

2016 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY	04	REORGANIZATION MEETING	7:30 P.M.
JANUARY	25	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
FEBRUARY	22	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
MARCH	21	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
APRIL	04	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
APRIL	25	REGULAR MEETING (BUDGET HEARING)	7:30 P.M.
MAY	09	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
MAY	23	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
JUNE	20	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
JULY	18	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
AUGUST	22	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER	12	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
OCTOBER	03*	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
OCTOBER	24	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER	14	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
DECEMBER	12	REGULAR MEETING	7:30 P.M.
JANUARY	03	2017 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:	STEVEN ARCE DENNIS MAZONE DIANE JONES
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:	CHAIR:	MARY LANNI GREG RECINE DIANE JONES
FINANCE-BUDGET:	CHAIR:	SALLY LIBRERA STEVEN ARCE DENNIS MAZONE
PERSONNEL:	CHAIR:	SHELLY AHMED MARY LANNI KEITH KYONGYUP CHU
POLICY:	CHAIR:	KEITH KYONGYUP CHU SHELLY AHMED GREG RECINE



WELCOME TO YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING 2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION

KEVIN MCLEAN, PRESIDENT
SALLY LIBRERA, VICE PRESIDENT

SHELLY AHMED

STEVEN ARCE

DIANE JONES

KEITH KYONGYUP CHU

MARY LANNI

DENNIS MAZONE

GREG RECINE

SEAN SULLIVAN, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

JOHN HURLEY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
JOSEPH F. KELLY, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY
FRANK MORANO, PRINCIPAL, HIGH SCHOOL
KURT SCHWEITZER, PRINCIPAL, UNION SCHOOL
WILLIAM MULCAHY, PRINCIPAL, WASHINGTON SCHOOL
JEANNA VELECHKO, PRINCIPAL, LINCOLN SCHOOL
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WELCOME TO YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

THE MEETING: THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETS EVERY THREE WEEKS FOR THE TRANSACTION OF DISTRICT BUSINESS. BOARD COMMITTEES MEET MONTHLY 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. REGULAR MEETINGS ARE TAPED FOR BROADCAST ON TUESDAY EVENINGS ON PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION AND THE RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEBSITE.

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 NOVEMBER. 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.