

Board Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

May	9- Worksession/Regular Mtg	7:30 p.m.
June	6- Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	13- Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
July	11-Worksession/Regular Mtg.	7:30 p.m.
September	12-Special Mtg—Executive Sessions	7:00 p.m.
	Worksession/Regular Mtg	8:00 p.m.
October	3- Worksession*	7:30 p.m.
	10-Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
November	7- Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	14-Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
December	5- Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	12- Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
January	9- Worksession/Regular Mtg	7:30 p.m.
February	6 - Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	13- Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March	5- Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	12—Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	26- Worksession/Budget Hearing	7:30 p.m.
April	9- Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	30- Reorganization Meeting	7:30 p.m.

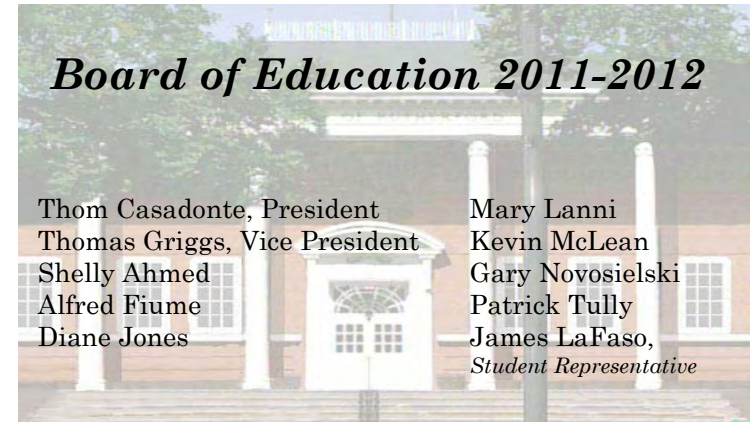
***Board of Education Scholastic Awards**

There are five standing committees which meet regularly with an administrator. Each has three members and an opening for another Board member who would like to “sit in” on the meetings.

Building & Grounds:	Chair: Diane Jones Thomas Griggs Patrick Tully
Curriculum & Instruction:	Chair: Mary Lanni Shelly Ahmed Alfred Fiume
Finance-Budget:	Chair: Kevin McLean Alfred Fiume Thomas Griggs
Personnel:	Chair: Shelly Ahmed Diane Jones Gary Novosielski
Policy:	Chair: Gary Novosielski Mary Lanni

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Welcome to Your Board of Education Meeting



Thom Casadonte, President	Mary Lanni
Thomas Griggs, Vice President	Kevin McLean
Shelly Ahmed	Gary Novosielski
Alfred Fiume	Patrick Tully
Diane Jones	James LaFaso, <i>Student Representative</i>

Elaine L. Baldwin, Interim Superintendent
Robert R. Brown, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
John Hurley, Principal, High School
Kenneth Polakowski, Principal, Union School
William Mulcahy, Principal, Washington School
Jeanna Velechko, Principal, Lincoln School
Joan Carrion, Principal, Pierrepont School
Lynne Crawford, Director of Special Services

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Welcome to Your Board of Education Meeting

The Meeting: The Rutherford Board of Education meets on two occasions during most months for the transaction of district business. The work session meeting of the Board enables Board members to receive information and discuss all business that comes before the Board. The Board takes action on items at its regular meeting. Meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on pre-scheduled Monday evenings throughout the year. Meetings are held in the Rutherford High School cafeteria. The Board welcomes public participation at each meeting. Board meetings are taped for broadcast on Tuesday evenings on Public Access Television.

From time to time the Board may meet in closed or executive session to discuss items that legally may not be discussed in public. Items reserved for closed sessions include personnel, litigation and negotiations issues. The Board is not permitted to take action in closed sessions and will indicate at the time of the closed session whether or not action will be taken upon return to open session.

The Members:

School Board members are officials elected by registered voters of the Borough of Rutherford. They receive no payment or benefits for their service.

Board members have no other legal status, except as a group at a legally constituted meeting. They are elected to three-year terms in annual school elections which occur in April. The Board President and Vice President are elected by the Board at the “reorganization” meeting following the annual school election each year.

A representative is elected each spring by high school students as a non-voting member of the Board.

The Board is empowered by the State to govern the public schools at the local level. It is responsible for the development, evaluation and implementation of policies (administrative guidelines); adopting a budget; and establishing educational goals.

The Agenda:

The agenda is prepared by the Superintendent, Board President and the Board Secretary with input from Board Committees. Items may be added or deleted at the Board President’s discretion.

Other Officials:

The Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator/Board Secretary sit with the members of the Board of Education and advise them on school affairs. They do not vote on matters before the Board.

Public Participation:

There are two times at each meeting when the public may address the Board. They are listed on the agenda as “Open for Public Discussion.” Each member of the public may speak on a topic for no more than five minutes. All members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board at least one time. The first public portion should address items on which the Board will vote or discuss during the meeting. The second public portion may address any item to the Board. The public may not comment on issues as the Board discusses them. **Please note that confidentiality laws prohibit Board members from commenting on individual personnel or student issues.**

Contacting the Board with Concerns:

Concerns should be addressed at the building level if possible, beginning with the classroom teacher. If a problem cannot be resolved with the help of the teacher and school principal, the matter can be brought to the Superintendent and finally, the President of the Board of Education. Board members may listen to concerns, but they cannot intervene. Individual Board members are not in a position to resolve conflicts. Only the Board, acting as a whole, at an advertised public meeting, is empowered to make decisions.