VOTING AND DISCUSSION SESSION MINUTES
August 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 E. Blackwell
Mr. Thomas B. Daman
Mrs. Victoria C. Dilliott, Treasurer
Mr. Thomas M. Hilliard
Mr. Charles J. "C.J." Iannini, Secretary
Mrs. Dana L. Morell-Verrico

Absent:
Mr. James A. Bogolea

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Joseph A. Guarino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no correspondence to present to the Board.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

MINUTES

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- June 22, 2026 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mr. Charles Iannini, Board Secretary

Motion: Mr. Majors Second: Mrs. Morell-Verrico Result: Motion carried (8-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Guarino noted that the building looks great. We continue to chase down roof leaks due to the poor summer weather.

Dr. Guarino also commended the Administrators for their hard work.

Regarding athletics, Dr. Guarino noted that the Rochester Middle School Football team is beginning a co-op to play with, and under the name of, the New Brighton Middle School Football team. Rochester did not have enough players for a full team and the season is beginning.

Also, the Rochester Area School District's Middle School Girls Basketball team is beginning a co-op with the New Brighton Middle School Girls Basketball team, and they will play under the Rochester name. Both teams were struggling to field a full team.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Shannon Steele was present but had nothing to report at this time.

NOMINATION OF TREASURER:

Mr. Majors suggested to table the motion of Board Treasurer to serve a period of one year, May 2026 through May 2027, due to a need to discuss the position further and Mrs. Dilliott seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

BOARD COMMITTEE VOTING ITEMS

Curriculum & Technology
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 High School Parent-Student Handbook.

Motion: Mr. Majors Second: Mrs. Morell-Verrico Result: Motion carried (8-0)

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Middle School Parent-Student Handbook.

Motion: Mrs. Dilliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (8-0)

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Elementary School Parent-Student Handbook.

Motion: Mrs. Dilliott Second: Mr. Majors Result: Motion carried (8-0)

This concludes the voting portion of the meeting and we will now switch to our regular Discussion Session.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following issues were discussed: Finance and Transportation, Teachers and Personnel, Curriculum and Technology, and Buildings and Grounds.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no one from the public wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items.

Dr. Guarino conducted a presentation to share information about him, his background, and some of what has shaped him over his years in education.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Majors Second: Mrs. Morell-Verrico Result: Motion carried (8-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Iannini
Board Secretary