

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Board President, at 6:21 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. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. Thomas B. Daman
Mr. Thomas Hilliard

Mr. C.J. Iannini
Mr. Thomas Majors, Vice President

Absent:

Mr. James Bogolea
Mrs. Victoria Dilliot, Treasurer
Mrs. Dana Morell-Verrico

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Mr. Lou 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 were no correspondences to come before the board.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There was no citizen input on agenda items.

MINUTES

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- March 23, 2026 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary
- March 23, 2026 Committee Meeting

Motion: Majors Second: Iannini Result: Motion Carrier (6-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino shared the following items during her Superintendent's Report:

- Congratulations to the Middle School Students of the Month for the month of April: Evelyn Ketterer, Rowan Maley, and Kennedy Hoskinson. Mr. Ziegler and Mrs. Dorian will be recognizing the students during next week's voting meeting.
- Select student athletes and Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students from Rochester and New Brighton participated in the "Do No Harm" program sponsored by the WPIAL, YMCA and IDAC. "Do No Harm" is a student-led initiative focused on promoting kindness, inclusion and respect within school communities and athletic programs. The goal is to "Do No Harm in words or actions" and encourage a positive environment in sports.
- A special "Thank You" was extended to the Jamaur Law Foundation for their generous donation of shoes to elementary students. They also gave our elementary staff members gifts.
- Congratulations to first place winner Jacob Wakefield and runner up Grant Martin who will represent Rochester Middle School at the Annual Sixth Grade Spelling Bee hosted by the Pennsylvania Association of Retired Educators in May.
- Last week we received 61 air purifiers and replacement filters which were part of a COVID Mitigation grant written in 2021. The value of the air purifiers and filters is \$47,500.

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, Buildings and Grounds, Athletics, and the Beaver County Career and Technology Center.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation on non-agenda items to come before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Motion: Majors Second: Blackwell Result: Motion Carried (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, April 20, 2026

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

P	Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
AB	Mr. James Bogolea
P	Mr. Thomas Daman
AB	Mrs. Victoria Dilliott
P	Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins
P	Mr. Thomas Hilliard
P	Mr. CJ Iannini
P	Mr. Thomas Majors
AB	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 Steele

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Board of Education of the Rochester Area School District met as a Committee-of-the-Whole on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom. Director of Facilities, Mr. Lou Campisi presented his proposed 2026-2027 budget. He also reviewed the Facilities 5-year plan and discussed the most urgent need is the roof.

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the work completed by the District's Policy committee to combine the three policy sections (Administrative, Professional and Classified) into one comprehensive Employee section. After a lengthy discussion of whether to eliminate change or maintain Policy 304.1 - Nepotism, the Board decided to keep the policy as is.

Dr. Bovalino provided an update regarding staffing and an overview of [Federal Programs and Miscellaneous Grants](#). We are extremely appreciative to our staff who work collaboratively to obtain grants to enrich programs and operations. Fourteen different staff members participated in bringing in a total of \$609,815 in grants this school year.

The committee meetings concluded at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Bovalino, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools