

Rutland City Public Schools
Board of School Commissioners
Longfellow Building
6 Church Street

AGENDA

Subject: Regular Meeting

Date and Time: August 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM

I. 6:00 p.m. - Call to Order

- A. Roll Call – Confirming Quorum
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Board Norms
 - Debate, commentary, and discussion are healthy and open
 - Listening and speaking are equally important, and both should be done with respect and consideration
 - Focus is on students and our schools, not politics
 - Assume best intentions in all discussions

II. 6:10 p.m. - Approval of Agenda

- A. Addition and/or Deletions

III. 6:12 p.m. - Consent Agenda (Policy 4.3.2)

Items that the Board has previously delegated to the Superintendent, but that an external authority requires the Board to “approve.” The entire Consent Agenda is adopted by one motion, without discussion. However, any item can be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, following the Board’s policy.

- A. Minutes of Previous Meetings -June 23, 2026 and August 4, 2026
- B. Personnel Memo #679

IV. 6:15 p.m. - Ownership Linkage (Policy 4.2.1)

- A. Public Comment

Thank you for coming to speak to the board. We appreciate your time, and we have set aside this part of the meeting to hear your comments suggestions. If there are multiple comments, each person will be limited to two minutes to ensure that as many as possible get to speak within the time we can allot in this meeting. When you speak, please state your name and the topic of your comments before you begin. After you have finished, we may ask a clarifying question, and the superintendent or board chair may offer a helpful resource about your topic, but we will not have a board discussion of any topics other than those on the published agenda. The board’s expectation is that if an issue is something the board should act on, the superintendent will follow up and bring it to the board through the agenda planning process.

V. 6:20 p.m. - Board Professional Development (Policy 4.0)

- A. Policy Governance Training with Jeanne Collins Deweese, Consultant

- VI. 7:30 p.m. - Monitoring (Policy 3.4)**
A . Monitoring Report: 2.5 Emergency Superintendent Succession
To protect the board from sudden loss of the Superintendent services, the Superintendent shall not permit there to be fewer than two other executives sufficiently familiar with board and Superintendent issues and processes to enable either to take over with reasonable proficiency while a Superintendent is unavailable.
1. *The minimum two executive level leaders shall be identified to the board on an annual basis or upon any change in designation.*
- VII. 7:45 p.m. - Governance Process (Policy 4.0)**
A . Policy Review and Approval (Policy 4.2)
First Reading – *Action Item*
C11 Student Freedom of Expression in School-Sponsored Media
C13 Students Experiencing Homelessness
D6 Class Size
B . Establishment of a Capital Improvement Fund – *Action Item*
- VIII. 8:00 p.m. - Communication and Support to the Board (Policy 2.8) (Incidental Information)**
A . Superintendent Report
- IX. Anticipated Executive Session**
A . None Anticipated
- X. 8:10 p.m. - Next Meeting**
A. September 8, 2026 at the Longfellow Building- 6 Church Street in Rutland- 6:00 p.m.
- XI. 8:15 p.m. - RCPS Meeting Self Evaluation (Policy 4.1.)**
- XII. 8:30 p.m. - Adjournment Action**

Rutland City Public Schools: Our Vision

Rutland City Public Schools cultivates a passionate, diverse, and resilient community of critical thinkers who learn with purpose, create innovative and responsible solutions, and lead lives of integrity.

Adopted by the Board of School Commissioners on February 24, 2015

