

DISCUSSION AND VOTING SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Haskins, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Haskins led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Vice President
Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. Thomas Daman, left meeting at 6:22 p.m.
Mrs. Christine Kronk
Mr. Thomas Majors
Ms. Michelle Hubbard, President, joined via phone at 6:25 p.m.
Mr. James Bogolea, joined in person at 6:40 p.m.

Absent

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. John Pfeuffer, IV

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Louis Campisi
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Damon
Mr. Ryan Herstine
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There was no citizen input on agenda items.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- May 19, 2025 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary
- There was no Committee Meeting on May 19, 2025.

Motion: Haskins
Second: Majors
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Cultural Diversity Fair was a success. The event was held in the natatorium because of rain and was open to the community.

The middle school had a wonderful time in Gettysburg while learning about Pennsylvania's historical significance due to the Battle of Gettysburg, a pivotal event in the American Civil War.

We had a busy week that began with the Senior Awards Assembly. Twenty-four scholarships and awards given to our seniors, totaling over \$40,000. Next was the traditional Senior Walk and Baccalaureate. On Thursday evening, we had Commencement and also recognized the Class of 1975. Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

Special congratulations to Colonel Josh Onuska! Colonel Onuska graduated from the United State War College in Carlisle with a Masters in Strategic Planning this past weekend. Colonel Onuska is a 1998 graduate of Rochester High School, received his bachelor's degree in Engineering/Industrial Management and Mechanical Engineering from Grove City College and a Masters degree in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School. He will be stationed at the Marine base in Quantico, Virginia.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Steele was in attendance and stated there was nothing to report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Transportation

Mrs. Kronk motioned to adopt the 2025-2026 preliminary proposed final budget in the amount of \$20,642,585, with .7431 mil tax increase.

Discussion: Mr. Daman requested to table the motion at this time. The Board discussed that this was a *preliminary proposed budget* that needed to be voted upon at this meeting so it could be advertised for public review.

It should be noted that Mr. Thomas Daman departed the meeting at 6:22 p.m. and Ms. Michelle Hubbard joined the meeting via phone at 6:25 p.m.

The Voting portion of the meeting was put on pause at this time, and the regular Discussion portion began at 6:38 p.m. with the following members present: Bacon, Haskins, Kronk and Majors.

Finance and Transportation

Mrs. Kronk discussed Items 1-6 as follows:

1. Recommend approving the Final General Fund Budget (PDE 2028) for the 2025-2026 school

year in the amount of \$20,643,585 with .7431 mil tax increase, and the Resolution No. 062325-10 to levy/re-enact the supporting tax basis.

- A. Real Estate Tax = 13.49 mills
- B. Per Capita Tax = \$10
- C. Earned Income Tax = 5 mills
- D. Occupation Tax = \$5
- E. Occupation Privilege Tax = \$5
- F. Local Services Tax = \$5
- G. Mercantile Tax (retail)/business Privilege = .75 mill
- H. Mercantile Tax (Wholesale) = .5 mill
- I. Realty Transfer Tax = 5 mills

2. Recommend approving the additional bus drivers, van drivers, and monitors from Frye Transportation for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year (clearances on file).

Rachel Blower	Jason Main
Richard Browell	Kellie Marich
Randall Bussard	Fred Mathis
Francis Conkle	Jay McMurdy
Deborah Dargo	Nancy McMurdy
Robert Deem	Chris Rickman
David Filipek	Barbara Schmidley
Jennifer Filipek	Gladys Spencer
Laura Fosnaught	Linda Swartzwelder
Jackie Iwaskewycz	Krista Treemarchi

3. Recommend approving Resolution No. 062325-11 authorizing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, under the provision of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and Taxpayer Relief Act.
4. Recommend approving the Letter of Agreement with The Prevention Network to address the needs of adolescents referred through the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for the 2025-2026 school year, at no cost to the District.
5. Recommend approving the US Omni & TSACG Compliance Services (OMNI/TSA) Reinstatement Agreement effective July 1, 2025 for the 403(b) Amended Adoption Agreement to include the option to invest in Roth Elective Deferrals.
6. Recommend approving the request made by Ryan S. McCracken to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 76-002-1013-000-01-1, located at 0 Reno Street Extension (undeveloped and unused residential land), Rochester Township. Total delinquent taxes are \$481.74. The property has been in the repository since 2012.

Teachers and Personnel

Dr. Bovalino led discussion on the following items:

1. Recommend approving the termination of the contract with Matt Noll, Technology Coordinator Assistant, effective June 30, 2025, due to departmental needs and District financial constraints.
2. Recommend approving the intermittent Family and Medical Leave request made by Employee No. 4653, in accordance with the FMLA Act of 1993, beginning May 13, 2025 through December 30, 2025.
3. Recommend approving the Family and Medical Leave request made by Employee No. 4611, in accordance with the FMLA Act of 1993, beginning July 24, 2025 through September 17, 2025.
4. Recommend approving the Family and Medical Leave request made by Employee No. 4687, in accordance with the FMLA Act of 1993, beginning April 24, 2025 through July 17, 2025.
5. Recommend approving the intermittent Family and Medical Leave request made by Employee No. 4607, in accordance with the FMLA Act of 1993, beginning March 7, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
6. Recommend approving the Family and Medical Leave request made by Employee No. 4690, in accordance with the FMLA Act of 1993, beginning June 25, 2025 through September 16, 2025.

It should be noted that Mr. James Bogolea joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

7. Recommend approving the request made by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gorman, elementary instructors, to enroll their two (2) non-resident children, grade 8 and grade 11, for the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Recommend approving the request made by Tina Buckenheimer, Security, to enroll her non-resident children grade 11 and grade 6, for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Recommend approving _____ to serve as the School Nurse beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.
10. Recommend accepting the retirement of Rose McCoy from the position of Licensed Practical Nurse Paraprofessional effective September 5, 2025.
11. Recommend accepting the resignation of Joe Barsic from the supplemental position of Department Head - Social Studies effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
12. Recommend accepting the resignation of Rebecca Onuska from the supplemental position of Elementary Planning Committee effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
13. Recommend accepting the resignation of Marcie Alford from the supplemental position of Elementary Planning Committee effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

14. Recommend accepting the resignation of Lashawnda Smitherman from the supplemental position of Elementary Planning Committee effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.
15. Recommend approving Lynn Sylvester (Middle School) to be added to the approved list of volunteers (clearances on file).

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Majors discussed Item 1 as follows:

1. Recommend approving the request made by Jessica and Corynne Hauser to use the High School Gymnasium to host the *5th Annual Youth Basketball Camp* for boys and girls in grades K-8 on August 14, 2025, at no charge.

This concludes the Discussion portion of the meeting and will switch back to the Voting portion of the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Ms. Michelle Hubbard, President (via phone)
Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Vice President
Mr. Randall Bacon
Mr. James Bogolea
Mrs. Christina Kronk
Mr. Thomas Majors

Absent

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. Thomas Daman
Mr. John Pfeuffer, IV

Finance and Transportation

Motion to adopt the 2025-2026 preliminary proposed final budget in the amount of \$20,642,585, with .7431 mil tax increase.

Motion: Haskins Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 060925-09 authorizing the advertising and public display of the 2025-2026 proposed final General Fund Budget.

Motion: Haskins Second: Bacon Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve the one-year renewal of The Nutrition Group Inc. as the district's food service management company beginning the 2025-2026 school year, beginning July 1, 2025.

Discussion: Mr. Bogolea inquired if there was an increase in the Contract. It was explained that it is paid by the Cafeteria Fund.

Motion: Bacon Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Teachers and Personnel

Motion to approve the request made by Brittany Skelton, Elementary School teacher, for a Child Rearing Leave as per contract, Article VI, Leaves of Absence, Section D, for the 2025-2026 school year. As per contract, Mrs. Skelton is required to re-submit Child Rearing paperwork prior to the second semester.

Motion: Haskins Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve furloughed instructor Emma Ferguson as a long-term substitute for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Ferguson will receive the benefits of the Rochester Area Education Association contractual agreement.

Motion: Haskins Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

At the recommendation of the Principal, motion to approve the voluntary transfer of Mrs. Tracy Hansen from Elementary Emotional Support to third grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Haskins Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

At the recommendation of the Principal, motion to approve Ms. Emma Ferguson as a long-term substitute in the Elementary Emotional Support classroom for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Haskins Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

At the recommendation of the Principal, motion to approve the involuntary transfer of Mrs. Sarah Stewart from fifth grade teacher to third grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Haskins Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

At the recommendation of the Principal, motion to approve the voluntary transfer of Mrs. Debra Robles from third grade teacher to fifth grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Haskins Second: Bacon Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Buildings and Grounds

Motion to approve the request made by C.J. Iannini, *Rochester Youth Cheer*, to use the Elementary Gymnasium to host their practices and choreography on the following dates, at no cost:

June 9, 2025 through June 13, 2025 (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
June 16, 2025 through June 18, 2025 (8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)
June 23, 2025 through June 25, 2025 (8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

June 9, 2025

June 26, 2025 (5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)
June 30, 2025 (8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

Motion: Majors Second: Bacon Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to approve the request made by Brionna Massey, *Little Rams of Rochester*, to use the Football Field and the Football Practice Field to host their games and practices with the starting times of 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on the following dates, at no cost:

June 9, 2025	September 20, 2025
August 16, 2025	September 27, 2025
August 23, 2025	October 4, 2025
August 30, 2025	October 11, 2025
September 6, 2025	October 18, 2025
September 13, 2025	

Motion: Haskins Second: Majors Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident Tom Hilliard thanked the Board for spreading the word about the Grand Slam Into Summer Bash that was held on June 7, 2025.

Resident Ron Gianfrancesco thanked the Administration for the weekly newsletter, and stated he appreciated being informed weekly of events throughout the District.

Sgt. Glenn Young addressed the Board about providing the District with possible security opportunities, as he has experience on both local and federal levels.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the Voting meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Motion: Haskins
Second: Majors
Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,


Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, June 9, 2025

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mr. Randall Bacon
AB	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
P	Mr. James Bogolea
AB	Mr. Thomas Daman
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
P (PH)	Miss Michelle Hubbard
P	Mrs. Christine Kronk
P	Mr. Thomas Majors
AB	Mr. John Pfeuffer

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Mr. Lou Campisi
P	Ms. Rachael Cipolla
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar
P	Mr. Michael Damon
P	Mr. Ryan Herstine
P	Mr. Nathan Leeman
P	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

MINUTES

The Committee - of - the Whole met on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:38 p.m.

Mrs. Cipolla reviewed the recommended changes to the elementary Student Handbook, and showed the changes in the Discipline Matrix. Mr. Damon shared the changes to the Handbook and Discipline Matrix recommended to be included in the MS/HS Handbook.

In addition, Mr. Damon announced the establishment of a partnership with Carlow College and commended Biology teacher Brandy Rossi for her work to implement these classes. Beginning next year, we will have CIHS Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2. Students will be able to earn 4 credits for each class through Carlow. This information will be included in the updated Program of Studies.

The Committee meetings concluded at 6:48 p.m.