SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Joseph A. Guarino, Superintendent of Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

Monday, October 26, 2026

VOTING MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins, Board President, will call the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL:

___Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins, President
___Mr. Thomas W. Majors, Vice President
___Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
___Mr. James A. Bogolea
___Mr. Thomas B. Daman
___Mrs. Victoria C. Dilliott, Secretary
___Mr. Thomas M. Hilliard
___Mr. Charles J. "C.J." Iannini, Treasurer
___Mrs. Dana L. Morell-Verrico

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS

___Dr. Joseph Guarino
___Dr. Amanda Cwynar
___Ms. Rachael Cipolla
___Mr. Nathan Leeman
___Mr. Louis Campisi
___Mr. Ryan Herstine

IV. CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

V. PRESENTATION

a. Mr. Tony Ziegler and Mrs. Jessica Dorian
SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
6TH - Matthew Yohe
7TH - Liberty Jeffries
8TH - Sndeah Iacobucci

VI. CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. MINUTES

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- October 19, 2026 Discussion Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Victoria Dilliott, Board Secretary.

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

X. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Transportation
Victoria C. Dilliott, Chairperson
Thomas W. Majors, Vice Chairperson
James A. Bogolea, Jocelyn N. Haskins

Motion to approve the Financial Reports in items 1 through 4 as listed:

1. Treasurer's Report for the months of August and September:

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	WesBanco	$	885,490.67
	First National	$	1,159,491.03
Cafeteria Fund	WesBanco	$	0.00
	First National	$	107,620.67
Activity Fund	WesBanco	$	31,035.92
	First National	$	1,984.04

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_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve items 5 through 6 as listed:

5. Motion to approve the authorization for the Rochester Area School District to enter into an Attorney-Client Fee Contract with the Frantz Law Group, ALPC, 402 West Broadway, Suite 860, San Diego, California, 92101, and Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, LLP, 128 West Cunningham Street, Butler, Pennsylvania, 16001, for the commencement of a legal action against the Social Media Companies (Meta, Tik Tok, YouTube, etc.) Said action shall be for the purpose of claiming money damages. The Attorney-Client Fee Contract shall provide for a Contingent Fee of Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of any recovery. Expenses needed to fund the litigation shall be advanced by Frantz Law Group, APLC, and deducted from any recovery. The Rochester Area School District shall not be responsible for any fee or cost reimbursement in the event that there is no recovery in the action. The School Board President and/or District Superintendent are authorized to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract. The Attorney-Client Fee Contract shall provide for a Contingent Fee of Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of any recovery. Expenses needed to fund the litigation shall be advanced by Frantz Law Group, APLC, and deducted from any recovery. The Rochester Area School District shall not be responsible for any fee or cost reimbursement in the event that there is no recovery in the action. The School Board President and/or District Superintendent are authorized to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract.

6. Motion to approve the additional bus drivers, van drivers and monitors from Frye Transportation Group, Inc for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year:

Howard Blinn	Debra Jacko	Grace McKay
John Blinn	Jamie Kellam	Kimberly Piersol
Dustin Griffith	Kevin Kellam	William Piersol
Chad Guendelsberger	Linda Loomis	Marian Thompson
Colleen Hollen	Jill Madden	

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

<u>Teachers and Personnel</u>
Victoria C Dilliott, Chairperson
James A. Bogolea, Vice Chairperson
Thomas B. Daman, Thomas M. Hilliard

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve items 1 through 12 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the following individuals to serve on the Elementary Planning Committee at a supplemental base salary of $500 for the 2026-2027 school year:

Marcie Alford	Rebecca Onuska
Emma Lintz	Melissa Ziegler

2. Motion to approve Caryn Morrow, Middle School/High School teacher, as the homebound instructor for student ID No. 203000062, at a rate of $25 per hour.

3. Motion to approve the request made by Denver Altieri, Elementary School teacher, to take an unpaid day on January 22, 2027.

4. Motion to approve the following field trips:
    a. October 12, 2026 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to participate in EdFest.
    b. October 21, 2026 - Grades 9-12 YAP students to attend the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) for the Youth Advisory Board.
    c. November 23, 2026 - Select students from Grades 9-10 to attend Beaver County Career & Technology Center to learn about programs offered.
    d. December 3, 2026 Grades 11 & 12 students to attend Slippery Rock University to explore post secondary options.
    e. December 3 and December 4, 2026 - Grades 3-5 Physical Education students to attend Brady's Run Ice Arena to participate in the PensFit Ball Hockey Program
    f. December 4, 2026 - Grades 3-12 Life Skills students to attend Sims Bowling Lanes to compete in the Special Olympics.
    g. January 22, 2027 - Grades 7th, 8th or 9th selected Chorus students to attend Riverside High School to rehearse and perform songs with students from Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties.
    h. January 27, 2027 - Grades 10-12 selected Chorus students to attend Moniteau High School to audition, rehearse and perform songs with students from Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer Counties.
    i. May 14, 2027 - Grade 5 students to attend Acrisure Stadium to learn about the history of the City of Pittsburgh, culture, and how an event center runs its sports teams.
    j. May 17, 2027 - Grades 4-5 to attend Biz Town in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania to improve their financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills.
    k. May 28, 2027 - Grades 7 & 8th Student Council students to attend Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, to culminate at the end of the school year.

5. Motion to accept the resignation of Nicole DePace from the part-time, four (4) hour General Assistant position in the Nutrition Services Department effective September 29, 2026.

6. Motion to approve Nicole DePace to serve as a substitute General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department effective September 30, 2026.

7. Motion to approve the following individual(s) to be added to the list of those who may drive District owned vehicles:

Diane Haffey

8. Motion to approve the following individual(s) to be added to the approved volunteer list (clearances on file):

Taylor Brooks (Elementary)
Ashlie Burgess (Band)
Zachary Cook (Men's Varsity Basketball)
Michele Gillespie (Rochy Garden)
Victor Grigsby, II (Men's Varsity & Jr. Varsity Basketball)
Janet Maier (Elementary Morning Program)

9. Motion to approve Lilly Shychuck, Middle School/High School Long Term Substitute teacher, as the homebound instructor for student ID No. 203000062, at a rate of $25 per hour, effective immediately.

10. Motion to accept the resignation of Linnea Greco from the position of part-time custodian effective October 13, 2026.

11. Motion to approve Nehemiah Haskins to serve as a part-time custodian, effective October 14, 2026. Mr. Haskins will have his hours increased from a four (4) hour position to a seven (7) hour position, as per contract.

12. Motion to approve Hope Prater, to serve as a Part-time four (4) hour General Assistant in the Nutrition Services Department, effective October 28, 2026, at a rate of $15.50 per hour, as per contract.

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

<u>Buildings & Grounds</u>
Thomas W. Majors, Chairperson
Lawrence E. Blackwell, Vice Chairperson
Jocelyn N. Haskins, Dana L. Morell-Verrico

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve items 1 through 4 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the request made by Paula Scriva from Paula Scriva Dance Studio to use the building to host their dance recital on Saturday, June 5, 2027. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of $2,786.20.

2. Motion to approve the request made by Dana Morell-Verrico from Dana's Dance Center to use the building to host their dance recital on Saturday, June 12, 2027. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of $2,786.20.

3. Motion to approve the request made by Tammy Croftcheck from Studio 19 Dance Complex to use the building to host their dance recital on Wednesday, June 16, 2027. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of $2,786.20.

4. Motion to approve the request made by Heather Nelson from Premier Dance Company to use the building to host their dance recital on Sunday, June 20, 2027. Charges include rental fee, and custodial, maintenance and security charges at an approximate cost of $2,786.20.

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

Athletics
Lawrence E. Blackwell, Chairperson
Thomas M. Hilliard, Vice Chairperson
Charles J. Iannini, Thomas W. Majors

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Motion to approve Natasha Alexander to serve as the Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor for the 2026-2027 school year at a prorated supplemental base salary of $3000, effective immediately as per contract.

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

Beaver County Career & Technology Center
Jocelyn N. Haskins, Chairperson
Lawrence E. Blackwell, Vice Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Motion to approve Jocelyn Haskins to serve as the Representative and Lawrence Blackwell to serve as the Alternate for the Rochester Area School District on the *Beaver County Career and Technology Center's Joint Operating Committee.* This is a three (3) year term beginning January 2027 through December 2029. The current Representative is Mrs. Jocelyn Haskins and the Alternate is Mr. Lawrence Blackwell.

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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DISCUSSION / WORK SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Haskins, Board President, 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, Secretary
Mr. Thomas M. Hilliard
Mr. Charles J. "C.J." Iannini, Treasurer

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS:

Present:
Dr. Joseph A. Guarino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Ms. Rachael Cipolla
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mr. Louis Campisi

Absent:
Mr. Ryan Herstine

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

The Band Parents expressed their appreciation for the support provided for the bonfire.

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

There was no citizen input on agenda items to come before the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- September 28, 2026 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Victoria Dilliott, Board Secretary

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Guarino spoke about Grandparents Day and the New Brighton and Rochester Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT), which focuses on developing leadership skills and positive character traits among student-athletes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Mrs. Shannon Steele announced that there will be an Executive Session regarding Personnel.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following topics were discussed: Teachers and Personnel, and Beaver County Career & Technology Center.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:14 p.m., Mr. Daman requested an Executive Session and it was stated that we were moving into one following the meeting and no further business would be taken after the session. The Executive Session concluded at 7:54 p.m. No further business was conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Dilliott
Board Secretary