

VOTING SESSION MINUTES
April 27, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Board President, at 6:16 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Haskins asked all in attendance to join her in a moment of silence in memory of Therman Wallace, Jr.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, President
Mr. Thomas B. Daman
Mrs. Victoria Dillliott, Treasurer
Mr. C.J. Iannini
Mr. Thomas Majors, Vice President

Absent:

Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. James Bogolea
Mr. Thomas Hilliard
Mrs. Dana Morell-Verrico

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Jane Bovalino	Mr. Nathan Leeman
Dr. Amanda Cwynar	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no correspondences to come before the board.

PRESENTATION(S):

- a. Mr. Tony Ziegler and Mrs. Jessica Dorian
APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
6TH - Evelyn Ketterer
7TH - Rowan Maley
8TH - Kennedy Hoskinson

President Haskins commended the students on a job well done on their kindness, dedication and encouragement to other students and reminded them to always do their best!

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There was no citizen input on agenda items.

MINUTES

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- April 20, 2026, Discussion Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Sharmane Campisi, Board Secretary
- April 20, 2026 Board Committee Meeting submitted by Dr. Jane Bovalino, Superintendent

Motion: Majors Second: Iannini Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino indicated she had no additional information to share this evening.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fidelis was present and reminded the BOE that their Statements of Financial Interest are due by Friday, May 1, 2026.

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 of March:
2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	\$	1,316,882.07
Cafeteria Fund	\$	22,218.06
Activity Fund	\$	5,360.47
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: Majors Second: Iannini Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

Motion to approve items 1 through 10 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the Educational Services Agreement with The Bradley Center to provide Educational Services for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Motion to approve the Trend agreement (attached) for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.
3. Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Day Student Education Agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services dba Glad Run Academy - Zelienople and Glade Run Academy - Utica.
4. Motion to approve the agreement with Adelphoi Education Services for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Motion to approve the updated Kelly Services Contract effective July 1, 2026.
6. Motion to approve the request made by Rochester Borough to exonerate all taxes on Parcel No. 49-002-0610-000, located at 0 Pinney Street (undeveloped and unused residential land), Rochester Borough. Total delinquent taxes are \$7,714.59. The property has been in the repository since 2020.
7. Motion to approve the request made by David and Nicol Summers to exonerate all taxes on the parcels (see attached). The total delinquent taxes are \$1,967.67. The properties have been in the repository for many years.
8. Motion to approve the request made by David Summers and Christopher Young to exonerate all taxes on the parcels (see attached). The total delinquent taxes are \$7,416.59. The properties have been in the repository for many years.
9. Motion to approve the continuation of the agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) to provide software services beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026. The total estimated cost for the 2026-2027 school year is \$25,030. Rates are based on our 2026-2027 enrollment and includes the following services: Student Information System, On-line Registration, GURU Board, Fund Accounting, Inventory/Assets, Payroll, and Personnel.
10. Motion to approve the additional bus drivers, van drivers and monitors from Frye Transportation Group, Inc. for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

Dennis Bloom	Lawrence Hurley
Dawn Bussard	Robert McConnell
John Eastman	Gladdie Moore
Marina Harlow	Kathy Ursida

Motion: Majors Second: Iannini Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL

Motion to approve items 1 through 11 as listed:

1. Motion to accept the resignation of Brittany Skelton from the position of 3rd Grade teacher effective

Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

2. Motion to approve the involuntary transfer of Heather Denes to 3rd grade teacher.
3. Motion to approve Rose Majors, Title I and Curriculum Coordinator, to attend the Pennsylvania Association Federal Program Coordinators (PAFPC), 2026 PAFPC Annual Conference in Erie, on May 17-20, 2026, at a cost of \$550 registration fee, plus transportation and lodging.
4. Motion to approve the job description for the position of School Counselor.
5. Motion to approve the following field trip(s):
 - a. April 15, 2026 - Grades 6-8 Unified Bocce Team to compete at Beaver High School.
 - b. April 22, 2026 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to visit Community College of Beaver County Dome to learn about Mental and Emotional Health coping skills.
 - c. April 30, 2026 - Grade 11 students to attend the Flourish Beaver County Career Development Program at CCBC.
 - d. April 30, 2026 - Grade 4 students to visit the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.
 - e. May 6, 2026 - 6th Grade Spelling Bee representatives to participate in the Annual Spelling Bee at Central Valley High School.
 - f. May 6, 2026 - Middle School/High School Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to visit Brady's Run Park for their annual picnic.
 - g. May 13, 2026 - Grade 3 students to visit the Pittsburgh Aviary.
 - h. May 15, 2026 - Kindergarten students to visit Keystone Safari.
 - i. May 15, 2026 - Grade 1 to see *Pout Pout Fish* at the Byham Theatre.
 - j. May 20, 2026 - Elementary G.A.T.E./Enrichment students to participate in the *Invention Convention* at Central Elementary School, Beaver Falls.
6. Motion to approve the interns from Geneva College, and their cooperating teachers, for the Fall 2026, first semester.

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Malerie Branson	Allison Seezox	Emotional Support Grades 6-8
Broklen Helton	Emma Ferguson	Emotional Support Grades K-5
Jordann Hicks	Tara Spiker	Learning Support Grades 1 & 2
Kaylee Knapp	Erika George	Life Skills Grades 9-12
Abigail Martin	Alexandra Javens	Autistic Support Grades K-5
Sarah Martin	Drew Lewis Henderson	Life Skills Grades K-2
Lydia Nagel	Trina Greco	Learning Support Grades 4 & 5
Lisa Popa	Tiffany Halbrock	Life Skills Grades 6-8
Karla Schilling	Edward Gorman	Life Skills Grades 3-5
Kyra Wilcox	Rebecca Onuska	Learning Support Grades K & 3
Elliana Zwatty	Marissa Sterling	Learning Support Grade 6

7. Motion to approve the request made by Elementary School teacher, Tracy Hansen, to take Friday, April 17, 2026 as an unpaid sick day.

8. Motion to approve the following individuals to serve as the 2025-2026 Extended School Year (ESY) teachers (The number of teachers needed depends on the number of students attending):
Alexandra Javens
9. Motion to approve the following individuals to serve as the 2025-2026 Extended School Year (ESY) paraprofessionals (The number of paraprofessionals needed depends on the number of students attending):
Cheryl Johnson
10. Motion to approve Angela Corson to serve as a four (4) hour General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department, effective April 7, 2026, at a rate of \$15 per hour, as per contract (clearances on file).
11. Motion to approve the following individuals to be added to the approved list of volunteers (clearances on file).
Katherine Bigstaff - Elementary School Volunteer
Clairissa Davids - Elementary School & Middle School/High School
Ellen Dixon - Elementary School Volunteer
Courtney Martin - PTA, K-12 Programs
Brittany Newcomb - Elementary School Volunteer
Sharin Robb - Elementary School Volunteer

Motion: Daman Second: Majors Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY

Motion to approve items 1 through 3 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the Special Education Plan, presented by Director of Student Services, Mr. Nathan Leeman and available for public review.
2. Motion to approve the 2026 list of graduates, subject to the completion of all necessary graduation requirements (see attached).
3. Motion to approve the revised 2026-2027 School Calendar.

Motion: Daman Second: Dillliott Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Motion to approve items 1 and 2 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the elimination of the three employee Board Policy sections (300 - Administrative Employees, 400 - Professional Employees, and 500 - Classified Employees) and implementation of the new 300 - Employees Section, which includes all employees (as listed).

301 - Creating a Position
302 - Employment of a Superintendent
303 - Employment of Administrators - RETIRE

- 303.1 - Nepotism of Administrators - RETIRE
- 304 - Employment of District Staff
- 304.1 - Nepotism
- 305 - Employment of Substitutes
- 306 - Employment of Summer School Staff
- 307 - Substitute Teachers and Interns
- 308 - Employment Contract/Board Resolution
- 308.1 - Administrative Employee Contract
- 309 - Assignment and Transfer
- 309.1 - Telework
- 310 - Abolishing a Position - RETIRE
- 311 - Reductions of Staff
- 312 - Performance Assessment of Superintendent
- 313 - Evaluation of Employees
- 313.1 - Administrator Accountability
- 314 - Physical Examination
- 314.1 - HIV Infections
- 316 - Nontenured Employees
- 317 - Conduct Disciplinary Procedures
 - 317-AR-1 Disciplinary Procedures
 - 317-AR-2 Arrest or Convictions Report
- 317.1 Educator Misconduct
- 318 - Attendance and Tardiness
- 319 - Outside Activities
- 320 - Freedom of Speech by School Employees
- 321 - Political Activities
- 322 - Gifts
- 323 - Tobacco and Vaping
- 324 - Personnel Files
- 325 - Dress and Grooming
- 326 - Complaint Process
- 327 - Management Team
- 328 - Compensation Plans/Salary Schedules
- 329 Working Conditions - RETIRE
- 330 - Compensatory Time and Overtime
- 331 - Job Related Expenses
- 332 - Working Periods
 - 332-AR-0 Reasonable Break Time and Lactation Accommodations
- 333 - Professional Development
- 334 - Sick Leave
- 335 - Family and Medical Leave
- 336 - Personal Necessity Leave
- 337 - Vacation
- 338 - Sabbatical Leave
- 338.1 - Compensated Professional Leave
- 339 - Uncompensated Leave
 - 339-AR-0 Application for Uncompensated Leave
- 340 - Responsibility for Student Welfare

- 341 - Benefits for Part-time Personnel
- 342 - Jury Duty
- 343 - Paid Holidays
- 351 - Controlled Substance Abuse
 - 351-AR-0 Drug Free Workplace Notice
 - 351-AR-1 Record of Reasonable Suspicion of Controlled Substance Abuse

2. Motion to approve the following Administrative Regulations:
- 006-BOG-2 Notice of Abstention
 - 111-AR-0 Lesson Plans
 - 137-AR-0 Homeless Education Program Requirements
 - 137.1-AR-0 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
 - 137.1-AR-1 Weekly Eligibility Report
 - 137.1-AR-2 Weekly Eligibility Report (Cocurricular)
 - 200-AR-0 Student Classifications for Enrollment
 - 200-AR-1 Residency Investigations
 - 202-AR-0 Nonresident Students
 - 202-AR-1 Information to Substantiate Sworn Statement by Resident
 - 222-AR-0 Tobacco and Vaping Products
 - 222-AR-1 Tobacco and Vaping Parent Notification
 - 227-AR-0 Controlled Substance/Paraphrenalia
 - 236-AR-0 SAP
 - 251-AR-0 Homeless Students
 - 251-AR-1 Homeless Enrollment Complaint Form
 - 308-AR-1 Employee Resignations
 - 308-AR-2 Acceptance of Employee Resignations
 - 317-AR-1 Disciplinary Procedures
 - 317-AR-2 Arrest or Conviction Report
 - 332-AR-0 Lactation
 - 339-AR-0 Application for Uncompensated Leave
 - 351-AR-0 Drug Free Workplace Notice
 - 351-AR-1 Record of Reasonable Suspicion
 - 625-AR-0 Procurement Credit Cards
 - 625-AR-1 Cardholder Agreement
 - 625-AR-2 Payment Request Form
 - 707-AR-1 Rules for Use of School Facilities
 - 800-AR-0 Records Management
 - 801-AR-1 Disclosure Production of Certain Records
 - 803-AR-0 School Calendar
 - 805.1-AR-0 Incident Response - Immediate
 - 805.1-AR-1 Incident Response - Discretionary
 - 805.1-AR-2 Record of Law Enforcement Officers in School
 - 815-AR-0 Internet Use Agreement
 - 815-AR-1 Use of Internet

819-AR-0 Suicide Crisis Intervention Response Guidelines
830-AR-0 Security of Computerized Personal Information Breach
903-AR-0 Presiding Officer Statement

Motion: Iannini Second: Majors Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Motion to approve items 1 through 3 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the request made by C.J. Iannini of the Rochester Youth Cheer to use the building on the following dates and times for their Youth Cheerleading practice and tryouts, at no cost.

<u>5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (Tryouts)</u>
April 1, 2026	April 20, 2026
April 8, 2026	April 21, 2026
April 14, 2026	April 22, 2026
April 15, 2026	April 23, 2026
April 16, 2026	
2. Motion to approve the request made by Jamie Baughman of the Rochester Area Baseball and Softball (RABS) to use the building on April 18, 2026, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., for their Baseball and Softball pictures, at no cost.
3. Motion to approve the request made by Ron Gianfrancesco of the Rochester Little Rams Youth Football beginning June 1, 2026 through October 2026, Monday through Saturday, for their Football practices. The game day schedule is forthcoming.

Motion: Majors Second: Dilliot Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

ATHLETICS

Motion to approve items 1 through 2 as listed:

1. At the recommendation of Brad Verrico, Athletic Director, and Michael Patsch, Varsity Baseball Coach, motion to approve:
 - a. Bradley M. Goedeker to serve as the 1st Assistant Baseball Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$2,000 for the 2025-2026 school year (clearances on file).
 - b. Logan Lyons to serve as the 2nd Assistant Baseball Coach at a supplemental base salary of \$1,500 for the 2025-2026 school year (clearances on file).
2. Motion to accept the resignation of Edward Gorman from the position of 8th Grade Men's Basketball effective April 23, 2026.

Motion: Iannini Second: Majors Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

BEAVER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Motion to approve items 1 through 3 as listed:

1. Motion to ratify the approval of Kathleen Onuska, to serve as the district's representative for the reconstituted Beaver County Area Vocational Technical School's "Authority Board."
2. Motion to approve Resolution No. 042726-08 for the 2026-2027 Beaver County Career and Technology Center's General Fund Budget. The budget totals \$8,512,832. This includes an increase of \$398,513 (4.91%) from the 2025-2026 Budget.
3. Motion to approve Resolution No. 042726-09 whereas Rochester Area School District approves the revival of the Beaver County Vocational-Technical School's authority and authorizing and approves the filing of a Municipal Statement of Revival.

Motion: Haskins

Second: Dillliott

Result: Motion Carrier (5-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Elementary teacher Mrs. Mary Huchko addressed the Board regarding offering a retirement incentive.

Resident and middle school teacher Mr. Tony Ziegler addressed the Board, as well, about including a retirement incentive in the collective bargaining agreement.

Elementary teacher Mrs. Nicole Tomasko commended elementary principal Mrs. Rachael Cipolla on how she handled the past week.

ADJOURNMENT

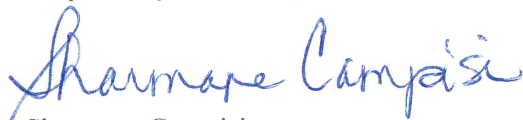
Motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Motion: Majors

Second: Dillliott

Result: Motion Carried (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Sharmane Campisi
Board Secretary

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, April 27, 2026

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

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

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Education of the Rochester Area School District met as a Committee-of-the-Whole on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Mrs. Onuska presented the 2026-2027 proposed budget. Of our \$20,700,769 in revenue, 67% comes from the state, 2.4% from federal funds, and 30.6% from local taxes.

The majority of our expenditures are contractual and are in salaries and benefits. This makes up 69% of our expenditures. 38.8% is in salaries and 30.2% is in benefits. The rising costs in healthcare has been a challenge - this year, our health care coverage increased by 14%.

Charter school tuition is another challenge the district faces each year. Although there were changes to the cyber charter funding formula, we saw only a slight impact on our budget as we have a larger number of students at brick-and-mortar (i.e. Baden Academy, Lincoln Park) charter schools and the formula did not change for these public schools. Our tuition to brick-and-mortar charter schools amounts to \$1,539,569 and tuition to cyber charter schools is \$544,749.

Charter schools, transportation, placements and the Career and Technical School are considered other purchased services and make up 19.5% of the budget. The remaining 11.5% of our expenditures include professional services (5.2%), property services (1.1%), general supplies (0.038%), bond interest/dues and fees (1.3%), and bond principal payments (0.01%).

After making significant cuts prior to presenting the proposed budget, we still have a deficit of \$463,821. To balance the budget, we are proposing the elimination of a teacher through attrition and an increase in taxes of 0.7 mills. As Mrs. Cipolla presented in January, the goal is to "right-size" the Title I department; therefore, the elimination of two positions through attrition is recommended; however, we are not recommending any furloughs.

Mrs. Onuska gave an example of the impact of the tax increase on a property with an assessed value of \$320,000. The taxpayer would see an increase in taxes of \$ 224 per year, which is \$4.30 per week, or \$0.32 per student for this particular property.

The committee meetings concluded at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, May 11, 2026

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL BOARD

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

ADMINISTRATION AND PRESENTERS

P	Dr. Jane Bovalino
P	Dr. Amanda Cwynar
P	Mrs. Kathleen Onuska

COMMITTEE

The Board of Education of the Rochester Area School District met as a Committee-of-the-Whole on Monday, May 11, 2026, following an Executive Session. Our committee meeting began at 6:00 p.m. and was held in the Boardroom at Rochester High School.

Dr. Cwynar presented the [FID Application](#). It will be on the voting agenda for approval and will then be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review.

Dr. Bovalino reviewed the [Budget presentation powerpoint](#) from the April 27, 2026 meeting and answered questions that have been raised since the last meeting. Specifically:

- Slide 11 - Salary & Benefits - Salaries went from \$8,049,702 to \$8,201,619 (2% inc) and benefits from \$6,014,974.05 to \$6,392,198.56 (a \$381,224.51 increase or 6%.) Medical insurance alone increased by 12%. The other line items changed slightly.
- Slide 12 - Professional Services - this is higher than previous years because we have included the Superintendent & Business services in Purchased Services instead of salary and benefits. Last year, the amount was \$884,586.15. With the two items added, line item 310 went from \$0 to about \$247,500. The area also reflects the decrease we were also able to negotiate with Kelly fServices. We will be paying a lower rate for both short term and long term substitutes next year.
- Slide 12 - Property Services - we put \$100,000 in the budget for the roof repair so this category increased from \$120,162 to \$239,326, a 99% increase.
- Slide 14 - The budget numbers entered for utilities are in line with actual utility costs from this year. Discussion topics included closing the building during weekends - No Exclusions - eliminates costs of electricity (lights, air, heating); however, we are cautious of eliminating extracurricular and athletic programs that keep students involved.

Dr. Bovalino also shared an analysis of millage through the years. Rochester's 5-year average is a 0.3 millage increase, which is the second lowest in the county and our 10-year average is 1.23 which is the fifth lowest in the county.

The Board discussed the professional staff's proposal for a retirement incentive and the impact of elimination through attrition. We also reviewed an analysis of Title I numbers across Beaver County schools.

The Board deliberated on a tax increase and discussed three options:

- a. Option 1: Increase taxes 0.4 mills. This will bring in approximately \$162,717 in tax dollars.
- b. Option 2: Increase taxes 0.7 mills. This will bring in approximately \$293,265 in tax dollars.
- c. Option 3: No tax increase. Consider economic furloughs.

The board agreed to place Option 2 on the May voting agenda; however, asked the administration to continue looking for ways to eliminate the deficit by the time the final budget is approved in June.

Respectfully submitted,

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