject traditional norms like a mother and father and embrace gender ideology. Classes may begin with questions and exercises about gender, culture and identity and it’s happening right in Newburyport. A grade school in Connecticut is telling parents they will not celebrate Mother’s Day because it’s too exclusive. I really feel like there should be parental consent for any type of questionnaire that goes to a student, so that parents see it and there is ability to opt out. (she gave an example to Mr. Nelson and school committee). How are student surveys used and analyzed? And who has access? Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks includes sexual preference and identity, why is this even part of a lesson plan? Shouldn’t this be the job of the parents? I recently watched a television program that was on the news, there were eight teachers from different states of this country and they were interviewed and they all agreed that it’s not their role to teach CRT or sex education, that it was the parents role. How does the RMS staff including administration discuss gender identity with students, what*

book titles are in the school library or classroom libraries addressing gender identity? Reading levels are declining as you all know across the US, there was just something again this evening and it said there's been the biggest decline that's been seen the last 40 years and in Massachusetts reading deficiency is 54%, Math proficiency is 51%, so this needs to be the focus when educating children.

Misty King was called upon but was unable to make a comment due to technical issues.

Ms. Fernandes asked if the other members in the audience were there with the same concerns or just observing the meeting. Someone spoke up and said she was just observing the meeting.

Misty King made the following statement at this point. *"Good Evening, I just wanted to bring to the attention of the school committee and the superintendent, I did have concerns about the speaker that was brought in on Monday to talk to the staff, I did receive a response and I appreciate the time I was given by both Mr. Davidson and the Superintendent, but I also think there needs to be a stronger vetting process on who is brought in to speak to staff that ultimately ends up educating our students. Liz Kleinrock does have some disturbing content that isn't just simply fostering everything for all students, so I currently ask that the school committee review the presenter that was brought in to speak to the staff and that's all I'm going to say for now."*

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: by Mr. Fernandes at 8:32 p.m. to enter executive session for the purpose of exception #3, exception #4 and exception #7

SECOND: by Ms. Rounseville

5:0 ROLL CALL: Chisholm: yes, Duggan: yes, Rounseville: yes, Hartley: yes, Fernandes: yes

MOTION: by Ms. Fernandes to go come out of Executive Session at 8:57 pm only to adjourn

SECOND: by Ms. Rounseville

5:00 ROLL CALL: Chisholm: yes, Duggan: yes, Rounseville: yes, Hartley: yes, Fernandes: yes

MOTION to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. by Ms. Rounseville

SECOND: by Ms. Duggan

Submitted,
Diana Russo,
School Committee Secretary



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Are you filing the complaint in your capacity as an individual, representative of an organization, or media?

(For statistical purposes only)

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Joe Pires GP shared a link.

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I personally would like to see a more stringent approval process (criteria) for how and what books are accepted into our school libraries. In addition, parents need to be made aware of all approved books so that they can be involved in the decision process, rather than learning about inappropriate materials after their children have been exposed to it. ALL students need to be taken in to consideration when addressing the selection of what reading material they have access to.



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Anne Fernandes

Also, those who publicly commented at the Joint meeting on Sept. 29th and I did not ask for ANY books to be banned. We brought attention to the books, and I asked for a "committee-approach" review process to occur prior to books admissions and maybe for books currently on shelves. For some reason, the video of the meeting is unavailable, but if you want my comments as per books, I'm delighted to share.

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Earl Swain

Anne Fernandes to be clear, how is not allowing a books admission, or removing books from the shelves not banning books?

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Earl Swain

Cheryl Carter Hebert I think that's the very definition.

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Lazaro Rosa

Earl Swain a certain someone's position on the School Committee comes


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Earl Swain

Are you really suggesting we ban books?

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Joe Pires GP [Author](#) [Admin](#)

Earl Swain Hi Earl, absolutely not. I am suggesting that we have a vetting process for what books are approved. For start, we can choose NOT to have books that contain phonographic and explicit content in them.

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Mrs. Fernandes engaged with Joe Pires’ comments on the mentioned post Mr. Pires’ made on the public forum Tri-Town Buzz. She also made several comments and engaged with community members. See below:



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Earl Swain
Nancy Marie denying books is banning books!
No books should be banned/denied!
It's censorship and that's against the First Amendment of the Constitution

Like Reply Share 1d

Nancy Marie
Earl Swain oh please!! Banning books is a process for decades!! You are making nonsense!!!

Like Reply Share 1d

Earl Swain
Nancy Marie I caused nothing

Like Reply Share 1d

Joe Pires GP Author Admin
Earl Swain You live in Cohasset in Mass???

Like Reply Share 1d

Joe Pires GP Author Admin
Earl Swain You should resign from your own school system oppose

Like Reply Share 1d



Bambi Andrade
We're living in a very strange time, where our children and grandchildren are

Like Love 2



MON, OCT 17 AT 10:00 AM
Learn To Crochet
Mattapoisett Mass

Jessica

All

Like 3

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X



Anne Fernandes
6 mutual friends

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Pedro De Pacas

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Randall Enos

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Earl Swain

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Nancy Marie
1 mutual friend

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ORR has been asked to ban several books on gender, race issues. Here's what we know.



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156 Comments 1 Share



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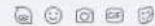


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Write a public comment...



Anne Fernandes

Also, those who publicly commented at the Joint meeting on Sept. 29th and I did not ask for ANY books to be banned. We brought attention to the books, and I asked for a "committee-approach" review process to occur prior to books admissions and maybe for books currently on shelves. For some reason, the video of the meeting is unavailable, but if you want my comments as per books, I'm delighted to share.

Like Reply Share 5h



2



Earl Swain

Anne Fernandes to be clear, how is not allowing a books admission, or removing books from the shelves not banning books?

Like Reply Share 5h



Anne Fernandes

Earl Swain To be clear, we are talking about public schools who instruct children between the ages of 2 years 9 months through the ages of 22, if they have a developmental disability. Those of us at the last Joint S.C. meeting asked for a review process of books with sexualized texts and coordinating graphics. In an email, I also asked for the books containing sexual content and graphics to be removed until they were vetted by a committee yet to be formed. Up until fairly recently, public schools have considered at the forefront of choosing curricula, the term developmentally appropriate. I'm not going to send you the graphics and literature, but if you want the list of books, glad to oblige.

Like Reply Share 5h



Earl Swain

Anne Fernandes I don't need a list of the books you are attempting to ban!

Let's be clear, banning books is wrong no matter how you word it!

Like Reply Share 4h



3



Cheryl Carter Hebert

Earl Swain Some would call it Fascist.

Like Reply Share 3h



2



Earl Swain

Cheryl Carter Hebert I think that's the very definition

Like Reply Share 3h



Susan Fitt

Anne Fernandes the librarians are trained professionals. Let them do their jobs. Again, if you don't approve of a book it's up to you as a parent. Don't make that decision for my children. All of these books are amazing and many award winners

Like Reply Share 4h



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Randall Enos

Typical democrat throwing out the Fascist word... as a taxpayer yes WE have a right to be involved in our schools and libraries and what our children are being exposed to.

Like Reply Share 3h



2



Earl Swain

Randall Enos you don't have a right to be involved in our schools and libraries and what our children are being exposed to.

My exchange with Mrs. Fernandes in the comment section of Mr. Pires' post.

Like Reply Share 1h



Rhonda Baptiste

Anne Fernandes I believe there is already language in the complaint procedure that allows for material included in the request for consideration to be denied to the children of the complainant. So as a SC member, maybe you could offer that as an option to the parents who have issue with the content instead of suggesting the school go against an established procedure in accordance with the statement of philosophy that's already clear and in place?
Here's the language for reference:

In accordance with the statement of philosophy, no questioned materials shall be removed from the school pending a final decision. Pending the outcome of the request for reconsideration, however, access to questioned materials can be denied to the students of the parents making the complaint, if they so desire.

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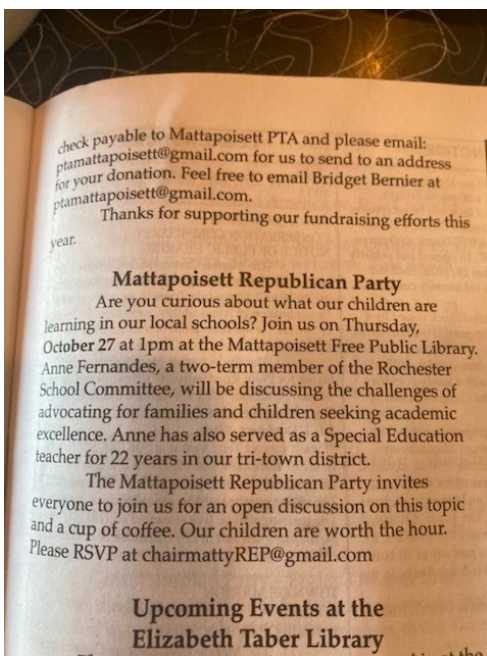


Anne Fernandes

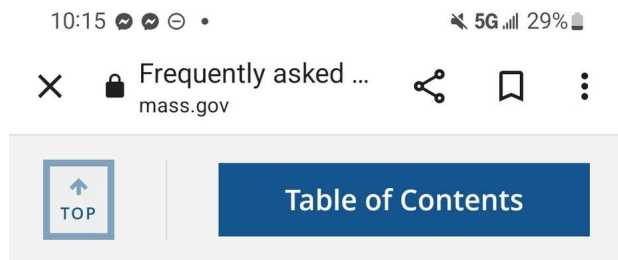
Rhonda Baptiste Duly noted, Rhonda. Our district continually revises policies and procedures, and in fact, many in the last two years. Systems change.

Like Reply Share 1m

Advertisement in local newspaper with ad for Anne Fernandes as the speaker at an event hosted by the Mattapoisett Republican Party:



FAQ section of Open Meeting Law regarding posting on social media and communicating with other members of the public body:



May members of a public body communicate with the public through social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and webpages?

Yes, members of public bodies may communicate with members of the public through any social media platform. However, members of public bodies must be careful not to engage in deliberation with the other members of the public body through such communications. If a member of a public body communicates directly with a quorum of the public body over social media platforms such as Facebook or Twitter, that communication may violate the Open Meeting Law. Public body members should proceed with caution when communicating via these platforms.

Feedback

May a members of a public body participate in a listserv?



 **File: IJ-R - RECONSIDERATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES**

In accordance with the statement of philosophy, no questioned materials shall be removed from the school pending a final decision. Pending the outcome of the request for reconsideration, however, access to questioned materials can be denied to the students of the parents making the complaint, if they so desire.

Below are the school committee members for the Joint School committee and the Rochester School Committee (of which Anne Fernandes is a member of both), with a strike through to any who are NOT public members of the public group "Tritown Buzz." Screenshots of membership to Tritown Buzz by school committee members are included earlier in this document.

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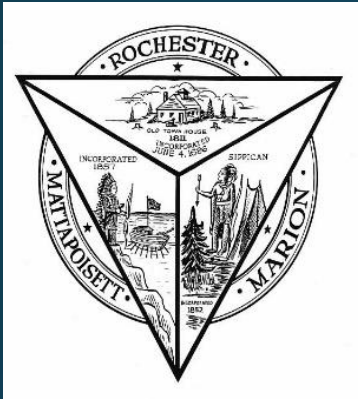
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- **Sharon Hartley** - *Chairperson* | [Email](#) | 149 Marion Rd, Rochester, MA 02770 | 508-763-2463 | Term: 2025 **
- **Robin M. Rounseville** - *Vice Chairperson* | [Email](#) | 58 Braley Hill Road, Rochester, MA 02770 | 508-763-8685 | Term: 2024 **
- **Anne Fernandes** [Email](#) | 515 Snipatuit Rd, Rochester, MA 02770 | 508-763-3486 | Term: 2023 **
- **Jason Chisholm (Alt: Kate Duggan)** [Email](#) | 16 Cromwell Ln, Rochester 02770 | 508-758-2772 | Term: 2024 *
- **Katherine Duggan** [Email](#) | 520 New Bedford Rd, Rochester, MA 02770 | 508-758-2772 | Term: 2023

Diana Russo - School Committee Secretary/Recording Secretary | [Email](#) | 135 Marion Rd, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 | 508-758-2772

** RSC representative to **Mass. School Supt. Union No. 55**

* RSC representative to **ORR School Committee**



Shari Fedorowicz, Ph.D.
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Derek Medeiros
Rochester Memorial School Principal

Overview OpenSciEd

- Awarded Grant for Grades 6 – 8 Science
 - Includes supplemental resources, materials, and PD
- High quality, rigorous science instructional materials
- Open Educational Resources
- Aligned to MA State Curriculum Frameworks and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
- Innovative instructional delivery model in the sciences

Objective OpenSciEd

- OpenSciEd:
 - DESE partnered with 9 other states and Boston University for development and implementation process
 - developed with educators
 - Researched based regarding how students learn science
 - Comprehensive, robust, research-based
- Objective: *To improve science education through the development and implementation of high-quality, freely available science instructional materials that are research-based.*

Implementation and Professional Development

- Two units are implemented each year
- Three year process
 - Two supplemental units/year
- Professional development for each unit
- Teachers attended:
 - 4-day launch unit scope and sequence
 - Three supplemental unit-based PD sessions
- After 3-year pilot, full integration



Science Resources 2022-2023

- This year, the grades 6-8 are implementing the following supplemental units:
 - Grade 6: "*Light & Matter*" and "*Sound Waves*"
 - Grade 7: "*Contact Forces*" and "*Thermal Energy*"
 - Grade 8: "*Chemical Reactions & Matter*" and "*Chemical Reactions & Energy*"

MA OpenSciEd Unit Sequence & Alignment with 2016 MA STE Framework

The table below provides guidance to Massachusetts teachers using OpenSciEd as their classroom science curriculum. The following identifies the MA standards addressed or partially addressed in the released OpenSciEd units. *Italics indicated partially addressed standards*

6 th grade	MA 6.1) Light & Matter	6.MS-PS4-2
	MA 6.2) Sound Waves (OSE 8.2)*	6.MS-PS4-1, 6.MS-PS4-2
	MA 6.3) Forces at a Distance (OSE 8.3)*	6.MS-PS4-3, 7.MS-PS2-5, 7.MS-PS3-2
	MA 6.4) Earth in Space (OSE 8.4)*	6.MS-ESS1-1a, 6.MS-ESS1-5(MA), 6.MS-PS2-4, 6.MS-PS4-2, 8.MS-ESS1-1b, 8.MS-ESS1-2
	MA 6.5) Plate Tectonics & Rock Cycling (OSE 6.4)	6.MS-ESS1-4, 6.MS-ESS2-3, 6.MS-LS4-1, 7.MS-ESS2-2, 8.MS-ESS2-1
	MA 6.6) Cells & Systems	6.MS-LS1-1, 6.MS-LS1-2, 6.MS-LS1-3
7 th grade	MA 7.1) Contact Forces (OSE 8.1)*	6.MS-ETS2-1(MA), 6.MS-ETS2-2(MA), 7.MS-PS3-1, 7.MS-PS3-5, 7.MS-ETS1-2, 7.MS-ETS1-4, 7.MS-ETS1-7(MA), 8.MS-PS2-1, 8.MS-PS2-2, 8.MS-ETS2-4(MA)
	MA 7.2) Thermal Energy (OSE 6.2)*	6.MS-PS4-2, 6.MS-ETS1-6(MA), 7.MS-PS3-3, 7.MS-PS3-4, 7.MS-PS3-5, 7.MS-PS3-6(MA), 7.MS-ETS1-4, 7.MS-ETS1-7(MA), 8.MS-PS1-4
	MA 7.3) Matter Cycling & Photosynthesis (OSE 7.4)	6.MS-LS1-2, 7.MS-LS2-3, 8.MS-PS1-2
	MA 7.4) Ecosystem Dynamics	6.MS-ETS1-1, 7.MS-LS2-1, 7.MS-LS2-2, 7.MS-LS2-4, 7.MS-LS2-5, 7.MS-LS2-6(MA), 7.MS-ESS3-4, 7.MS-ETS1-2, 7.MS-ETS1-4
	MA 7.5) Natural Resources & Human	7.MS-ESS3-3, 7.MS-ESS3-4, 8.MS-ESS3-1, 8.MS-ESS3-5, 7.MS-ETS1-2
	MA 7.6) Natural Hazards (OSE 6.5)*	6.MS-ETS1-1, 7.MS-ESS3-2, 7.MS-ETS1-2
8 th grade	MA 8.1) Chemical Reactions & Matter (OSE 7.1)*	6.MS-PS1-8(MA), 8.MS-PS1-1, 8.MS-PS1-2, 8.MS-PS1-5
	MA 8.2) Chemical Reactions & Energy (OSE 7.2)*	6.MS-PS1-6, 7.MS-ETS1-2, 7.MS-ETS1-4, 7.MS-ETS1-7(MA)
	MA 8.3) Metabolic Reactions (OSE 7.3)*	6.MS-LS1-3, 8.MS-LS1-5, 8.MS-LS1-7, 8.MS-PS1-1, 8.MS-PS1-2
	MA 8.4) Genetics	8.MS-LS1-5, 8.MS-LS3-1, 8.MS-LS3-2, 8.MS-LS3-3(MA), 8.MS-LS3-4(MA), 8.MS-LS4-5
	MA 8.5) Natural Selection & Ancestry	6.MS-LS4-1, 6.MS-LS4-2, 7.MS-LS1-4, 8.MS-LS4-4
	MA 8.6) Weather (OSE 6.3)*	6.MS-PS1-7(MA), 6.MS-PS4-2, 7.MS-ESS2-4, 7.MS-PS3-4, 7.MS-PS3-6(MA), 8.MS-ESS2-5, 8.MS-ESS2-6, 8.MS-PS1-4, 8.MS-PS2-2

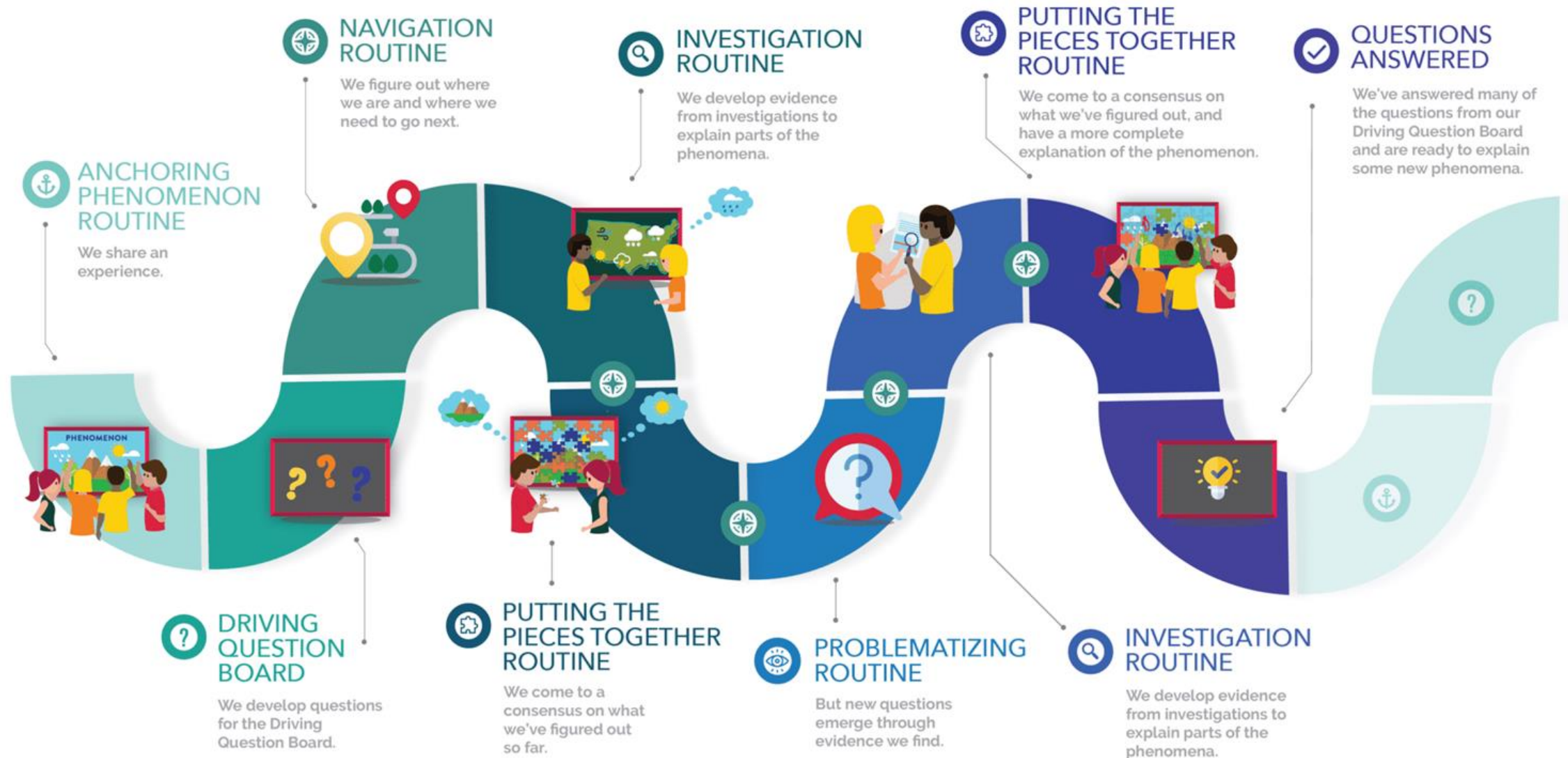
* Indicates unit that appears in a different grade level in the OSE national sequence

Standards not addressed include: 6.MS-ETS1-5; 6.MS-ETS2-3(MA); 7.MS-ETS3-1-5(MA); 7.MS-PS2-3; 8.MS-ETS2-5(MA)

Student Experience

- In the OpenSciEd supplemental units, students engage in investigations to make sense of relevant, real world observable events (phenomena).
- Ex: supplemental units address questions such as:
 - *How can a sound make something move?*
 - *How can containers keep stuff from warming up or cooling down?*





Home-School Connection

- Bringing home science may look different:
 - Your child may ask why different natural occurrences happen
 - Say, *"My science teacher won't tell me the answer to my questions."*
 - No traditional vocabulary lists or study guides

Supporting Your Student in the Sciences

- Show interest in their thinking process
- Support research to find answers
- Resist directly giving the answer to your student...discovery is part of the process



Thank you and questions?

DRAFT SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

July 2023					August 2023					September 2023				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29
31					NT- New Teacher Orientation									
					TM-Teachers Meeting					No School				
					@ OPENING DAY - ALL SCHOOLS					X - Prof. Dev. Early Release ALL SCHOOLS				
					6 days					19 days			25 days	accrued
October 2023					November 2023					December 2023				
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23	24	25	26	27	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22
30	31				27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29
P- Early Dismissal Parent Conf.					[]-Professional Development Full Day									
MATT, ROCH. AND MARION K-6					Vacation					E- Early Dismissal for Students & Teachers				
21 days				46 days	17 days				63 days	16 days				79 days
				accrued					accrued					accrued
January 2024					February 2024					March 2024				
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22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22
29	30	31			26	27	28	29		25	26	27	28	29
[]-Professional Development Full Day					Vacation					No School				
20 days				99 days	X - Prof. Dev. All Schools Early Release					X - Prof. Dev. All Schools Early Release				
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										** 185th Day				
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				accrued					accrued					accrued
Holidays - No School for Students and Teachers														



Old Rochester Regional School District
Massachusetts School Superintendency Union 55

Memo

To: School Committee Members of Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, Old Rochester

From: Jill Henesey, Director of Food Services
Howard G. Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

Cc: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools

Date: October 19, 2022

Re: Meal Price Increases for Breakfast and Lunch

The Old Rochester Regional School District/Mass School Superintendency Union # 55 have been faced with supply chain issues, significantly higher costs for products and service costs necessary to produce the meals. The Commonwealth of Mass has extended the free meals program for our students daily breakfast and lunch through the 2022-2023 school year for all first servings.

The current USDA weighted average price per student meal is \$3.31, this is also the price used by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This is the minimum required price to be charged for all meals served from the Kindergarten through 12th grade. It is expected that the USDA weighted average will go up another \$.15 for the upcoming school year. Currently our rates are \$3.00 at the elementary schools and \$3.25 at the secondary schools for lunch and \$2.25 for breakfast. The last time we increased our prices was during the 2017-2018 school, with an increase of \$.25.

The administration is proposing that meal pricing rates for breakfast and lunch rates increase as follows:

Effective January 3, 2023 (This date will allow administration enough time to communicate the new rates to the tri-town families)

Elementary Schools Meal Price:

Breakfast pricing from \$2.25 to a new rate of \$2.75

Lunch pricing from \$3.00 to a new rate of \$3.50

Secondary Schools Meal Price:

Breakfast pricing from \$2.25 to a new rate of \$2.75

Lunch pricing from \$3.25 to a new rate of \$3.75

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

16 Pine Street Rochester, MA 02770 Phone: 508-763-2049 Fax: 508-763-2623

Rochester Memorial

School Committee Meeting

Thursday October 27, 2022

Technology Surplus List

Laptop	Quantity	Year
MacBook	99	2009
Desktop		
eMac	21	2001
iMac	104	2009
Chromebook		
Model 740	137	2015
Miscellaneous		
Speakers	3	N/A
Television	6	N/A
Video Deck	2	N/A
Ceiling Projector	3	2010
Alpha Smart	30	1998
Alpha Smart Cart	1	1998
Apple Carts	3	2001
WIFI Access Points	45	2010
Cameras	7	2012

*All devices listed above are either broken beyond repair or will not update to current operating systems due to outdated software.

Derek Medeiros
Principal
Principal

Charles West
Assistant

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL- C.A.R.E.S.
Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control.
We seek to demonstrate these values in all that we do!



Old Rochester Regional School District

Massachusetts School Superintendency Union 55

Memo

To: School Committee Members of Rochester

From: Howard G. Barber, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations

Cc: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools

Date: October 11, 2022

Re: Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2023

Financial Report:

Please find the following financial report in relation to the general funds of Rochester Elementary School District:

- Budget Report by Department for September 30, 2022

For the purpose of our Financial Forecasting:

The Rochester School District currently has \$1,238,359 available of the general funds appropriated in the 2023 Fiscal Year. Per the attached Year to Date Budget Report by Department, we are able to identify how our funds are encumbered and expended. This report recognizes that of the total \$6,594,844 appropriated to the District, consisting of both the Rochester School District and the one-time non-annual student resource package.

- \$ 6,561,486 – General Fund Operating
- \$ 33,358 - Non-annual student resource package
- **\$ 6,594,844 - General Funds Approved**
- \$ 5,356,485 – Obligations Paid Year to Date
- **\$ 1,238,359 - Remaining Available Funds**

Bristol County Agricultural High School enrolled student operational budget of \$289,698 costs is pending its first billing to be received for payment.

- **\$ 289,698 – Bristol County Agricultural High School**
- \$ 0 - Obligations Paid Year to Date
- **\$ 289,698 - Remaining Available Funds**

Rochester Public Schools

FY22-23 APPROVED BUDGET

Fiscal Year: 2022-2023

☐ Subtotal by Collapse Mask

☐ Include pre encumbrance

☐ Print accounts with zero balance

☒ Filter Encumbrance Detail by Date Range

☐ Exclude Inactive Accounts with zero balance

From Date: 7/1/2022

To Date: 6/30/2023

Account Number	Description	GL Budget	Range To Date	YTD	Balance	Encumbrance	Budget Balance	% Bud
01.305.001.1107.06.37	CONFERENCE EXPENSE	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$535.00	(\$235.00)	-78.33%
01.305.001.1110.04.35	LEGAL COUNSEL	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100.00%
01.305.001.1110.04.36	MASC	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100.00%
01.305.001.1110.05.36	MISCELLANEOUS	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	100.00%
01.305.001.1111.04.36	DOE AUDIT	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100.00%
01.305.001.1125.06.36	ADVERTISING	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	100.00%
	Dept: SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 001	\$7,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,700.00	\$535.00	\$7,165.00	93.05%
01.305.004.1110.04.35	CENSUS	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	0.00%
01.305.004.1201.02.02	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	100.00%
01.305.004.1204.04.02	SOFTWARE CONSULTANT	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	100.00%
01.305.004.1207.06.37	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$2,660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,660.00	\$0.00	\$2,660.00	100.00%
01.305.004.1210.01.02	SUPERINTENDENT	\$32,131.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,131.72	\$0.00	\$32,131.72	100.00%
01.305.004.1210.02.02	EXEC ASST TO SUPT	\$12,655.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,655.24	\$0.00	\$12,655.24	100.00%
01.305.004.1210.04.33	ASSOCIATIONS & DUES	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	100.00%
01.305.004.1210.05.21	POSTAGE	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	100.00%
01.305.004.1210.06.36	MISCELLANEOUS	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	100.00%
01.305.004.1220.01.02	ASST SUPT OF CURRICULUM	\$22,735.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,735.00	\$0.00	\$22,735.00	100.00%
01.305.004.1220.02.02	CLERICAL	\$8,166.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,166.31	\$596.10	\$7,570.21	92.70%
01.305.004.1230.05.21	SUPPLIES	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	100.00%
01.305.004.1410.01.02	ASST SUPT FINANCE & OPERATIONS	\$26,989.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,989.41	\$0.00	\$26,989.41	100.00%
01.305.004.1410.03.02	FINANCE OFFICE	\$30,247.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,247.85	\$0.00	\$30,247.85	100.00%
01.305.004.1420.03.02	HUMAN RESOURCES	\$11,508.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,508.69	\$0.00	\$11,508.69	100.00%
01.305.004.1450.04.27	COMPUTER SERVICES	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100.00%
01.305.004.2356.06.37	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100.00%
01.305.004.4130.04.15	TELEPHONE	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100.00%
01.305.004.5300.04.21	COPIER RENTAL	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	100.00%
	Dept: SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE - 004	\$162,019.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$162,019.22	\$1,471.10	\$160,548.12	99.09%
01.305.007.2210.03.02	SUBSTITUTE COORDINATOR	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100.00%
01.305.007.2210.04.33	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$500.00	\$239.00	\$239.00	\$261.00	\$0.00	\$261.00	52.20%
01.305.007.2210.05.22	SUPPLIES ADMINISTRATION	\$500.00	\$576.76	\$576.76	(\$76.76)	\$398.24	(\$475.00)	-95.00%
01.305.007.2210.05.23	SUPPLIES COPYING	\$3,500.00	\$938.80	\$938.80	\$2,561.20	\$2,065.48	\$495.72	14.16%
01.305.007.2210.05.24	SUPPLIES GENERAL SCHOOL	\$14,000.00	\$11,796.75	\$11,796.75	\$2,203.25	\$3,232.01	(\$1,028.76)	-7.35%
01.305.007.2210.05.25	POSTAGE	\$1,950.00	\$299.85	\$299.85	\$1,650.15	\$219.98	\$1,430.17	73.34%
01.305.007.2210.06.37	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$250.00	\$343.15	\$343.15	(\$93.15)	\$0.00	(\$93.15)	-37.26%
01.305.007.2211.01.02	PRINCIPALS	\$130,355.06	\$34,494.74	\$34,494.74	\$95,860.32	\$93,628.67	\$2,231.65	1.71%
01.305.007.2211.02.09	PRINCIPAL'S SECRETARY	\$44,138.93	\$6,791.80	\$6,791.80	\$37,347.13	\$37,354.95	(\$7.82)	-0.02%
01.305.007.2212.02.08	AIDES SUPERVISORY	\$16,632.60	\$1,075.35	\$1,075.35	\$15,557.25	\$8,195.79	\$7,361.46	44.26%
01.305.007.2231.01.02	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	\$112,926.43	\$29,828.33	\$29,828.33	\$83,098.10	\$80,962.77	\$2,135.33	1.89%
01.305.007.2356.06.37	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$27,000.00	\$20,503.00	\$20,503.00	\$6,497.00	\$4,350.00	\$2,147.00	7.95%
01.305.007.4230.04.28	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	\$1,500.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$1,275.00	\$154.00	\$1,121.00	74.73%
01.305.007.5204.06.38	POSITION BONDS	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100.00%
01.305.007.5300.04.28	COPIER RENTAL	\$7,920.00	\$1,927.20	\$1,927.20	\$5,992.80	\$5,872.80	\$120.00	1.52%
	Dept: ADMINISTRATION REG DAY - 007	\$363,273.02	\$109,039.73	\$109,039.73	\$254,233.29	\$236,434.69	\$17,798.60	4.90%
01.305.010.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$1,950,997.00	\$221,233.52	\$221,233.52	\$1,729,763.48	\$1,686,763.30	\$43,000.18	2.20%
01.305.010.2325.03.34	SUBSTITUTES	\$50,000.00	\$1,497.88	\$1,497.88	\$48,502.12	\$0.00	\$48,502.12	97.00%
01.305.010.2350.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$736.61	\$1,763.39	70.54%
01.305.010.2350.06.37	TRAVEL,TRANS,CONFERENCES	\$5,000.00	\$3,158.00	\$3,158.00	\$1,842.00	\$2,474.00	(\$632.00)	-12.64%
01.305.010.2356.01.03	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$12,000.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$11,940.00	\$0.00	\$11,940.00	99.50%

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01.305.010.2356.04.03	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	100.00%
	Dept: CLASSROOM TEACHERS - 010	\$2,030,997.00	\$225,949.40	\$225,949.40	\$1,805,047.60	\$1,689,973.91	\$115,073.69	5.67%
01.305.013.2300.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$162.02	\$337.98	67.60%
01.305.013.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$255,489.00	\$29,023.77	\$29,023.77	\$226,465.23	\$226,640.23	(\$175.00)	-0.07%
01.305.013.2330.03.08	PARAPROFESSIONALS	\$55,478.16	\$11,737.80	\$11,737.80	\$43,740.36	\$91,854.62	(\$48,114.26)	-86.73%
	Dept: KINDERGARTEN - 013	\$311,467.16	\$40,761.57	\$40,761.57	\$270,705.59	\$318,656.87	(\$47,951.28)	-15.40%
01.305.016.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$94,519.00	\$10,929.00	\$10,929.00	\$83,590.00	\$85,319.00	(\$1,729.00)	-1.83%
01.305.016.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$1,500.00	\$1,473.21	\$1,473.21	\$26.79	\$0.00	\$26.79	1.79%
	Dept: ART PROGRAM - 016	\$96,019.00	\$12,402.21	\$12,402.21	\$83,616.79	\$85,319.00	(\$1,702.21)	-1.77%
01.305.022.2303.02.08	AIDES CLASSROOM	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00	(\$825.00)	0.00%
01.305.022.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$91,284.00	\$18,059.06	\$18,059.06	\$73,224.94	\$108,040.02	(\$34,815.08)	-38.14%
01.305.022.2356.06.37	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
01.305.022.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00	\$273.83	\$273.83	\$1,726.17	\$0.00	\$1,726.17	86.31%
	Dept: READING - 022	\$94,284.00	\$18,332.89	\$18,332.89	\$75,951.11	\$108,865.02	(\$32,913.91)	-34.91%
01.305.024.2356.06.37	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100.00%
01.305.024.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	100.00%
	Dept: ELL PROGRAM - 024	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	100.00%
01.305.025.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100.00%
	Dept: ENGLISH - 025	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100.00%
01.305.037.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$750.17	\$750.17	(\$250.17)	\$0.00	(\$250.17)	-50.03%
	Dept: MATHEMATICS - 037	\$500.00	\$750.17	\$750.17	(\$250.17)	\$0.00	(\$250.17)	-50.03%
01.305.040.2305.01.03	PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	0.00%
01.305.040.2340.01.03	LIBRARIAN	\$103,540.00	\$11,837.91	\$11,837.91	\$91,702.09	\$91,452.09	\$250.00	0.24%
01.305.040.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$206.43	\$293.57	58.71%
01.305.040.2501.05.23	BOOKS & MAGAZINES	\$0.00	\$192.70	\$192.70	(\$192.70)	\$0.00	(\$192.70)	0.00%
01.305.040.2503.05.23	RESOURCE MATERIALS	\$0.00	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	(\$2,085.00)	\$0.00	(\$2,085.00)	0.00%
01.305.040.4230.04.29	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	100.00%
	Dept: MEDIA SERVICES - 040	\$104,240.00	\$14,115.61	\$14,115.61	\$90,124.39	\$91,908.52	(\$1,784.13)	-1.71%
01.305.043.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$144,116.20	\$16,484.08	\$16,484.08	\$127,632.12	\$120,426.12	\$7,206.00	5.00%
01.305.043.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$400.00	\$38.48	\$38.48	\$361.52	\$469.95	(\$108.43)	-27.11%
01.305.043.4230.04.29	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	100.00%
	Dept: MUSIC - 043	\$144,636.20	\$16,522.56	\$16,522.56	\$128,113.64	\$120,896.07	\$7,217.57	4.99%
01.305.049.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$124,688.80	\$14,174.31	\$14,174.31	\$110,514.49	\$110,514.49	\$0.00	0.00%
01.305.049.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,574.12	(\$74.12)	-4.94%
	Dept: PHYSICAL EDUCATION - 049	\$126,188.80	\$14,174.31	\$14,174.31	\$112,014.49	\$112,088.61	(\$74.12)	-0.06%
01.305.052.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$103,995.00	\$11,837.91	\$11,837.91	\$92,157.09	\$92,157.09	\$0.00	0.00%
01.305.052.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$5,000.00	\$3,136.18	\$3,136.18	\$1,863.82	\$3,401.69	(\$1,537.87)	-30.76%
	Dept: SCIENCE - 052	\$108,995.00	\$14,974.09	\$14,974.09	\$94,020.91	\$95,558.78	(\$1,537.87)	-1.41%
01.305.055.2430.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$1,500.00	\$5,771.20	\$5,771.20	(\$4,271.20)	\$80.00	(\$4,351.20)	-290.08%
	Dept: SOCIAL STUDIES - 055	\$1,500.00	\$5,771.20	\$5,771.20	(\$4,271.20)	\$80.00	(\$4,351.20)	-290.08%

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01.305.061.2351.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$6,500.00	\$27.40	\$27.40	\$6,472.60	\$537.00	\$5,935.60	91.32%
01.305.061.2356.01.03	PD Stipends - Curriculum	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	100.00%
	Dept: CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT - 061	\$14,000.00	\$27.40	\$27.40	\$13,972.60	\$537.00	\$13,435.60	95.97%
01.305.076.2305.01.03	PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	0.00%
01.305.076.3200.01.11	PHYSICIAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$602.00	(\$602.00)	0.00%
01.305.076.3200.04.11	PHYSICIAN SVCS- CONTRACTED	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	100.00%
01.305.076.3200.05.23	SUPPLIES	\$2,500.00	\$1,020.10	\$1,020.10	\$1,479.90	\$0.00	\$1,479.90	59.20%
01.305.076.3200.06.37	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	100.00%
01.305.076.3202.01.11	NURSE	\$81,234.00	\$9,344.31	\$9,344.31	\$71,889.69	\$71,639.69	\$250.00	0.31%
01.305.076.3202.03.34	SUBSTITUTE - NURSE	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
	Dept: HEALTH SERVICES - 076	\$85,584.00	\$10,364.41	\$10,364.41	\$75,219.59	\$72,491.69	\$2,727.90	3.19%
01.305.079.3300.06.40	REGULAR EDUCATION - PUPIL K-6	\$326,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$326,000.00	\$0.00	\$326,000.00	100.00%
01.305.079.3301.06.14	FUEL ADJUSTMENT	\$8,400.00	\$17,631.68	\$17,631.68	(\$9,231.68)	\$0.00	(\$9,231.68)	-109.90%
	Dept: TRANSPORTATION REG DAY - 079	\$334,400.00	\$17,631.68	\$17,631.68	\$316,768.32	\$0.00	\$316,768.32	94.73%
01.305.085.3521.05.23	PRINTING HANDBOOKS	\$1,100.00	\$1,149.40	\$1,149.40	(\$49.40)	\$0.00	(\$49.40)	-4.49%
01.305.085.3522.06.36	STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$280.00	(\$280.00)	\$0.00	(\$280.00)	0.00%
	Dept: MISCELLANEOUS - 085	\$1,100.00	\$1,429.40	\$1,429.40	(\$329.40)	\$0.00	(\$329.40)	-29.95%
01.305.088.4110.01.02	DISTRICT FACILITIES MANAGER	\$15,725.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,725.07	\$0.00	\$15,725.07	100.00%
01.305.088.4110.03.10	CUSTODIAL SUPERVISOR	\$55,000.00	\$14,056.18	\$14,056.18	\$40,943.82	\$40,534.18	\$409.64	0.74%
01.305.088.4110.04.10	CUSTODIAL CONTRACT SVCS	\$137,000.00	\$22,531.13	\$22,531.13	\$114,468.87	\$114,468.87	\$0.00	0.00%
01.305.088.4120.04.17	HEAT	\$67,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$67,000.00	\$0.00	\$67,000.00	100.00%
01.305.088.4130.04.15	TELEPHONE	\$9,000.00	\$1,786.21	\$1,786.21	\$7,213.79	\$4,061.66	\$3,152.13	35.02%
01.305.088.4130.04.16	ELECTRICITY	\$106,000.00	\$25,735.93	\$25,735.93	\$80,264.07	\$80,264.07	\$0.00	0.00%
01.305.088.4130.04.19	MAINTENANCE OF WATER SYSTEM	\$8,500.00	\$1,900.84	\$1,900.84	\$6,599.16	\$4,099.16	\$2,500.00	29.41%
01.305.088.4210.04.32	MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	100.00%
01.305.088.4220.04.32	MAINTENANCE OF BLDG ONGOING	\$16,190.00	\$27,442.18	\$27,442.18	(\$11,252.18)	\$20,569.96	(\$31,822.14)	-196.55%
01.305.088.4220.05.26	CHEMICALS	\$5,800.00	\$4,300.19	\$4,300.19	\$1,499.81	\$699.81	\$800.00	13.79%
01.305.088.4220.05.27	PAPER	\$5,900.00	\$2,926.09	\$2,926.09	\$2,973.91	\$2,573.91	\$400.00	6.78%
01.305.088.4230.04.32	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	\$14,150.00	\$860.00	\$860.00	\$13,290.00	\$25.00	\$13,265.00	93.75%
	Dept: OPERATION & MAINTENANCE - 088	\$444,765.07	\$101,538.75	\$101,538.75	\$343,226.32	\$267,296.62	\$75,929.70	17.07%
01.305.093.2130.03.04	NETWORK TECHNICIANS	\$69,283.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69,283.62	\$3,422.45	\$65,861.17	95.06%
01.305.093.2300.05.23	SUPPLIES SOFTWARE	\$0.00	\$414.00	\$414.00	(\$414.00)	\$0.00	(\$414.00)	0.00%
01.305.093.2430.05.23	SOFTWARE	\$5,000.00	\$960.00	\$960.00	\$4,040.00	\$350.00	\$3,690.00	73.80%
01.305.093.2451.05.23	EDUCATIONAL EQUIPT	\$5,000.00	\$94.93	\$94.93	\$4,905.07	\$406.00	\$4,499.07	89.98%
01.305.093.4130.04.15	TELEPHONE	\$14,500.00	\$5,070.02	\$5,070.02	\$9,429.98	\$968.00	\$8,461.98	58.36%
01.305.093.4230.04.29	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT/WEB	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	0.00%
	Dept: COMPUTER PROGRAM - 093	\$93,783.62	\$7,038.95	\$7,038.95	\$86,744.67	\$5,146.45	\$81,598.22	87.01%
01.305.100.1104.04.36	LEGAL SERVICES	\$8,500.00	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$8,457.00	\$8,457.00	\$0.00	0.00%
01.305.100.2110.01.02	DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES	\$21,975.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,975.20	\$0.00	\$21,975.20	100.00%
01.305.100.2110.02.09	ADMIN ASST STUDENT SVCS	\$10,933.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,933.59	\$0.00	\$10,933.59	100.00%
01.305.100.2110.06.37	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$6,500.00	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$3,950.00	\$0.00	\$3,950.00	60.77%
01.305.100.2415.04.33	ASSOCIATION DUES	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	100.00%
01.305.100.4130.04.15	TELEPHONE	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	100.00%
01.305.100.4230.04.31	SOFTWARE LICENSE	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$2,600.00	100.00%
	Dept: SPECIAL NEEDS ADMINISTRATION - 100	\$50,808.79	\$2,593.00	\$2,593.00	\$48,215.79	\$8,457.00	\$39,758.79	78.25%

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01.305.102.2110.06.37	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.00%
01.305.102.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$46,022.00	\$5,163.69	\$5,163.69	\$40,858.31	\$40,858.35	(\$0.04)	0.00%
01.305.102.2330.03.08	PARAPROFESSIONALS	\$61,001.36	\$7,280.95	\$7,280.95	\$53,720.41	\$54,843.23	(\$1,122.82)	-1.84%
01.305.102.2356.01.03	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	100.00%
01.305.102.2430.05.24	SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$1,000.00	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$911.00	\$0.00	\$911.00	91.10%
	Dept: PROJECT GROW - 102	\$108,523.36	\$12,533.64	\$12,533.64	\$95,989.72	\$95,901.58	\$88.14	0.08%
01.305.103.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$621,537.00	\$70,748.13	\$70,748.13	\$550,788.87	\$547,256.87	\$3,532.00	0.57%
01.305.103.2330.03.08	PARAPROFESSIONALS	\$146,501.60	\$11,381.31	\$11,381.31	\$135,120.29	\$35,545.04	\$99,575.25	67.97%
01.305.103.2356.01.03	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	100.00%
01.305.103.2430.05.24	SUPPLIES	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	100.00%
01.305.103.2450.05.24	EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	100.00%
01.305.103.3300.02.08	BUS MONITORS	\$15,000.00	\$2,945.53	\$2,945.53	\$12,054.47	\$0.00	\$12,054.47	80.36%
	Dept: LEARNING SUPPORT CENTER - 103	\$789,338.60	\$85,074.97	\$85,074.97	\$704,263.63	\$582,801.91	\$121,461.72	15.39%
01.305.118.2305.01.03	TEACHERS	\$208,045.00	\$23,675.82	\$23,675.82	\$184,369.18	\$184,369.18	\$0.00	0.00%
01.305.118.2356.01.03	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$750.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	73.33%
01.305.118.2430.05.24	SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00	\$1,743.67	\$1,743.67	\$256.33	\$0.00	\$256.33	12.82%
01.305.118.2450.05.24	EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
01.305.118.2800.04.35	SPEECH THERAPY	\$50,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,500.00	\$304.41	\$50,195.59	99.40%
	Dept: SPEECH - 118	\$262,295.00	\$25,619.49	\$25,619.49	\$236,675.51	\$184,673.59	\$52,001.92	19.83%
01.305.121.2100.02.09	CLERICAL	\$0.00	\$5,647.16	\$5,647.16	(\$5,647.16)	\$31,059.46	(\$36,706.62)	0.00%
01.305.121.2211.02.09	SPED SECRETARY	\$37,252.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,252.63	\$555.00	\$36,697.63	98.51%
01.305.121.2305.01.03	TEACHER VISUALLY IMPAIRED	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	100.00%
01.305.121.2350.04.35	SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION	\$25,000.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$24,750.00	\$13,000.00	\$11,750.00	47.00%
01.305.121.2415.05.24	SUPPLIES	\$2,000.00	\$1,229.63	\$1,229.63	\$770.37	\$299.00	\$471.37	23.57%
01.305.121.2440.04.35	EXTENDED YEAR SERVICES	\$70,000.00	\$405.81	\$405.81	\$69,594.19	\$4,847.19	\$64,747.00	92.50%
01.305.121.2801.04.35	THERAPY	\$115,000.00	\$6,585.20	\$6,585.20	\$108,414.80	\$70,261.80	\$38,153.00	33.18%
	Dept: SUPPORT SERVICES - 121	\$255,252.63	\$14,117.80	\$14,117.80	\$241,134.83	\$120,022.45	\$121,112.38	47.45%
01.305.127.2305.01.03	PROFESSIONAL SALARIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	(\$750.00)	0.00%
01.305.127.2356.01.03	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$100.00	\$800.00	88.89%
01.305.127.2450.05.24	EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%
01.305.127.2800.01.03	SOCIAL WORKER(S)	\$186,463.00	\$21,711.27	\$21,711.27	\$164,751.73	\$167,277.73	(\$2,526.00)	-1.35%
01.305.127.2800.05.24	SUPPLIES	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$435.25	\$2,064.75	82.59%
01.305.127.2800.06.13	PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	\$7,728.00	\$772.00	9.08%
01.305.127.2800.06.37	TRAVEL & CONFERENCES	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	100.00%
01.305.127.2801.01.03	PSYCHOLOGIST	\$74,819.00	\$7,596.36	\$7,596.36	\$67,222.64	\$0.00	\$67,222.64	89.85%
	Dept: PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES - 127	\$275,082.00	\$29,307.63	\$29,307.63	\$245,774.37	\$176,290.98	\$69,483.39	25.26%
01.305.130.3302.06.12	TRANS/INTEGRATED(502.1-502.3)	\$29,700.00	\$9,030.00	\$9,030.00	\$20,670.00	\$17,901.25	\$2,768.75	9.32%
01.305.130.3303.06.12	MCKINNEY VENTO	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
01.305.130.3304.06.12	TRANS/COLLABORATIVES (502.4)	\$58,320.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,530.00	\$56,790.00	\$2,000.00	\$54,790.00	93.95%
01.305.130.3305.06.12	TRANS/DAY PROGRAMS (502.5)	\$17,980.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,980.00	\$0.00	\$17,980.00	100.00%
	Dept: SPED TRANSPORTATION - 130	\$116,000.00	\$10,560.00	\$10,560.00	\$105,440.00	\$19,901.25	\$85,538.75	73.74%
01.305.133.9305.06.13	TUITION DAY SCHOOLS (502.5)	\$21,791.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,791.00	\$0.00	\$21,791.00	100.00%
01.305.133.9404.06.13	TUITION COLLABORATIVES (502.4)	\$232,000.00	\$16,226.62	\$16,226.62	\$215,773.38	\$197,268.76	\$18,504.62	7.98%
	Dept: PROGRAMS W/OTHERS SPED - 133	\$253,791.00	\$16,226.62	\$16,226.62	\$237,564.38	\$197,268.76	\$40,295.62	15.88%

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	Grand Total:	\$6,637,793.47	\$806,857.48	\$806,857.48	\$5,830,935.99	\$4,592,576.85	\$1,238,359.14	18.66%

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01.307.079.3303.06.14	BRISTOL AGGIE TRANSPORTATION	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	100.00%
	Dept: TRANSPORTATION REG DAY - 079	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	100.00%
01.307.097.9102.06.36	BRISTOL AGGIE TUITION	\$244,698.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$244,698.30	\$0.00	\$244,698.30	100.00%
	Dept: PROGRAMS W/OTHERS REG DAY - 097	\$244,698.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$244,698.30	\$0.00	\$244,698.30	100.00%
	Grand Total:	\$289,698.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$289,698.30	\$0.00	\$289,698.30	100.00%

End of Report



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Food Service Director's Report: October 2022
Rochester Memorial School

Directors Update:

- Meal participation continues to grow strong.
- Nation –Wide supply chain disruptions continue to impact on our program.
- I am actively engaged and advocating for a continuation for Universal Free Meals through the USDA.
- MA is one of only five states across the country provided with the opportunity to continue provide our children with Free School Meal due to an extension and funding provided by the is an Commonwealth of MA.
- This is an Amazing benefits to our community, families and most importantly our children.
- Equal Access to Free healthy school meals has proven to be a huge success as our participation increases speak volumes to this:
 - Below is a comparison of Pre-Pandemic (free/paid/reduced) vs. Current (free for all)

	SY 18-19		SY 22-23	
	Meal Count	%	Meal Count	%
Breakfast	2711	5%	7922	16%
Lunch	20072	36%	26873	54%

Increased Breakfast	5211	11%
Increased Lunch	6801	18%

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Student Meal Participation:

Students Receiving Free and Reduced Meals:

Free 102 → 21%

Reduced: 9 → 2%

SY 22					SY 23			
	Breakfast Counts	%	Lunch Counts	%	Breakfast Counts	%	Lunch Counts	%
August	16	3%	142	28%	161	17%	425	45%
September	1197	13%	4295	45%	2552	28%	5328	58%
October	1597	19%	4431	52%				
November	1674	21%	4441	55%				
December	1502	19%	4447	57%				
January	1592	20%	4506	57%				
February	1413	20%	4155	59%				
March	2408	22%	6423	58%				
April	1597	22%	4352	61%				
May	2483	25%	6174	62%				
June	2002	25%	4647	59%				

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Facilities Director's Report: October 2022

Rochester Memorial Elementary School

- Completed minor repairs in roof membrane.
- Annual air quality testing of facility completed, no action levels.
- Replaced generator transfer switch.
- Completed alarm upgrade.
- HVAC system to winter mode.
- Conducted routine maintenance on all facility systems.

Sincerely,

Gene Jones

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**Rochester Memorial
School Committee Meeting
Thursday October 13, 2022**

Principal's Report

- On Wednesday September 21st the district conducted our first half day for staff professional development. All staff participated in Promethean Board training where they focused on how to navigate their panels, set up user profiles, and learn how to use the Promethean App Suite including the Whiteboard, Screen Capture, Screen Share, and the Timer and Spinner.
- Parent Conferences are scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st. Students will be released at 12:25 pm on both of these days.
- Mr. West and I led the annual staff A.L.I.C.E. training at our staff meeting which took place on Wednesday October 5, 2022. We will be collaborating with our District ALICE team and the Rochester Police Department to conduct a school ALICE drill. All families will be notified two weeks prior to the drill.
- We had an all-school meeting on Tuesday October 11th to announce the grade level winners of the RMS PTO Read-A-Thon. Congratulations to all the winners and we had a wonderful participation rate.
- Author Alec Carvlin visited RMS on Tuesday October 4th to discuss his book "How to Bake a Universe."
- The Rochester Board of Health conducted a Flu Clinic at Rochester Memorial School on Tuesday, October 4 from 3:30-5:30 for all residents ages: 4-64.
- The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way. The Fair will take place from 10/17 - 10/21 in the RMS Library. I would like to thank the RMS PTO for organizing and facilitating this year's Fair as they do each year.

ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rochester, Massachusetts

TO: Town Clerk, Town of Rochester, Massachusetts
DATE: October 12, 2022
SUBJECT: Meeting Notice

Pursuant to Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified of the following REGULAR meeting of the **ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE**.

Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 508-758-2772 ext. 1956.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Russo, Secretary to the Superintendent

ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Location:
Rochester Memorial School
16 Pine Street
Rochester, MA 02770

ZOOM LINK:

<https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/93803715280?pwd=dVpHTmgxSi92U3lidlIzTXduR3lRUT09>

Meeting ID: 938 0371 5280

Passcode: 559447

October 27, 2022

TIME: 6:30 PM

MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of Minutes- Regular Session: September 1, 2022**
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session: September 1, 2022**
- C. Approval of Budget Minutes - NONE**

II. Consent Agenda

III. Agenda Items Pending

IV. General

- A. OpenSciEd Presentation**
- B. School Calendar Discussion**
- C. Lunch Price Increase**

V. New Business

- A. Policy Review**
- B. Curriculum**
- C. Business**
 - 1. Financial Report**
 - 2. Budget Transfers**
- D. Personnel**

VI. Special Topic Report

VII. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

VIII. School Committee

- A. School Committee Goals**
- B. Committee Reports**
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee**
 - 2. ORR District School Committee**
 - 3. SMEC**
 - 4. READS**
 - 5. Tri-Town Foundation**
 - 6. Early Childhood Council**
 - 7. Policy Sub-Committee**
 - 8. Equity Sub-Committee**
- C. School Committee Re-organization**

IX. Future Business

- A. Timeline**
- B. Future Agenda Items**

X. Open Comments

XI. Information Items

XII. Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT