

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026 5:30 pm

ROCORI District Office Boardroom
534 5th Ave. North
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vettleson, Nierenhausen, Schurman, Thompson, Kollar, Bohnsack

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The School Board Chair will lead the school board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board action to approve the agenda for the meeting is expected.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Action is requested on the following items of the consent agenda. Consent agenda items are typically adopted without discussion of the individual items because they are routine or ordinary in action. Any consent agenda item may be removed for further discussion and deliberation by any member of the board.

4.A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on August 10, 2026. Recommend approval of the minutes from the meetings.

4.B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Treasurer Thompson will have been at the school site to review bills, ask questions, and confirm information prior to the meeting. Recommendation is to approve the bill payment of \$4,675,729.98 subject to any adjustments or direction offered by the Treasurer.

4.C. TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Thompson will have reviewed financial information for the board. This information is included in the Treasurer's Report.

4.D. EMPLOYMENT

Recommend approval of the assignment as outlined.

4.D.1. District Education Facility Childcare Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year - Kaylee Hedberg

4.D.2. ROCORI School District Head Boy's Lacrosse Coach — Chase Smetana

4.D.3. ROCORI Secondary School Paraprofessional-Yesenia Aguilara

4.E. RETIRED-REHIRED CONTRACTS

The following contract is being presented for a retire-rehire teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Recommendation to approve the contracts as presented.

4.E.1. ROCORI Secondary School Science Teacher — Douglas Nelson

4.F. LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

4.F.1. ROCORI Secondary School paraprofessional, Jessica Donabauer, is requesting leave from August 24, 2026 through November 30, 2026.

4.G. RETIREMENTS-RESIGNATIONS

Recommend approval of the following resignations and/or retirements.

4.G.1. Cold Spring Elementary paraprofessional, Madilynn Eckhoff, is resigning effective August 23, 2026.

4.G.2. ROCORI High School paraprofessional, Nicole Vogel, is resigning effective immediately.

4.G.3. ROCORI High School Paraprofessional, Kaylee Hedberg, is resigning from this position effective immediately.

4.H. POLICIES

The following policies have been discussed in the policy committee. They are being presented for a third and final reading. Recommendation to approve the policies as presented.

4.H.1. Policy 203.2 - Order of Regular Meetings

4.H.2. Policy 203.6 - Consent Agendas

This policy was discussed by the policy committee. No recommended changes at this time.

4.H.3. Policy 206 - Public Participation in School Board Meeting/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations.

This policy was discussed by the policy committee. No recommended changes at this time.

5. PRESENTATION

5.A. WASHINGTON, DC SCHOOL TRIP

Derek Sauer and Levi Peterson will be recapping the 2025 Washington D.C school trip and requesting approval for the 2027 trip.

5.B. Administrative Reports

6. ACTION

Action items receive individual attention because of the nature of the issues, the need to discuss or review the information prior to taking action, or the specific kind of action required for the item.

6.A. FFA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Tamara Berger is requesting out of state travel for the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 20 - October 24, 2026. Grade ranges 9-12. Recommendation to approve the trip as presented.

6.B. RENEWAL PROPOSAL FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES WITH CESO.

The renewal proposal is presented for October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027 to contract with CESO for business management and support services. Recommendation to approve the contract as presented.

6.C. COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LIGHTNING GRAPHICS

ROCORI and Lightning Graphics will enter into a lease agreement for CTE classroom space from November 1, 2026 through June 6, 2031. Recommendation to approve the lease agreement as presented.

6.D. ROCORI K-12 STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2026-2027 K-12 Student Handbook is being presented for a third reading. Recommendation to approve the handbook as presented.

6.E. ROCORI ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK

The 2026-2027 Activities handbook is being presented for a third reading. Recommendation to approve the handbook as presented.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BOARD REPORTS

7.A. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

The Superintendent will make his report about ROCORI Public Schools.

7.B. BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT JULY 2026

The business office provides an update of district expenditures and revenues through the Budget Comparison report. The report is intended to provide a financial picture of the district in a couple ways. One is to compare current year expenditures to the previous year. The second is to simply give a report on the current financial status. In addition to the report, special items of note are highlighted in the explanations offered. This report does not require formal action but is provided as an informational item.

7.C. BOARD COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Board members will report on activities within their portfolio of committee and representative assignments.

- * Technology - Jennifer Bohnsack
- * Finance and Budget - Matt Thompson
- * Booster Club - Matt Thompson
- * MSHSL - Matt Thompson
- * Buildings and Grounds - Robin Vettleson
- * Community Education Advisory - Robin Vettleson
- * Negotiations/Personnel - Lynn Schurman
- * Schools Advocating for Fair Funding (SAFF) - Lynn Schurman
- * Policy - Kayla Nierenhausen
- * Benton Stearns Education District - Kayla Nierenhausen
- * Community ROCORI Proud - Jenna Kollar

8. COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM VISITORS

The agenda is open to visitors of the meeting to offer comments to and/or requests of the school board. The comments and requests should follow the adopted district guidelines which are printed and available at the meeting. As a general rule, items introduced in the opportunity for comments and requests do not receive action from the School Board, but are taken under advisement or consideration for future action.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

A calendar of upcoming issues of concern to the school board is included as part of the agenda.

September 1, 2026

First Day of School for the Secondary School

September 2, 2026

First Day of School for the Elementary School

September 16, 2026 3:30 pm Benton Stearns Board Meeting
September 21, 2026 6:30 pm School Board Meeting - DO Board Room

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