

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

AGENDA

Subject: Regular Meeting

Date and Time: September 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM

I. 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. Consent Agenda (Policy 4.3.2) - Action Item

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 may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, in accordance with the Board’s policy.

- A. Minutes of Previous Meetings- August 18, 2026
- B. Personnel Memo #680 (Enclosure)
- C. Bid-Construction Manager for RIS/RMS Kitchen Renovation

III. 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 and suggestions. If there are multiple comments, each person may 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 expects that if an issue is one the Board should act on, the superintendent will follow up and bring it to the Board through the agenda-planning process.

- B. Merger Committee- **Action Item** (Enclosure)

In accordance with legislation that has passed, all school districts must participate in a merger study facilitated by the Vermont Learning Collaborative. A RCPS representative needs to be appointed by September 30, 2026. It is expected that if a merger is recommended, participating districts will vote in March of 2028 on whether to merge.

IV. Board Professional Development (Policy 4.0)

- A. VSBA opportunities
[VTVSBA Conference](#) (Enclosure)

VI. Monitoring (Policy 3.4)

A. Monitoring Report: 2.1 Treatment of Students and Parents/Guardians (Enclosure)- **Action Item**
Motion to accept monitoring report 2.1 regarding the Treatment of Students and Parents/Guardians.
Discussion:

1. *Do we agree that this is a reasonable interpretation of the policy?*
2. *Do we agree that there is adequate evidence for (partial) compliance?*

Vote on Motion

VII. Governance Process (Policy 4.0)

A. Policy Review and Approval (Policy 4.2)

i. Second Reading – **Action Item**

- C11 Student Freedom of Expression in School-Sponsored Media
- C13 Students Experiencing Homelessness
- D6 Class Size

ii. First Reading- **Action Item**

- B4 Drug and Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees
- B7 Tobacco Prohibition
- C8 Pupil Privacy Rights
- C70 Restraint & Seclusion
- D4 Title One Comparability

iii. Policy Removal- **Action Item**

- 6130 Safety of Personnel
- 7211 Truancy
- 3310 Access to Public Records
- 7110 Elementary and Secondary Students
- 7534 Athletic Program Safety
- 8530 Essential Early Education Programs

VIII. Communication and Support to the Board (Policy 2.8)

A. Superintendent Report (Enclosure)

i. Student Reports

IX. Executive Session

A. None Anticipated

X. Next Meeting

A. October 13, 2026, at the Longfellow Building- 6 Church Street in Rutland- 6:00 p.m.

XI. RCPS Meeting Self Evaluation (Policy 4.1.)

Focus on the following questions:

1. Was the Board engaged in the meeting?
2. Did the Board follow the agenda and remain in the role of governance rather than operations?
3. Did the Board refer to any policies for items on tonight's agenda?

XII. Adjournment- Action Item

**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

