

## Meeting Agenda

These are the regular parts of the Board Meeting Agenda:

- I. Act of Reverence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

All meetings start with pledge of allegiance. The Board will then approve the agenda as presented.

- II. Acceptance of Minutes of the previous meeting

- III. Speakers Addressing the Board of Education

This is the Public Comment Section of the meeting. This is where speakers who intend to address the Board will have a chance to do so.

- IV. A written report from Superintendent of Schools as well as brief oral summaries, if any, to report

This section may include presentations on critical topics and/or recognitions of students, staff members or select schools

- V. Reception of written Board Activity Reports, written Standing Committee Reports and Reports of the Student Representative as well as brief oral summaries, if any, of the reports

At this time the Board will also vote on monthly financial reports

- VI. Consideration of Resolutions
- VII. Unfinished Business from previous meetings
- VIII. Adjournment
- IX. Executive Session

The Board may move to recess in Executive Session to discuss legal matters, negotiations or confidential personnel items.

## What are the Responsibilities of the Board of Education?

The Rochester Board of Education is a seven-member board elected by the citizens of Rochester to direct and oversee the operations of the school district. Board Commissioners serve four-year terms.

Among the duties of the Board of Education are the following:

- Setting the strategic direction of the district through policy development and adoption;
- Appointing the Superintendent of Schools;
- Promoting an alliance of teachers, administrators, students, parents, citizens, government, and community resources;
- Working to secure adequate resources for maximizing student learning;
- Ensuring the wise use of community educational assets and resources;
- Serving on Board committees addressing the areas of Audit, Board Governance & Development, Community & Intergovernmental Relations, Finance & Resource Allocation, Policy Development, Human Resources, & ESA
- Representing the best interests of the citizens of Rochester through effective leadership.

In addition, Board members serve as liaisons to specific schools. The Board liaisons visit their assigned schools periodically and serve as advocates to the full Board on behalf of those schools.

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## Community Guide for School Board Meetings

Rochester City School District Board Members

Van Henri White, President  
Cynthia Elliott, Vice President  
Ricardo Adams, Commissioner  
William Clark, Commissioner  
Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner  
Amy Maloy, Commissioner  
Willa Powell, Commissioner

Kallia Wade, District Clerk



District Administration

Dr. Lesli Myers-Small, Superintendent  
Melody Martinez-Davis, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Genelle Morris, Deputy Superintendent

# Welcome to Our Meeting

Welcome students, parents, staff, Rochester community members and others, and thank you for attending! Board meetings are held monthly on the fourth Thursday of every month, unless otherwise noted. During each meeting, the Rochester School Board encourages input from the community during the public speaker session at the beginning of the agenda.

The information in this brochure is intended to be a reference for those attending Board of Education meetings. The structure of each meeting is consistent and the Board votes on all business items in public. Board actions are recorded unofficial minutes. These minutes are available to the public on the school district website ([www.rcsdk12.org/BOE](http://www.rcsdk12.org/BOE)) after they have been approved.

## Commonly Asked Questions and Board Meeting Etiquette

Be courteous and respectful at all times during a Board of Education meeting including:

- Refrain from texting, loud talking or inattentiveness
- Remain seated throughout the meeting
- Avoid any behavior that may be distracting to the speaker, presenter or audience
- If you choose to address the Board, follow the public comment guidelines listed below

## Public Comment/Addressing the Board

### Q: Will I have an opportunity to address the Board?

- Individuals who have registered to speak by noon of the day of a business meeting may address the Board.
- Speakers who wish to register are directed to contact the Office of the Board of Education via phone or by emailing [boardofeducation@rcsdk12.org](mailto:boardofeducation@rcsdk12.org) and provide their name, telephone number, and affiliation, if any, with the Rochester City School District, as well as the topic on which they wish to speak
- Registered individuals are able to speak during the time allotted on the agenda "Speakers Addressing the Board of Education"

- To the extent practicable, arrangements for Spanish, other language, and other translation services including American Sign Language will be made upon the request of a speaker at the time s/he registers to speak
- Speakers will be heard in the following order: students, parents, community, staff in the order of registration

### Q: Are there any rules regarding public comment?

- Each registered speaker may address the Board for up to three (3) minutes to ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to speak
- The total time for all speakers in any Business meeting shall not exceed sixty (60) minutes. This time limit is strictly enforced by the President
- Subject to having received appropriate warning(s), a speaker who violates the District's Code of Conduct by, for example, disrupting the orderly conduct of the meeting or engaging in actions or making statements that are intended to place an individual in fear or cause emotional harm, threatening, stalking or seeking to coerce or compel a person to do something against their will, or violating a time limit may be requested to leave any Board meeting

## CONTACT US...

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131 W. Broad Street  
Rochester, NY 14614

### Q: When and Where are the School Board Meetings held?

- Board meetings are held monthly on the fourth Thursday of every month, unless otherwise noted
  - July 23, 2020
  - August 27, 2020
  - September 24, 2020
  - October 22, 2020
  - November 19, 2020
  - December 17, 2020
  - January 21, 2021
  - February 25, 2021
  - March 25, 2021
  - April 22, 2021
  - May 20, 2021
  - June 17, 2021
- Meetings are held at District Office, 131 West Broad Street, Conference Room 3A/B at 6:30PM or virtually via Zoom Video Conferencing. Virtual Meetings may be accessed via the District's website, Facebook and YouTube pages

### Q: What happens in Executive Session?

- Executive Sessions are usually held near the beginning or near the end of a Board meeting. The Board will vote to enter into Executive Session and will usually describe the general topic that will be discussed
- The Open Meetings Law of New York places limits on what can be discussed in Executive Session. Topics are usually confined to legal matters, negotiations, and confidential personnel items
- During Executive Session only members of the Board, key staff members invited by the Superintendent, and such other individuals as the Board may choose, may be present