SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA
ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

540 Reno Street · Rochester, PA 15074 · (724) 775-7500
Dr. Joseph A. Guarino, Superintendent of Schools

REORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   The Board President will call the annual reorganization meeting to order.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:**

___Mr. Lawrence E. Blackwell
___Mr. James A. Bogolea
___Mr. Thomas B. Daman
___Mrs. Victoria C. Dilliot
___Mrs. Jocelyn N. Haskins, President
___Mr. Thomas M. Hilliard
___Mr. Charles J. Iannini
___Mr. Thomas W. Majors
___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

4. **THE BOARD WILL ELECT A TEMPORARY PRESIDENT**

   a. President Haskins will accept nominations for a Temporary President.
      Nominated: _____

   b. President Haskins announces that the nominations are closed.

   c. President Haskins states: "I declare _____ has been elected as the Temporary President."

The Temporary President assumes the gavel and oversees the election of the Board President.

5. **THE BOARD WILL ELECT A PRESIDENT**

   a. The Temporary President accepts nominations for a Board President.
      Nominated: _____

b. The Temporary President announces that the nominations are closed.
Conduct vote.

c. *The Temporary President states*: "I declare _____ has been elected as the Board President for a one-year term."

The newly elected President assumes the gavel and oversees the remainder of the meeting.

6. **THE BOARD WILL ELECT A VICE-PRESIDENT**

a. The Board President accepts nominations for a Vice-President.
Nominated: _____

b. The Board President announces that the nominations are closed.
Conduct vote.

c. *The Board President states:* "I declare _____ has been elected as the Vice-President for a one-year term."

7. **THE BOARD WILL SET THE 2027 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The Board President will accept a motion to approve the attached schedule of meeting dates and times.

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

8. **THE BOARD WILL SET THE 2027 BOARD COMMITTEES.**

The 2027 Board Committees will be approved in January.

9. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE REORGANIZATION AND TRANSITION TO VOTING MEETING**

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

ROCHESTER AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
2027 MEETING NOTICES

At the annual Reorganization Meeting of the Rochester Area Board of School Directors held on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 the following meeting dates for 2027 were set:

Work Session Meetings - 2nd Monday of each month
Voting Meetings - 4th Monday of each month

All meetings will be held in the Boardroom at the Rochester Area School District, 540 Reno Street, Rochester, PA 15074 at 6:00 p.m. Attendees may enter through Door 3. The Board may vote on items at any advertised work or regular meeting.

Exceptions as follows:

July	There will not be a meeting.
November	Only 1 meeting on 11/8/2027
Reorganization	12/7/2027 at 6:00 p.m. with a Voting meeting to immediately follow.

The voting on the Proposed Final Budget will be 5/24/2027. Voting for the Final Budget will be 6/28/2027. The budget will be available for public review as of 5/25/2027 during regular business hours in the District Business Office.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR VOTING MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

PRESENTATION

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

MINUTES

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- November 16, 2026 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Victoria Dilliott, Board Secretary.

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Transportation
To Be Announced, Chairperson
To Be Announced, Vice Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:
Motion to approve items 1 through 2 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the contract with Slippery Rock Commercial Roofing Contractors, Inc. for the removal and replacement of the Elementary Art Room roof at a cost of $154,895. This is an amendment to the original contract that was Board approved on April 28, 2025.

   Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

2. Motion to approve Act 1 - Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution No. 120126-1. The Act 1 index for 2027-2028 is set at 3.2% Rochester's adjusted index is set at 5.2%. By approving this resolution, real estate taxes may not be set above 14.4544 mills without a voter referendum. (Our current millage is 13.74).

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

Teachers and Personnel

To Be Announced, Chairperson

To Be Announced, Vice Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve items 1 through 3 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the Shared Services Agreement between the Rochester Area School District and the New Brighton Area School District for a shared role of the Director of Student Services. The six (6) month agreement, renewable for an additional period of two (2) years through June 30, 2029 outlines the parameters of sharing the New Brighton Director of Student Services between the NBASD and RASD. The NBASD and the RASD each agree to pay fifty percent (50%) of the total employee cost of the Director of Student Services.

   Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

2. Motion to approve the following teachers to serve as the SPIRE/Sound Sensible After School Program at a rate of $25 per hour, as per contract. The program begins December 7, 2026, from 3:20 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

   Debbie Carr
   Tara Spiker

   Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

3. Motion to approve Elise Gorman to serve as the Elementary School Yearbook Sponsor at a supplemental salary of $500 beginning the 2026-2027 school year.

   Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

Policy and Procedures

To Be Announced, Chairperson

To Be Announced, Vice Chairperson

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the following revised policies:

Policy No.	Section	Title
102 *(revised)*	Programs	Academic Standards
105 *(revised)*	Programs	Curriculum
204.1 *(revised)*	Pupils	Attendance
209 *(revised)*	Pupils	Health Examinations/Screenings
246 *(revised)*	Pupils	School Wellness
249 *(revised)*	Pupils	Bullying/Cyberbullying
704 *(revised)*	Property	Maintenance
803 *(revised)*	Operations	School Calendar
805.2 *(revised)*	Operations	School Security Personnel
822 *(revised)*	Operations	Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

Motion_____ Second_____ Approve____ Reject____

CITIZEN'S INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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VOTING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. 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 E. Blackwell
Mr. Thomas B. Daman
Mrs. Victoria C. Dilliott, Secretary
Mr. Thomas M. Hilliard
Mrs. Dana L. Morell-Verrico

Absent:
Mr. James A. Bogolea
Mr. Charles J. "C.J." Iannini, Treasurer

Mrs. Morell-Verrico arrived at the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS and ADMINISTRATORS:

Present:
Dr. Joseph A. Guarino
Dr. Amanda Cwynar
Mr. Nathan Leeman
Mr. Louis Campisi
Mr. Ryan Herstine

Absent:
Ms. Rachael Cipolla

CORRESPONDENCES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

There were no correspondences to come before the Board.

PRESENTATION:

a. Mr. Tony Ziegler and Mrs. Jessica Dorian
NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
6TH - Mauriana Kuzbicki
7TH - Angelina Costanza
8TH - Julian Avila

CITIZEN INPUT – ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

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

MINUTES:

Motion to accept the following minutes:

- October 26, 2026 Voting Meeting, respectfully submitted by Mrs. Victoria Dilliott, Board Secretary.

Motion: Mr. Majors **Second:** Mrs. Morell-Verrico **Result:** Motion carried (7-0)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Joseph A. Guarino spoke about the following:

a. Field Trips - Referenced that all field trips on tonight's agenda will have fundraising by students in order to attend or are linked to academic programs and were budgeted for in this year's budget.
b. Budget - In reviewing the financial data below, we are currently operating within the planned budget.
   - ➢ Facilities - We had a component fail on the boiler/hot water system. We are presently looking at replacement options, it is an expensive component and will require skilled labor to install it.
c. Geneva College - This is a standard agreement for student teacher placements.
d. Policy No. 241 - Outdated and is not needed. It does not align to school code requirements and this information is contained within other policies at this time.
e. Roof - Working on warranty repairs. Good work by Lou Campisi, Director of Maintenance and Facilities.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Shannon Steele 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 months of October:

2. Payment of Bills

General Fund	WesBanco	$	79,333.33
	First National	$	468,304.71

Cafeteria Fund	WesBanco	$	0.00
	First National	$	36.30
Activity Fund	WesBanco	$	0.00
	First National	$	1,940.65

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

Teachers and Personnel:
Motion to approve items 1 through 4 as listed:

1. Motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Amanda Cwynar from the position of Middle School/High School Principal, effective January 3, 2027.

2. Motion to approve the following field trips:

   a. November 2, 2026 - Grades 9-12 Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) students/ Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) students to attend North Hills School District to participate in the *Do No Harm* Student Conference, a day dedicated to leadership, kindness, empathy, inclusion and respect.
   b. December 8, 2026 - Grade 4 G.A.T.E./Enrichment students to attend Dutch Ridge Elementary School, Beaver, to participate in the Academic Game *Propaganda.*
   c. December 9, 2026 - Grades 6-8 students to attend Kamin Science Center, Pittsburgh. It's an academic trip provided by the PTA.
   d. January 14, 15, 16, 2027 - High School Band students to attend New Castle High School to audition and participate in the District Band Festival.
   e. February 23, 2027 - Select Middle School/High School Band students to attend Mercer Area High School to practice and perform with other students in the area, as well as learn from professional clinicians.

3. Motion to approve the Affiliation Agreement for Rochester Area School District to serve as an internship site with Geneva College for five (5 yrs.) beginning November 16, 2026 and ending on November 15, 2031.

4. Motion to approve the following student teacher request from Geneva College and the cooperating teachers for the 2026-2027 school year.

Student Teacher	Cooperating Teacher	Subject
Anna Castro	Tracy Hansen	Elementary Education (January 11, 2027 - March 5, 2027)
	Tara Spiker	Inclusion, Special Education (March 25, 2027 - May 6, 2027)

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

Policy & Procedures:
Motion to approve item 1 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the removal of the following policy:

Policy No.	Section	Title
241 ***(remove)***	Pupils	College/University Level Courses

Motion: Mrs. Morell-Verrico **Second:** Mr. Blackwell **Result:** Motion carried (7-0)

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

1. Motion to approve the request made by Jocelyn Haskins from the Second Baptist Church to use the building to host their Christmas Party on December 12th & 13th, 2026, at no cost.

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

Athletics:
Motion to approve items 1 through 2 as listed:

1. Motion to approve the recommendation made by the Men's Head Basketball Coach, Sean Keaton, to realign the supplemental coaching assignments and corresponding supplemental salaries as follows (clearance on file).

Coach Name	From	To	Supplemental Salary
Reon Hunter	Basketball (Men's) - 7th Grade	Basketball (Men's) - 8th Grade	$1,030
Kevin Witt	New to position	Basketball (Men's) - 7th Grade	$1,000

2. Motion to approve the recommendation made by the Girls Head Basketball Coach, Ronald Moncrief, to approve John Newcomb to serve as the Elementary Girls Basketball Coach at a supplemental base salary of $500 for the 2026-2027 school year, as per contract (clearances on file).

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There was no public participation on non-agenda items to come before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Haskins stated that there will be an Executive Session immediately after the Board meeting. Mrs. Haskins 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, Mr. Majors motioned to adjourn this meeting at 6:21 p.m. Mrs. Dilliott seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Victoria Dilliott
Board Secretary