

VOTING SESSION MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Hubbard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Hubbard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present

Ms. Michelle L. Hubbard
Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins
Mrs. Christine S. Kronk

Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. John Pfeuffer, IV

Mr. Thomas B. Daman
Mr. Thomas W. Majors

Absent

Mr. James Bogolea

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Michael Damon
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Nathan Leeman

Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

PRESENTATION(S)

Middle School teachers, Mr. Tony Ziegler and Mrs. Jessica Dorian presented the May Students of the Month. Sixth grader Brandon Zajac, 7th grader Logan Kilgore, and 8th grader Chelsea Ryno unfortunately were unable to attend the meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens input on agenda items at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Accept the following minutes:

- April 28, 2025 Voting Meeting and May 12, 2025 Discussion Meetings, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary.
- April 28, 2025 and May 12, 2025 Committee Meetings.

Motion: Bacon

Second: Haskins

Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino shared the following information: We received notification from Laurie Frank, Rochester Elks #283, eight of our Americanism Essay winners won an award at the District Level this year!

Congratulations to the following students: Braelee Baker, Savannah Goggin, Eden Lovy, Kailee Martin, Gage Frazzini, James Vukich, Parker Dwire, and Luca Mamone.

Jarett Griffie represented Rochester in the BC Retired School Teachers Annual Sixth grade spelling Bee last week. Congratulations to Jarrett for coming in third place!

Congratulations to seventh grader Sam Miller who participated in the Beaver County Invention Convention at Central Elementary in Beaver Falls last week. Sam won 1st place in his age group for his invention titled, *Cabination Sensation*, which helps organize our drawers. He utilized the 3-D printers to make his invention.

Congratulations to Director Kaylan Wetzel Spinola, along with her cast, crew, and all of the parents and volunteers of *Footloose* on receiving the Special Judges award at the 2025 Mancini Awards.

Our Band and Chorus students had their spring concerts over the past several weeks. Last week, the middle school and high school combined Concert Bands performed *Stay*, by Randall D. Standridge. *Stay* is part of a musical initiative about mental and emotional health. The band dedicated their performance to the memory of Tanner Dietrich and encouraged those in attendance to visit the foundation website, <http://www.tannerdietrichfoundation.org> to support mental health and suicide awareness. If you would like to hear Ms. Carr's beautiful introduction and the band's moving rendition of the music, please visit our Facebook page.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Fedeles reported that there will be an Executive Session held after the meeting to discuss a Safety Report. In addition, in June the Board will be presented with figures regarding Shared Services.

BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Finance and Transportation

Approve the Financial Reports in items 1 through 4 as listed:

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of March
2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	\$189,687.20
Cafeteria Fund	\$50,730.10
Activity Fund	\$12,704.34

3. Monthly Financial Reports

General Fund – Revenue Report
General Fund – Expenditure Report
Cafeteria Fund – Revenue Report
Cafeteria Fund – Expenditure Report

4. Informational Reports

Bills to be Approved

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER:

The Board President accepts nominations for a Board Treasurer.

Nominated: Mrs. Haskins nominated Mrs. Kronk

The Board President announces that the nominations are closed.

Approve Mrs. Chris Kronk, Board Member, to serve as Rochester Area School District's Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026.

Motion: Bacon Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

ACTION ITEMS:

Approve the purchase of one (1) seat at a rate of \$167.09 per day per student at Adelphoi Education Services, an Emotional Support Program for students in grades 1-12, for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

Approve the Agreement with The Watson Institute to provide Extended School Year (ESY) Program at The Education Center - Sewickley Campus for the Summer of 2025, at a cost of \$4,000 per student, beginning Tuesday, June 17, 2025 through Monday, July 7, 2025.

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

Approve the Air Handler - Unit 13 (Band Room) bid in the amount of \$139,195 to Huckestein Mechanical, LLC (formerly known as Reno Brothers) as per the DCED Public School Facility Improvement Grant guidelines.

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

Approve the agreement with UPMC Sports Medicine to provide Athletic Training Services beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028 at a cost of \$30,083 (2025-2026), \$31,286 (2026-2027), and \$32,537 (2027-2028).

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

Approve WesBanco as the Depository for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

Approve Sharmane Campisi to serve as the Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

Approve the submission of all federal, state and local grant proposals for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

Approve the 2025-2026 Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services dba St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy and St. Stephen's Academy Utica to provide special educational instruction to students referred to it by the District pursuant to an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Motion: Kronk Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried: 8-0

Teachers and Personnel

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of second grade teacher Tracy Hansen to STEAM K-6 due to declining enrollment and the non-renewal of Destiny Walker.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of French and Family & Consumer Science teacher Roberta Morgan to High School Special Education due to declining enrollment and the furlough of Emma Furgeson.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of third grade teacher Kara Best to sixth grade English Language Arts (ELA) due to declining enrollment and seniority.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of sixth grade ELA teacher Maria Young to Math/ELA Lab due to declining enrollment, seniority, and the retirement of Wes Hunkler.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of 5th grade Math teacher Sarah Brasko to Elementary Emotional Support due to declining enrollment and the furlough of Lydia Bable.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the voluntary transfer of Tracy Hansen from STEAM K-6 to Elementary Emotional Support.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the voluntary transfer of Sarah Brasko from Elementary Emotional Support to 5th Grade Math/Science.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of David Cervone from 5th Grade Science and Social Studies to K-6 STEAM.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve Valerie Perelman to serve as the Middle School Summer School In-Person ELA Teacher.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the following individuals to serve as the Middle School/High School Rochester Cyber Academy (RCA) Summer School Program Monitors: Gennifer Gaskins, Caryn Morrow, and Brandy Rossi-Tesnovich.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve Gennifer Gaskins to serve as the Middle School/High School RCA Summer School Program Teacher.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the intermittent Family and Medical Leave request made by Employee No. 4208, in accordance with the FMLA Act of 1993, beginning May 4, 2025 through June 4, 2025.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to accept the resignation of Ashley Barbour from the position of Color Guard Sponsor effective June 14, 2025.

Motion: Kronk Second: Haskins Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Curriculum and Technology

Accept the VFW Junction City Post 128 Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to be awarded to a Rochester High School graduating senior, who has obtained at least a 3.0 grade point average and is planning to attend a college, university, trade school or technical school. Students are required to submit a 300-500 word essay based on a topic determined by the VFW.

Motion: Haskins Second: Kronk Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Motion to approve the 2025 list of graduates, subject to the completion of all necessary graduation requirements (see attached).

Motion: Haskins Second: Kronk Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Policy & Procedure

Motion to rescind Policy No. 611 from the February 28, 2025 voting meeting.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed, 8-0

Motion to approve the following new and revised policies:

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
317.1 <i>(revised)</i>	Administrative Employees	Educator Misconduct
320 <i>(revised)</i>	Administrative Employees	Freedom of Speech by Employees
417.1 <i>(revised)</i>	Professional Employees	Educator Misconduct
420 <i>(revised)</i>	Professional Employees	Freedom of Speech by Employees
520 <i>(revised)</i>	Classified Employees	Freedom of Speech by Employees
611 <i>(revised)</i>	Finances	Purchases Budgeted
718 <i>(revised)</i>	Property	Services Animals in Schools
718-AR-0 <i>(new)</i>	Property	Services Animals in Schools

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed, 8-0

Buildings and Grounds

Approve the request made by Dr. Lori Murtha with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's (BVIU) Early Intervention Program to use areas in the Elementary School on June 18, 2025, July 9, 2025 and on August 6, 2025, that will be determined by Ms. Rachael Cipolla and Mr. Lou Campisi, to provide Early Intervention Summer Services to Rochester children, at no cost.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed, 8-0

Athletics

Approve Natasha Alexander to serve as the Jr. Varsity/Jr. High Cheerleading Sponsor at a supplemental base salary of \$1,000, effective the 2025-2026 school year (clearances on file).

Motion: Blackwell Second: Bacon Result: Motion Passed, 8-0

At the recommendation of Head Football Coach, Donald Phillips, approve Reon Hunter to serve as the 3rd Assistant Football Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$1,500 effective the 2025-2026 school year (clearances on file).

Motion: Blackwell Second: Bacon Result: Motion Passed, 8-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Board member Tom Daman asked if the furloughed teachers have been figured into the proposed budget and urged the administration to consider additional cuts so as to not increase taxes.

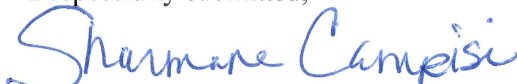
Resident Tom Hillard invited residents and all who may be interested in attending Community Days scheduled for June 7, 2025. This event will be hosted by Rochester Baseball Softball (RABS).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for this evening, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Motion: Haskins Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried, 8-0

Respectfully submitted,


Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary