

**Rochester School Board**  
**Special Services Committee Minutes**  
**School Department Board Room**  
July 27, 2017

**Members Present:**

Mrs. Karen Stokes, Chair  
Mr. Robert Watson  
Mr. Travis Allen  
Mrs. Amy Malone  
Mr. Thomas O'Connor

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Raymond Turner

**Also Present:**

Mr. Michael Hopkins  
Mr. Kyle Repucci  
Ms. Nichole Gupstill  
Guests & Public

Mrs. Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

***Approval of Minutes***

Mr. Allen moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 Special Services Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

***Enrollment Update – No Action Required***

Mr. Kyle Repucci, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed and explained the data. Enrollment will continued to be monitored with the goal of kindergarten classes not going over 22 students.

***Attendance Update – No Action Required***

Mr. Kyle Repucci reviewed and explained the data. This summer communication has been sent out to families regarding the Challenge 5 Attendance Program. Mr. Repucci expressed sincere appreciation to the community for their support of this program.

***Bus Data Update – No Action Required***

Mr. Kyle Repucci reviewed the data. A few buses had high ridership at the end of the school year. There was a meeting with the Student Transportation of America bus manager and we are prepared should an overflow bus be needed at the beginning of the school year.

***Public Comment***

None

***Other***

***School Placement Appeal***

***Non-Public Session***

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Allen, to enter non-public session at 6:35 p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, I & II ( 1) to discuss matters that would adversely affect the reputation of any person, other than a member of the board. The motion to enter non-public session carried unanimously.

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Watson , to enter public session at 6:41 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, to uphold the Administration's decision and not recommend approval of the appeal. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Watson moved, second by Mr. O'Connor, to adjourn. On a unanimous vote, the Committee adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

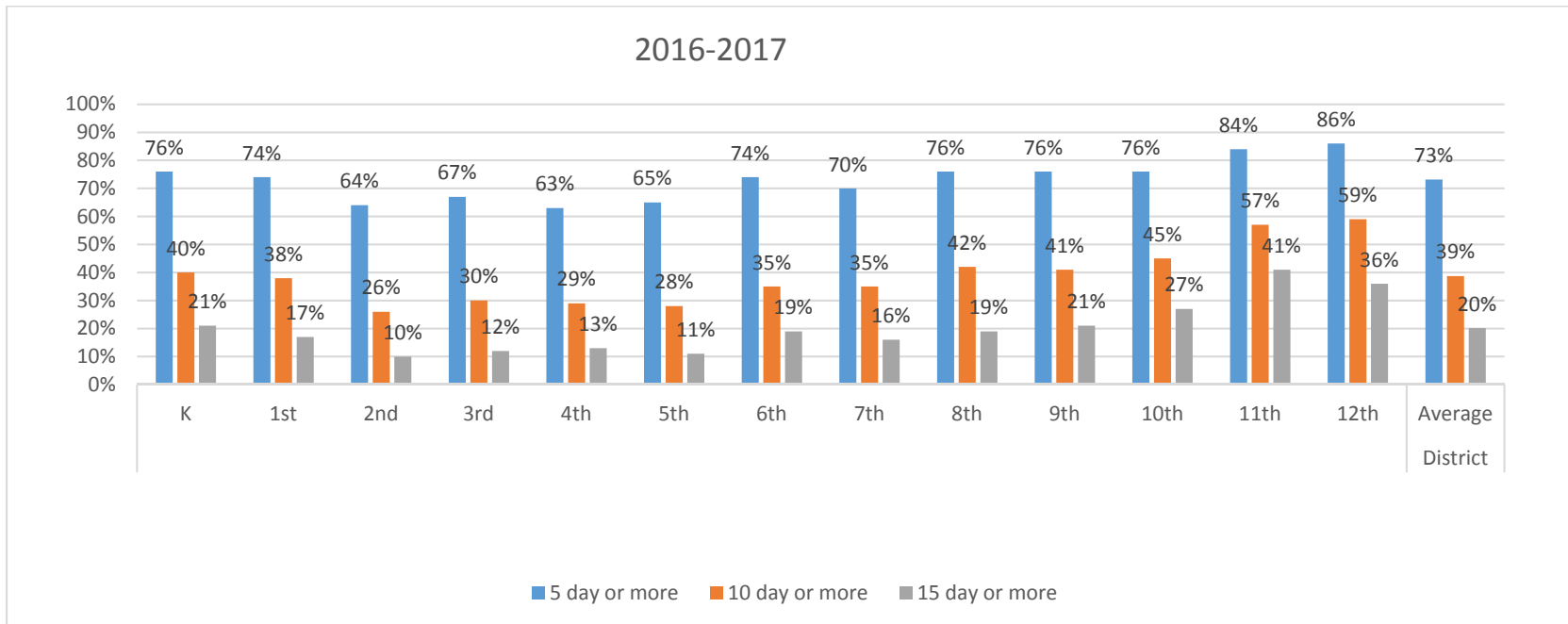
Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Karen Stokes, Chair

**Rochester School Department Enrollment for  
July 2017**

Grade	William Allen	Gonic	MSMS	McClelland	Nancy Loud	Chamberlain	East Rochester	School St.	Total	Ratio	Estimate
<b>Pre-School</b>							Goff				
							Hay				
							Simas				
							Terry/Smith				
<b>Total</b>											95
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Croteau	Ferguson	Hennessey	20	Chagnon	Kenyon	11	TBD	Murdough	Tansey	11
	Hoffman	Behrens			Desjardins			LaPrade	Lemieux		
	Allen				Raber			Flesher			
					Wedgeworth						
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Grade 1</b>											
	Betz	Gee	Bond	21	Deshon	Rudolf	20	Byrne	Veno	LaValley	20
	Melcher	Jerr			Fortier			Sullivan	Rourke		
	Marcotte				Hubbard			Jean			
					Rumney						
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Grade 2</b>											
	Goldstein	Tremblay	Howerter	20	Lawson	Tremblay	14	Williams	Ferland	Kronenberg	18
	Marcotte	Lindsey			Peet			Allen	DiBernardo		
	Silverman				Stafford			Griffin			
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>											
	Brock	Tilton	Cantrell	22	Baczewski	Morrison	18	Mason	Trepanier	Shippee	19
	Crowe	Gaudette			Dunn			Gaulin	Davis		
	McMullen				Ernsting			Arsenault			
					Iffland			HOPE			
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>18</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>											
	Garland	Cunliffe	Farkas	21	Saucier	Walkama	11	Printy	Lancey	TBD	18
	Gilman	Desjardins			Varnese			Diamond	Weeks		
	Kelley							Jepsen			
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>											
	Prewitt	Martin	Stevenson	20	Calderara			Stewart	Simpson		
	Walter	Milne			Smaracko			Rhoades	Ferland		
	TBD				Studer			Lutz	Cantrell		
								Cabral			
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>62</b>			<b>78</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>313</b>
<b>K-5 Total</b>	302	230	124		364	74		386	206	86	1,772
<b>P-5 Total</b>	302	230	124		364	74		386	206	86	1,772
<b>Classroom</b>	17 teachers	12 teachers	6 teachers	20 teachers	5 teachers	19 teachers	13 Teachers	5 teachers			
<b>Special Ed.</b>	5 Sp. Ed.	4 Sp. Ed.	1 Sp. Ed.	5 Sp. Ed.	1-Principal	6 Sp. Ed.	4 Sp. Ed.	1 Special Ed.			
<b>Specialists</b>	1 - Reading Spec. 3 Title I Teachers 1-Title I Interventionist	2 - District Reading Spec. 5 Behavior Specialist	1 Reading Specialist	2-Reading Interventionist	1-Special Ed	1-Reading Spec.	1 Reading Specialist 1 Reading Teacher 1 Title I Math 1 Title I Social Worker	4 Preschool Teachers 2 Reading Spec 1 Reading Teacher	1-Principal 1-Title I Teacher 1 Title I Social Wrkr		
<b>Note:</b>	<b>Rochester Middle School</b>		<b>Bud Carlson Academy</b>		<b>Spaulding High School</b>					<b>District Totals</b>	
Figure used for	Current Enrollment		Current Enrollment		Current Enrollment						<b>Pre-School</b>
for state	334		Grade 9	380	Grade 9	380					<b>Kindergarten</b>
report is	Grade 7 300		Grade 10	12	Grade 10	359					<b>K-5</b>
K-12 total.	Grade 8 286		Grade 11	29	Grade 11	363					<b>P-5</b>
Pre-school is			Grade 12	23	Grade 12	308					<b>Middle School</b>
not included.											<b>High School</b>
											<b>K-12</b>
											<b>P-12</b>
	Total 920		Total 64		Total 1,410						<b>4,166</b>

2016-2017	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	District Average
5 day or more	76%	74%	64%	67%	63%	65%	74%	70%	76%	76%	76%	84%	86%	73%
10 day or more	40%	38%	26%	30%	29%	28%	35%	35%	42%	41%	45%	57%	59%	39%
15 day or more	21%	17%	10%	12%	13%	11%	19%	16%	19%	21%	27%	41%	36%	20%



School	2015-2016 Enrollment	# of students w/ 5 or more absences	% of school	2016-2017 Enrollment	# of students w/ 5 or more absences	% of school
Maple Street Magnet School	117	63	<b>54%</b>	113	72	<b>64%</b>
East Rochester School	238	150	<b>63%</b>	245	188	<b>77%</b>
Chamberlain Street School	386	245	<b>63%</b>	390	244	<b>63%</b>
Gonic School	228	138	<b>61%</b>	243	176	<b>72%</b>
Nancy Loud School	82	54	<b>66%</b>	68	48	<b>71%</b>
McClelland School	377	257	<b>68%</b>	379	235	<b>62%</b>
Rochester Middle School	894	547	<b>61%</b>	873	637	<b>73%</b>
School Street School	84	61	<b>73%</b>	96	65	<b>68%</b>
William Allen School	352	241	<b>68%</b>	326	236	<b>72%</b>
Bud Carlson Academy	110	76	<b>69%</b>	83	65	<b>78%</b>
Spaulding High School	1395	1036	<b>74%</b>	1338	1062	<b>79%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4263</b>	<b>2868</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>4154</b>	<b>3028</b>	<b>73%</b>

School	2015-2016 Enrollment	# of students w/ 10 or more absences	% of school	2016-2017 Enrollment	# of students w/10 or more absences	% of school
Maple Street Magnet School	117	33	<b>28%</b>	113	24	<b>21%</b>
East Rochester School	238	69	<b>29%</b>	245	68	<b>28%</b>
Chamberlain Street School	386	125	<b>32%</b>	390	112	<b>29%</b>
Gonic School	228	76	<b>33%</b>	243	84	<b>35%</b>
Nancy Loud School	82	28	<b>34%</b>	68	25	<b>37%</b>
McClelland School	377	137	<b>36%</b>	379	121	<b>32%</b>

Rochester Middle School	894	325	<b>36%</b>	873	325	<b>37%</b>
School Street School	84	33	<b>39%</b>	96	26	<b>27%</b>
William Allen School	352	142	<b>40%</b>	326	114	<b>35%</b>
Bud Carlson Academy	110	53	<b>48%</b>	83	59	<b>71%</b>
Spaulding High School	1395	753	<b>54%</b>	1338	632	<b>47%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4263</b>	<b>1774</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>4154</b>	<b>1590</b>	<b>38%</b>

School	2015-2016 Enrollment	# of students w/ 15 or more absences	% of school	2016-2017 Enrollment	# of students w/ 15 or more absences	% of school
Maple Street Magnet School	117	11	<b>9%</b>	113	6	<b>5%</b>
East Rochester School	238	28	<b>12%</b>	245	28	<b>11%</b>
Chamberlain Street School	386	62	<b>16%</b>	390	41	<b>11%</b>
Gonic School	228	31	<b>14%</b>	243	29	<b>12%</b>
Nancy Loud School	82	14	<b>17%</b>	68	6	<b>9%</b>
McClelland School	377	57	<b>15%</b>	379	62	<b>16%</b>
Rochester Middle School	894	143	<b>16%</b>	873	145	<b>17%</b>
School Street School	84	14	<b>17%</b>	96	16	<b>17%</b>
William Allen School	352	70	<b>20%</b>	326	61	<b>19%</b>
Bud Carlson Academy	110	39	<b>35%</b>	83	49	<b>59%</b>
Spaulding High School	1395	487	<b>35%</b>	1338	376	<b>28%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4263</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>4154</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>20%</b>

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July 10, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

One of our goals this year is to ensure that every student attends school regularly and we need your help!

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in life.

We realize some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances. But, we also know that when students miss too much school, regardless of the reason, it can cause them to fall behind academically. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent. In the 2017-2018 school year, the Rochester School District is implementing the *Challenge 5* program. We challenge all students (especially kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade) to strive for five or fewer absences. Throughout the year, we will have different incentives and prizes for those meeting or exceeding this goal. Research shows:

- Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- By 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absence is a proven early warning sign for students at risk for dropping out of school.
- By 9<sup>th</sup> grade good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month!!

## **Clearly going to school regularly matters!**

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your children keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Ensure your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your children feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school! If you have any questions or need more information please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

Kyle Repucci  
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August 10, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The 2017-2018 school year is about to begin and the teachers in Rochester have exciting plans and high expectations for your child's learning. I know that you also have many hopes and dreams for your child's success in school and beyond.

To make sure those hopes and dreams are realized, I want to ask for your commitment to making sure your child attends school every day possible this year. The evidence is clear: **children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school and beyond.** High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. This is true for every grade – elementary, middle, and high school students. This year, the Rochester School District is implementing the *Challenge 5* program. We challenge all students to strive for five or fewer absences. Throughout the year, we will have different incentives and prizes for those meeting or exceeding this goal.

A recent review of student attendance data by the Department of Public Instruction shows that regular school attendance from Kindergarten on is essential to successful learning: **every day counts!** Missing school even 10% of the time has a significant negative impact on reading and math achievement as children progress through school.

Students with good attendance performed better in math and reading. Children who had good attendance in Kindergarten through Grade 2 were **more than twice as likely** to score proficient on state math tests by the time they reached Grade 8 as their peers who missed more school. In reading, there were similar results.

Good attendance starts early. Research has shown that the attendance habits established Kindergarten through Grade 2 have lasting effects on students throughout their education: children with high attendance in the early grades continue to have good attendance; and students with low attendance in the early grades are more likely to have low attendance, and lower academic performance, throughout their elementary and middle school years.

As your child's most influential teacher, I am asking for your support in helping your child get to school on time every day this year. Your child needs to be in school and engaged in learning to reach his or her full potential. Yet, we realize that every family faces challenges. **Please let me, your child's teacher, or principal know if your family needs help dealing with a challenge to your child's good school attendance. My contact information is above.** We will do our best to help you and your family ensure that your child's school attendance stays on track.

Thank you for all you do to support your child's school success and well-being, as well as our school. I look forward to working with you this year and to having your child learn and grow in the Rochester School Department!

Best wishes for a safe, respectful, responsible, and successful school year.

Respectfully,

Kyle Repucci  
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Company Name	Amount	Notes
Clegg Sound Associates LLC	\$25.00	
Studio 109 Dance, Voice & Drama	\$25.00	
Varney's Laundercenter	\$25.00	Poster
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	\$25.00	
Profile Bank	\$75.00	
Hourihane, Cormier & Associates	\$25.00	Poster
Animal Health Center	\$25.00	
D.F. Richard Energy	\$100.00	
Wit-Way Supply, Inc.	\$100.00	
New Style Homes, Inc.	\$50.00	
Lisabeth Wotherspoon, LICSW	\$25.00	Poster
Hervey's Tire Co. Inc.	\$50.00	Poster
Tanya Lee Hervey Photography	\$25.00	Poster
Law Office of Carl W. Potvin, PC	\$100.00	
John C. Pratt Company, LLC	\$100.00	Poster
Broadview Animal Hospital	\$50.00	
Milton Veterinary Clinic	\$50.00	
Cornerstone VNA	\$25.00	
Tresses Hair Salon & Spa	\$25.00	Poster
Rochester Elks Lodge No. 1393	\$25.00	
Donald F. Whittum Law Office, PLLC	\$25.00	
The Homemakers Health Services	\$25.00	
American Legion Post #7	\$500.00	
JetPack Comics LLC	\$100.00	
Elderly Funeral Home	\$25.00	
Rochester Rotary Charities	\$100.00	
Total	\$1,725.00	





Rochester MS/HS Bus Counts*																						
Route MS/HS	September		SEPT SEPT		October		November		December		January		February		March		April		May		June	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
1	53	69	52	48	51	41	48	44	49	46	40	41	54	48	52	47	49	41	55	46	48	40
2	41	37	41	33	36	33	44	33	39	40	36	32	38	35	38	32	33	28	27	26	30	25
3	24	27	34	26	25	31	22	34	30	37	26	31	26	26	22	32	20	23	21	31	17	27
4	48	49	37	52	53	46	53	46	50	47	55	42	43	47	42	46	43	40	46	39	39	41
5	46	46	47	48	48	48	53	53	52	56	57	50	54	51	49	49	43	41	45	43	45	43
6	33	32	32	46	30	29	28	32	29	31	28	32	29	40	31	35	30	28	29	29	30	28
7	33	35	33	41	37	35	35	42	35	36	33	33	36	37	37	42	27	36	35	38	28	31
8	55	60	54	53	56	55	56	66	59	65	59	59	64	63	59	69	57	64	62	59	46	61
9	53	51	49	48	47	46	42	44	43	47	46	48	41	40	44	43	42	37	42	42	39	39
10	38	31	40	42	37	43	42	46	40	40	47	41	44	41	45	47	45	36	44	40	45	39
11	41	46	35	41	37	46	35	34	36	37	37	42	33	40	35	36	30	35	34	39	30	35
12	50	48	44	45	43	43	48	50	48	48	47	48	45	40	50	51	37	34	39	38	38	38
13	48	42	48	45	50	50	53	51	50	54	50	50	63	49	48	48	42	43	45	41	44	34
14	40	37	46	38	40	32	38	39	33	36	39	37	33	30	36	32	37	30	33	29	33	36
15	45	55	49	51	43	37	41	49	45	41	45	46	42	40	44	47	40	44	40	44	36	44
16	62	66	63	63	59	59	56	56	59	60	54	57	53	60	58	62	57	59	60	57	55	61
17	29	31	33	32	32	26	27	34	31	32	23	23	25	29	29	32	32	29	28	29	24	25
18	39	38	37	38	36	37	34	36	40	31	39	39	36	27	34	31	36	28	35	30	35	27
19	39	38	39	42	40	44	34	42	37	47	34	37	32	46	50	42	32	37	31	42	32	43

\*Bus Counts are based on the highest count taken during the first week of each month and reported to SAU by the 2nd Wednesday of each month.