

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Board President, at 6:12 p.m.

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. Thomas B. Daman
Mrs. Victoria Dillliott, Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Hilliard

Mr. C.J. Iannini
Mr. Thomas Majors, Vice President
Mrs. Dana Morell-Verrico

Absent:

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. James A. Bogolea

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Louis Campisi
Ms. Rachael Cipolla

Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Michael Damon
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no correspondences to come before the board.

PRESENTATION(S):

Mrs. Jessica Dorian presented the December Student of the Month Award to eighth grader Charlotte Ipson. She also recognized sixth grader DaMari Vaughn and seventh grader Kennedy Swartzlander for receiving the December Student of the Month Awards. Mrs. Dorian presented to sixth grader Noah Ipson. With the January Student of the Month Award and recognized seventh grader AJ Henry and eighth grader Madison Mendoza who were unable to attend the presentation.

Mr. Chad Agnew from Butler, Agnew & Associates presented the 2024-2025 Audit

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There was no citizen input on agenda items.

MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2026 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary and the minutes of the January 26, 2026 Committee Meeting, submitted by Dr. Bovalino.

Motion: Majors

Second: Dilliot

Result: Motion Carrier (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino reported that during our Remote Learning Days, after receiving word from the Federal Government, we distributed lunches on Thursday and Friday. We fed over 100 families on Thursday and Friday and sent home weekend food bags.

Molly the Cow visited Rochester schools this week! She stopped by to promote dairy and healthy choices. We loved spending time with her - lots of smiles and excitement in the cafeteria!

Our Middle School Student Council's community service project was to collect cans for the needy. Student Council Collected 567 cans for our local Rochester Salvation Army! Great job to our Middle School!!! Congrats to Ms. Best's homeroom for collecting the most cans! They were treated to an ice cream party!

Dr. Bovalino expressed appreciation for our first GLOW Girls Club group. GLOW stands for Girls Leading Others Wisely. Over the last 8 weeks we had special visitors from Job Training of Beaver County, Brittany Newcomb Photography, & YAP! We also had fun baking Christmas cookies, practicing yoga and exercising, playing games, and team building activities! To celebrate, we had a "Galentine's Dinner" at Frank G's Place in Bridgewater. It was the perfect way to end our awesome session! Many thanks to The Wright Promise, Frank G's and Todd Rebich for helping to fund this program!

Counselor Megan Mouas coordinated a Career Day for our middle school. Students had the opportunity to learn about a variety of careers and trades. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time to share their passion with our students.

- Police Officer - Joe Howard
- Job Training Beaver County - Randi Livengood
- Chiropractor - Dr. Rick Tsai
- Mining Engineer - Ronnie Delauter
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - Dan and Anita Yoder
- Commercial Construction Company - Tom & Angie Eger
- Carpenter - Brad Goedeker

- Beaver County Career and Technology Center - Vince Gratteri
- Engineer - Andrew Wilhelmsen

Congratulations to seniors Natalie Hollibaugh and Gaige Wilkins who represented Rochester at the PMEA District 5 Chorus Festival at Hickory High School. They performed with students in Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties.

As part of PennDOT's School Zone Project, new flashing school zone lights were installed on Virginia Avenue this month. After a 30-day test period to ensure the lights are working properly, we will assume ownership and responsibility for the flashers. The new lights have a cellular connection that was installed in the cabinets of the flashers so Lou's team can control them on their devices. Unfortunately, they were unable to replace the flasher on Virginia Ave and Webster St due to the condition of the pole; however, they offered them to us, free of charge, and are dropping them off. We will install them and take ownership.

Congratulations to the following teachers and administrators who received various grants:

- Brandy Rossi-Tesnovish, Aquaponics Experience, \$750, BCET
- Rachael Cipolla, Books Beyond the Classroom, \$1,200, BCET
- Allison Benedum, Sparkling Circuits, \$1,250, BCET
- Rebecca Onuska, Story Walk, \$1,500, BCET
- Dave Cervone, STEAM Walk, \$1,000, BCET
- Isaac Dixon, Rochy Garden, \$1,520, Sisters of St. Joseph

Congratulations to junior Jace Crawford for winning the championship for individuals at the MAC Tournament. He had games of 224, 236, and 226, for a 686 series. He will move on to the Western Pennsylvania Bowling Interscholastic League Individual Tournament next Wednesday, February 18.

Congratulations to the Lady Rams on making the playoffs. The girls will host Apollo-Ridge in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs. The game will be played at Rochester High School, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 17.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Shannon Steele was present and indicated there was nothing to report this evening.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee's issues were discussed: Finance and Transportation, Teachers and Personnel, Curriculum and Technology, Policy and Procedures, Athletics, and the Beaver County Career and Technology Center.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Elijah Goosby addressed the board regarding pride in our community and the litter in the football stadium and in the basketball stands.

Board member Tom Hilliard spoke about integrating the youth sporting leagues into the school more.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Motion: Majors Second: Morell-Verrico Result: Motion Carried (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharmane Campisi" followed by a stylized flourish or set of initials.

Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, February 16, 2026

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

AB	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
AB	Mr. Ryan Herstine
P	Mr. Nathan Leeman
P	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at Rochester High School with a presentation by Athletic Director Mr. Brad Verrico of how the Athletic Department budget impacts the overall budget. Mrs. Onuska provided further information regarding costs per sport.

Director of Student Services Mr. Nathan Leeman presented an overview of the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#) and explained the definitions associated with homelessness and the district's responsibilities to eliminate barriers to the children's learning.

Dr. Bovalino explained the history of charter schools and [shared the costs](#) associated with brick and mortar charters and the costs associated with cyber charter schools. We discussed some of the things we have done in the past to try and bring students back into the district and some of the things the administrative staff have highlighted to try. Dr. Bovolino asked the board and those in attendance for their suggestions. We will continue this conversation at our next meeting.

At 6:12 p.m. the Board transitioned to the Discussion Meeting and reviewed the agenda items which are to be voted upon at our next meeting on February 23rd. We reconvened our committee meeting at 7:19 p.m. and toured the building.

We adjourned the committee meetings at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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