VOTING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Haskins, Board President, at 6:02 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. 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

Absent:

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 were no correspondences to come before the Board.

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 21, 2026 Discussion Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Victoria Dilliott, Board Secretary.

Motion: Mr. Majors **Second:** Mrs. Morell-Verrico **Result:** Motion carried (9-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT;

Dr. Guarino reported on the following items:

- State Audit - Shared information regarding the process and that to date, all has gone well. It will take another few weeks for the audit to be completed and then some time after that a final letter of information will be released to the District.
- PTA fundraiser for Night at the Races November 7, 2026 at Our Lady of the Valley a.k.a. St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
- Bonfire October 1, 2026 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT;

Attorney Garen Fedeles announced he has nothing to report on this evening..

BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS;

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

1. Treasurer's Report for the month of August:

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	WesBanco	$	1,983,140.79
	First National	$	331,111.71

Mr. Daman, Board Member, asked about the state adequacy funding and why New Brighton Area School District receives more than the Rochester Area School District.

Cafeteria Fund	WesBanco	$	360.60
	First National	$	299.30
Activity Fund	WesBanco	$	68.46
	First National	$	16.96

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. Dilliott **Second:** Mr. Majors **Result:** Motion carried (9-0)

Motion to approve items 5 through 8 as listed:

5. Approve the agreement with Chubb Group of Insurances and Rochester Area School District, to provide Student Accident Insurance base policy and special risk policy beginning September 2, 2026 and ending September 3, 2027.

6. Approve the request made by Valerie Perelman, Middle School/High School teacher, to establish a new Student Activity Account entitled "Shakespeare Recitation Contest."

7. Approve the request made by Isaac Dixon, Elementary School teacher, to establish a new Student Activity Account entitled "Rochy Garden Club."

8. Approve the additional bus drivers, van drivers and monitors from Frye Transportation Group, Inc. for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year:

Richard Cybak	Joshua Lloyd
Laura Fosnaught	Judith McKay
Thomas Hunt	Aubrey Wilburn
Gregory Lawton	

Motion: Mrs. Dilliott **Second:** Mr. Majors **Result:** Motion carried (9-0)

Teachers and Personnel:
Motion to approve items 1 through 8 as listed:

1. Approve Brandy Rossi-Tesnovich, Middle School/High School teacher, to attend the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Conference in Indianapolis, IN on November 4-7, 2026. All costs may be used for transportation, lodging, meals, and other eligible conference related expenses through the grant that was awarded to Ms. Rossi-Tesnovich.

2. Approve the Field Placement Request from Slippery Rock University and the cooperating teacher for the Fall 2026 semester:

Student Name	Cooperating Teacher	Subject Area
Alex Obeldobel	Jason Russo	Social Studies (7-12) Graduate Program

3. Approve the following field trips:
   a. September 23, 2026, November 17, 2026, January 13, 2027, March 3, 2027, and April 14, 2027 - Grade 10 (2 students) to attend the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit as student ambassadors for the AI Pioneers Institute.
   b. October 1, 2026 - Select High School Chorus students to attend Westminster College to audition to make the Honors Chorus Ensemble.
   c. October 9, 2026 - College in High School students to attend the Robert Morris University's Academic Immersive Experience Day.

d. October 14, 2026 - Grades 9-12 students to attend PaTTAN in Pittsburgh for the Special Olympics.
e. October 15, 2026 - Grades K-12 Life Skills students to attend Hozak Farm to visit the pumpkin patch to learn about farming, harvesting, and the growth and cycle of plants and animals.
f. October 19, 2026 - Grades 9-12 Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT)/Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend New Brighton Area School District to develop skills and student athletes and give them leadership training for the future.
g. October 20, 2026 - Grades 5-12 Gifted And Talented Enrichment (G.A.T.E.) students to attend Highland Middle School (Blackhawk) to participate in the Academic Game *Propaganda*.
h. October 21, 2026 - Grade 8 students to attend Community College of Beaver County (CCBC) to visit the *Career Exploration.*
i. October 21, 2026 - High School Marching Band students to attend New Brighton to perform in the Halloween Parade with other school districts in Beaver County.
j. October 22, 2026 - Grades 2-4 G.A.T.E. students to attend Dutch Ridge Elementary School to participate in the Scrabble Tournament.
k. October 23, 2026 - Grades 10-12 students to attend the David L. Lawrence Convention Center to explore job opportunities in the building trades.
l. October 26, 2026 - Grades 11-12 students to attend Geneva College to hear a speaker on Financial Planning and investments.
m. October 27, 2026 - Grades 11-12 students to attend New Brighton Area High School to visit the College and Career Fair.
n. October 27, 2026 - Select High School students to attend Slippery Rock University to audition in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) festival.
o. October 28, 2026 - Grades 9-12 English Department students to attend the Hanna Theatre at Playhouse Square in Cleveland, OH to see the *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* play.
p. October 28, 2026 - Grades 6-8 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend CCBC for the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) to help students break the stigmatism of mental health and help students identify signs that they or others may need for support.
q. November 5, 2026 - Grades 4-12 Art students to attend The Mattress Factory Museum in Pittsburgh to tour the museum to experience different Art forms not found locally.
r. November 11, 2026 - The Marching Band students to attend Beaver to participate in the Veterans's Day Parade.
s. November 13, 2026 - Grades 10-12 students to attend Community College of Beaver County to learn more about the academics and post secondary Opportunities at the *Aim for the Future Friday's*.

t. November 17, 2026 - Grades 5-12 Gifted And Talented Enrichment (G.A.T.E.) students to attend St. Monica Church Hall in Beaver Falls to participate in the Academic Game *Ling Tour.*

u. November 18, 2026 - Grades 11-12 Business Class students to attend Robert Morris University to inspire students to consider a career in accounting.

v. November 20, 2026 - High School and Select Middle School students in Band and Chorus to attend the Benedum Center to see a live performance that relates to their music background.

w. November 23, 2026 - Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their Lab 1 of 5 courses.

x. December 9, 2026 - Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their Lab 2 of 5 courses.

y. December 15, 2026 - High School G.A.T.E. students to attend Community College of Beaver County to participate in the Equations Tournament.

z. January 6, 2027 - Grades 5-12 Gifted And Talented Enrichment (G.A.T.E.) students to attend Highland Middle School (Blackhawk) to participate in the Academic Game *World Events Tournament.*

aa. March 10, 2027 - Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their Lab 3 of 5 courses.

bb. March 17, 2027 - Grades 6-8 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students to attend CCBC for the Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

cc. April 16, 2027 - High School Holocaust Class students to attend Washington D.C. to visit the Holocaust Museum.

dd. April 27, 2027 - Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their Lab 4 of 5 courses.

ee. May 20, 2027 - Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their finals.

ff. May 25, 2027 - Grades 11-12 College in High School Chemistry students to attend the Chevron Science Building at the University of Pittsburgh to complete their Lab 5 of 5 courses.

4. Approve the request made by Debbie Carr, Elementary School teacher, to receive an unpaid day for October 29, 2026.

5. Accept the resignation of Gennifer Gaskins from the supplemental position of Junior Class Sponsor effective August 24, 2026.

6. Approve Lou Campisi to serve as the Junior Class Sponsor at a supplemental base salary of $500 beginning August 25, 2026.

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

Cole Carpenter

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

Dezirae Alexander (Cheerleading - Middle School)

Motion: Mr. Bogolea **Second:** Mr. Majors **Result:** Motion carried (9-0)

Buildings & Grounds:
Motion to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Beaver Valley Regional Emergency Management Agency (BVREMA) and the Rochester Area School District to establish a cooperative agreement allowing BVREMA, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, to utilize the Rochester Area Middle School/High School as an emergency shelter during declared emergencies affecting New Brighton Borough, Daugherty Township, Pulaski Township, and Fallston Borough.

Motion: Mr. Majors **Second:** Mr. Blackwell **Result:** Motion carried (9-0)

Athletics
Motion to approve items 1 through 3 as listed:

1. Approve Cole Carpenter to serve as the 7th & 8th Grade Assistant Football Coach at a supplemental base salary of $1,000, effective the 2026-2027 school year (clearances on file).

2. Approve Kylie Napolitan to serve as the Varsity Women's Assistant Volleyball Coach at a supplemental base salary of $2,000, effective the 2026-2027 school year (clearances on file).

3. Accept the resignation of Jaclyn Trylko from the supplemental position of Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective September 21, 2026.

Motion: Mr. Blackwell **Second:** Mr. Hilliard **Result:** Motion carried (9-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS;

Mr. Daman, Board Member, asked if there was any more information on the potential child abduction. Attorney Fedeles stated that charges have been filed on attempted luring. He also shared that this is a police matter and further information would be best to come from the police department.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Dilliott stated that there will be an Executive Session immediately after the Board meeting. Attorney Fedeles stated that there would be no business following the Executive Session so the meeting will be concluded prior to adjourning to Executive Session.

There being no further business for this evening, Mrs. Dilliott motioned to adjourn this meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Majors seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a vote of 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. Victoria Dilliott
Board Secretary