

VOTING SESSION MINUTES

June 22, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins, Board President, at 6:00 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 N. Haskins, President
Mr. Thomas W. Majors, Vice President
Mr. Lawrence Blackwell
Mr. Thomas B. Daman

Mrs. Victoria C. Dilliot, Treasurer
Mr. Thomas Hilliard
Mr. Charles J. "C.J." Iannini, Secretary

Absent:

Mr. James A. Bogolea
Mrs. Dana L. Morell-Verrico

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Present:

Dr. Jane Bovalino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Nathan Leeman

Mrs. Kathleen Onuska
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no correspondences to come before the Board this evening.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens wishing to address the Board on agenda items this evening.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Haskins announced that the Board recognizes the following teachers and administrators who have obtained tenure, pursuant to the provisions of 24 PA 11-1108 and 24 PS 11-121 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended:

Briana Carr
Rachael Cipolla
Nathan Leeman
Kristin Wagner

MINUTES

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- June 15, 2026, Discussion Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mr. Charles Iannini, Board Secretary.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Blackwell Result: Motion carried (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bovalino expressed her gratitude to the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve the students, staff, and community over the past fourteen years. President Haskins thanked Dr. Bovalino for her service to the school community.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Garen Fedeles was present. There was nothing to be reported at this time.

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 May:
2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	\$	2,294,950.41
Cafeteria Fund	\$	90,967.96
Activity Fund	\$	3,777.39
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: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the Final General Fund Budget (PDE 2028) for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$20,798,239 with .25 mil tax increase, and the Resolution No. 062226-12 to levy/re-enact the supporting tax basis.

- A. Real Estate Tax = 13.74 mills
- B. Per Capita Tax = \$10
- C. Earned Income Tax = 5 mills
- D. Occupation Tax = \$5
- E. Occupation Privilege Tax = \$5
- F. Local Services Tax = \$5
- G. Mercantile Tax (retail)/business Privilege = .75 mill
- H. Mercantile Tax (Wholesale) = .5 mill
- I. Realty Transfer Tax = 5 mills

After a motion by Mrs. Dillliott and second by Mr. Majors, Mr. Daman motioned to revise the original motion to say, "Motion to amend the previous motion, with no tax increase." Being there was no second to Mr. Daman's motion, the revised motion failed and the board voted on the original motion. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Dillliott, Mrs. Haskins, Mr. Hilliard, Mr. Iannini, and Mr. Majors, voting Yay; Mr. Daman voting Nay; Mr. Bogolea and Mrs. Morell-Verrico were absent from the meeting. Motion carried 6-1.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (6-1)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 062226-13 authorizing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Real Estate Reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2026, under the provision of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and Taxpayer Relief Act.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Approve closing the following bank depository accounts:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account Description</u>
Wesbanco	General Fund
Wesbanco	Activities Checking
Wesbanco	Payroll Checking
Wesbanco	Cafeteria Fund
Wesbanco	Capital Reserve
Freedom United FCU	Real Estate Taxes - East Rochester
Freedom United FCU	Real Estate Taxes - Rochester Borough
Freedom United FCU	Real Estate Taxes - Rochester Township
PA Local Gov. Investment Fund	General Fund
PA Local Gov. Investment Fund	Scholarship Fund
PA Local Gov. Investment Fund	Capital Reserve
PA Local Gov. Investment Fund	2025 Bond Proceeds
PA Local Gov. Investment Fund	2019 G.O. Bond Issue

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve First National Bank as the district's bank depository for the following accounts:

General Fund
Activities Fund
Cafeteria Fund
Real Estate Tax - East Rochester
Real Estate Tax - Rochester Borough
Real Estate Tax - Rochester Township
General Fund State Subsidy
Scholarship Fund

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve Resolution No. 062226-11 which permits Dr. Joseph A Guarino, Superintendent effective July 1, 2026, to authorize and direct any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses [hereinafter collectively referred to as contract(s)] with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the use of electronic signatures and that no handwritten signature shall be required.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve Dr. Joseph A. Guarino, Superintendent effective July 1, 2026, to authorize and direct any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency via electronic signature and/or within the e-Grants system.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the two (2) year Agreement between Western PA Psych Care and the Rochester Area School District, to provide Outpatient Mental Health including Psychiatric Evaluations and Medication Management, School-Based Behavioral Health, Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS), beginning June 1, 2026 and ending on June 1, 2028, on an as-needed basis.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve Marydenise Feroce, New Brighton Area School District Business Manager, as the Rochester Area School District's School Food Authority Authorized Representative, at a stipend of \$500 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the request made by Mr. Steven Proctor and Dr. Amanda Cwynar to establish the new Student Activity Account "Rochester Middle School Gaming Club."

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the Food Service Agreement with the Private Industry Council (PIC, aka Head Start and Early Head Start) beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. PIC will purchase meals for Head Start and Early Head Start from the District.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the request made by Anthony Bruno to exonerate all taxes from 2015 through 2023 on Parcel No. 20-001-0327-000, located at 832 Oak Avenue, East Rochester Borough. Total delinquent taxes for the years of this property was in the repository total \$8,665.64. The property was in the repository from 2015 through 2023.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the agreement with KeySolution Staffing, L.L.C., to provide speech and language pathology services beginning July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$67 per hour for ten (10) hours per week.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Teachers and Personnel

Motion to approve the following personnel changes commencing the 2026-2027 school year:

- a. The involuntary transfer of Kara Best from 6th grade ELA to 2nd grade due to a decrease in enrollment in the 6th grade.
- b. The reinstatement of furloughed teacher Destiny Walker to 2nd grade due to the retirement of Mary Huchko.
- c. The voluntary transfer of Heather Denes from 3rd grade to 2nd grade.
- d. The voluntary transfer of Nicole Tomasko from 4th grade to 3rd grade.
- e. The involuntary transfer of Destiny Walker from 2nd grade to 5th grade.
- f. The voluntary transfer of Sarah Schaum from 5th grade to 4th grade.
- g. Karin Peterson to be hired as a 5th grade teacher at Step 1, Masters+00.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve Karin Peterson to serve as the Middle School/High Special Education Summer School Teacher for the Summer of 2026.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve rescinding the resignation submitted by Denise Lyons and Caryn Morrow as Co-Sponsors of the Student Council (Grades 9-12).

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve Glory Shychuck to serve as the Student of Services (Homecoming) at a supplemental base salary of \$500 for the 2026-2027 school year, due to the resignation of Denise Lyons.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the request made by elementary school teacher, Debra Robles to take Friday, June 5, 2026 as an unpaid sick day.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the request made by Elise Gorman, Elementary School Teacher, to enroll her non-resident children grade 12 and grade 9, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to accept the resignation of Karen Martin from the position of part-time General Assistant in the Nutritional Services Department effective June 4, 2026.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve Dr. Jarod Paul Stragand to serve as the District's School Physician for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$4,200.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve Dr. Lance Rose and Dr. Katherine Rose Hall from Rose Family Dentistry to continue to serve as the District's School Dentist for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$15 per student.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

At the recommendation of Briana Carr, Band Director, motion to approve Philip Kronenberg to serve as the Assistant Marching Band Director at a supplemental base salary of \$2,000 for the 2026-2027 school year (clearances on file).

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the following individuals to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file):

Donna Keith - K-12 and PTA
Tammy Tackac - Band

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the following change in hours of staff in the Nutrition Services Department, effective the 2026-2027 school year, due to the resignation of Karen Martin.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Previous Hours</u>	<u>New Hours</u>
Jaimie Powell	6.0	6.5
Jasmine Haskins	5.5	6.0
Angela Corson	4.0	5.5

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve Dr. Joseph Guarino as the School Safety and Security Coordinator, effective July 1, 2026, due to the retirement of Dr. Jane Bovalino.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Curriculum & Technology

Motion to approve adjusting the start time for Rochester Elementary School from **8:55 a.m.** to **8:45 a.m.** beginning with the 2026–2027 school year.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the revised 2026-2027 High School Program of Studies.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve 2026-2027 Middle School Program of Studies.

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 K-12 Rochester Cyber Academy (RCA) Handbook

Motion: Mrs. Dillliott Second: Mr. Hillliard Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Policy & Procedure

Motion to approve the following policies and revised attachments:

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Title</u>
815.6 <i>(new)</i>	Operations	Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education
918 Att. 1 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	District - Title I Parent and Family Engagement
918 Att. 2 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	Elementary - Title I Parent and Family Engagement
918 Att. 3 <i>(reviewed)</i>	Community	Elementary - Title I School Parent Compact

Motion: Mr. Iannini Second: Mr. Blackwell Result: Motion carried (7-0)

Buildings & Grounds

Motion to approve the request made by Shelby Gianfrancesco of the Little Rams of Rochester to use the Football Stadium for their youth football games on the following dates from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at no charge: August 29, 2026, September 5, 2026, September 12, 2026, September 26, 2026, and October 10, 2026.

Motion: Mr. Majors Second: Mr. Blackwell Result: Motion carried (7-0)

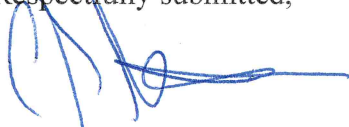
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public participation on non-agenda items this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Majors motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Mr. Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Charles Iannini
Board Secretary