

VOTING MEETING
Monday, January 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Board President, at 6:10 p.m. *The meeting was held virtually due to weather conditions.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mrs. Haskins..

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, President
Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
Mr. Thomas B. Daman
Mr. Thomas Hilliard
Mr. Charles Iannini

Mrs. Victoria Dilliot, Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Majors, Vice President
Mrs. Dana Morell Verrico

Absent:

Mr. James Bogolea

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Lou Campisi
Mr. Michael Damon

Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to come before the Board.

MINUTES

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- January 12, 2026, Discussion Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary.
- January 12, 2026 Board Committee Meeting

Motion: Majors

Second: Blackwell

Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve the Ad Hoc Committee which is designated to meet regularly with New Brighton School Board to discuss shared service opportunities. Ad Hoc Committee members include the following board members: Jocelyn N. Haskins, Thomas Hilliard, and Thomas W. Majors.

Motion: Majors

Second: Ianniini

Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Fedeles noted there was nothing at this time to report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Finance and Transportation****Motion to approve the Financial Reports in items 1 through 4 as listed:**

1. Treasurer's Report for the month(s) of November and December:
2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	Nov. & Dec.	\$ 4,988,178.82
Cafeteria Fund	Nov. & Dec.	\$ 173,919.52
Activity Fund	Nov. & Dec.	\$ 1,959.19
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: Dilllott Second: Majors Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve the Act 1 - Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution No. 012626-04. The Act 1 index for 2026-2027 is set at 3.5% and Rochester's adjusted index is set at 5.2%. By approving this resolution, real estate taxes may not be set above 14.19 mills without a voter referendum. (Our current millage is 13.49.)

Motion: Daman Second: Dilllott Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to rescind Resolution No. 102725-03, Incurrence of Debt of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit #27, Operating Agent of New Horizon School in an amount not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) to remediate the presence of mold and asbestos in the New Horizon School, which was approved on October 27, 2025.

Motion: Daman Second: Majors Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 012626-05, Incurrence of Debt of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit #27, Operating Agent of New Horizon School in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) to remediate the presence of mold and asbestos in New Horizon School.

Motion: Majors Second: Iannini Result: Motion Passed (7-1 with Haskins, Majors, Blackwell, Dilllott, Hilliard, Iannini, Verrico voting Yay; Daman voting Nay)

Motion to approve the following additional bus drivers, van drivers, and monitors from Frye Transportation Group for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year:

Heather Altman	Gregory Hurley	Dennis Ricketts
Tammy Cavalier	Theresa Johnson	Shannon Tress
Josselyn Climo	Harry Ketterer	David Tritinger
Edward Deutsch	Timothy Lantzy	Candace Washington
Keith Fajtak	M. Todd Newman	Christine Wert
Mary Gnarra	Dana Oravitz	Harry Wert

Motion: Daman Second: Majors Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 012626-06 authorizing the filing of the required Municipal Statement of Revival with the Pennsylvania Secretary of the Commonwealth for the issuance of a Certificate of Revival for the Beaver County Special School Authority to be retroactively revived for an additional term of fifty (50) years and to appoint resident Nicholas Long as the District representative to the Board of the Beaver County Special School Authority.

Motion: Majors Second: Verrico Result: Motion Passed (7-1 with Haskins, Majors, Blackwell, Dillliott, Hilliard, Iannini, Verrico voting Yay; Daman voting Nay)

Motion to authorize the execution and filing of the District's Municipal Statement of Revival.

Motion: Majors Second: Verrico Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Teachers and Personnel

Motion to approve the intermittent Family and Medical Leave request made by Employee No. 4592, in accordance with the FMLA Act of 1993, effective immediately through November 21, 2026.

Motion to approve the following field trip(s):

- a. January 27, 2026 - Grades 11-12 students to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center to explore the options at the College Fair.
- b. January 30, 2026 - Grades 6-12 Life Skills students to attend Highland Middle School to participate in the Cooking for Crowds Training.
- c. February 4, 5, 6, 2026 - Select High School Band students to attend Sharon Senior High School to audition and participate in the District Band Festival.
- d. February 13, 2026 - Middle School Student Council to attend Rochester Manor to volunteer for Community Service.
- e. April 1, 2026 - High School students visit Cleveland, Ohio's Hanna Theater to see a live theatrical performance for cultural enrichment.

Motion: Iannini Second: Verrico Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve the following field trip(s):

- a. February 19, 2026 - Grades 6-8 Bocce Team to attend Beaver High School to participate in a bocce competition.
- b. March 5, 2026 - High School Art Club and Art Classes to visit The Frick Museum in Pittsburgh to tour the museum and see permanent and temporary installations of Art work that they have learned about in class.
- c. March 10, 2026 - Grades 4-12 G.A.T.E. students to visit Penn State Beaver to compete in the "Math 24" competition.

Motion to approve the updated job description for the position of Director of Student Services.

Motion: Majors Second: Verrico Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve Rebecca Onuska and Marcie Alford to serve on the Elementary Planning Committee at a supplemental salary of \$500, retroactive to the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve the request made by Marissa Sterling, Middle School teacher, to enroll her non-resident child, Kindergarten, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: Majors Second: Dillliott Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve the request made by Casey Woodley, Middle School/High School Secretary, to enroll her non-resident child, Grade 12, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: Majors Second: Dilliot Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Curriculum and Technology

Motion to approve implementing the Drug and Alcohol Services of Beaver Valley, Inc., program to provide on site intervention for our students who are identified through SAPreferrals, disciplinary referrals, and self referrals and when determined that these services would be beneficial.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 High School Program of Studies.

Motion: Daman Second: Majors Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Buildings and Grounds

Motion to approve the request made by Amanda Starr, representing Rochester Football Boosters, to use the iCafe to host monthly booster meetings on February 3 and March 3, 2026, at no cost.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Athletics

Motion to approve Brian Burton to serve as the Varsity Head Football Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year, at a supplemental base salary of \$5,000.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

At the recommendation of Brian Burton, Varsity Head Football Coach, motion to approve Matthew Yunt to serve as the Varsity Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator effective the 2026-2027 school year, at a supplemental base salary of \$2,191.12, as per contract.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

At the recommendation of Brian Burton, Varsity Head Football Coach, motion to approve James Siget to serve as the Football Conditioning Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year, at a supplemental base salary of \$1,545, as per contract.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve Michael Patsch to serve as the Head Baseball Coach effective the 2025-2026 school year, at a supplemental base salary of \$3,000.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve Casandra Colon-Maldonado to serve as the Women's Varsity Head Volleyball Coach effective the 2026-2027 school year, at a supplemental salary of \$3,000.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

Motion to approve James Avila to serve as a volunteer Women's Volleyball Coach.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Passed (8-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

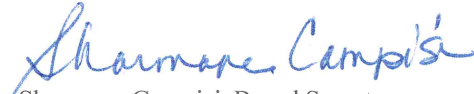
No public wished to address the Board on non-agenda items.

Mr. Brad Verrico, Athletic Director, addressed the board regarding Girls Softball. There are currently nine girls signed up for softball this season. A discussion was held regarding authorization to co-op.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 p.m., Mr. Majors motioned to adjourn the Voting Meeting; Mr. Blackwell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, January 26, 2026

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
AB	Mr. James Bogolea
P	Mr. Thomas Daman
P	Mrs. Victoria Dilliot
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
P	Mr. Thomas Hilliard
P	Mr. CJ Iannini
P	Mr. Thomas Majors
P	Mrs. Dana Morrell - Verrico

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
P	Attorney Fedeles

COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was held via Google Meets on Monday, January 26, 2026. The district posted an announcement on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., indicating that the board meeting may be virtual due to anticipated inclement weather and stated the decision would be made by noon on Sunday, January 25. In addition to the website, the information was shared via email to staff, rasdcommunity listserv, our mass phone notification system, and social media. The meeting link and agenda were posted on the district's website on Friday, as was an invitation for participants to join via Google Meets or phone. The decision to have the meeting virtually was made on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and announced as stated. Besides the school board and administration, six community members/guests were in attendance. (We did not require guests to preregister or sign-in.)

The committee meeting began at 5:30 p.m. with an overview of the elementary building through the lens of finance and the budget. Ms. Cipolla shared information including student enrollment, staffing, charter enrollment, programs and curriculum. [Attached is a copy of her presentation.](#)

Mr. Damon reviewed the proposed changes to the High School Program of Studies and requested the board approve the changes. The Program of Studies was included in the Board Packet, which was sent to board members on Friday.

The committee meeting ended at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane W. Bovalino, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools