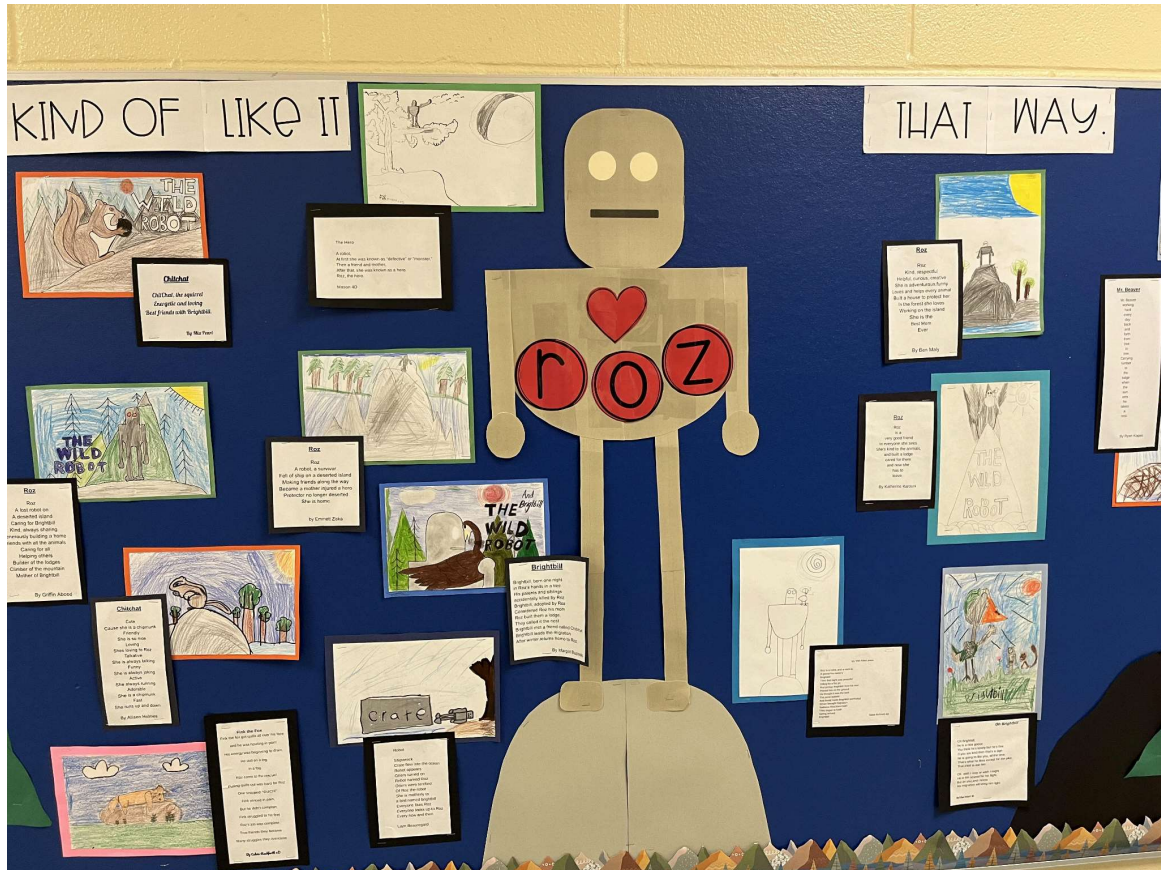


**Superintendent's Report
Rye School Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2024
5:30 PM**



Agenda Overview

You have the usual approvals of minutes, manifests, transfers and policies. You will also consider first read of the 2025-2026 school calendar. We will also need to vote on warrant articles associated with the proposed FY 26 Budget.

SAU 50 Sensation

Please find the latest edition of our newsletter [here](#).

Recognition

I want to take a moment and appreciate all of the special events that are organized this time of year, from concerts and assemblies to meals and community gatherings. Our staff goes above and beyond this time of year to celebrate the special communities we share and to give thanks to each other for our collective work. Many of the elements of our Portrait of a Learner are modeled in these events.

Policy Update

You have for consideration of second reading/adoption policies:

Second Reading/Adoption

GBGBA/JLCEA/KFD: Use of Automated External Defibrillators

JLF: Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect

JLP: Parental Notification of and Involvement in Student Welfare

I would actually suggest you table policy JLP so that the Policy Committee can discuss it further. The Portsmouth School Board chose not to adopt this policy last week and in our last Policy Committee meeting we discussed waiting to see what they were going to do before moving this forward.

First Reading

EBCA: Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plans

EH: Public Access to School District Records

EH-R (1): Public Access to School District Records

These policies are being brought forward to reflect recent changes in state law. The summary can be found [here](#).

2025-2026 Proposed School Calendar

The draft calendar is in your drive and can be found [here](#). We will ask for your approval in January so you can consider this first reading. We are hoping to capitalize on the opportunity to align all districts in the SAU to the same dates for beginning the year, PD days, ER days, etc. This next school year Labor Day is as early as it can be so we are looking to align all districts to the current practice in Newington (and now New Castle) and start after Labor Day. This will allow us to have more common PD days before the start of the year for students and still have the end of the school year at a reasonable date in June. I'd like to have a discussion about the line we would draw in deciding a pre Labor day or a post Labor Day start.

Warrant Article Discussion

Sue and I will seek your guidance on proposed warrant articles to build the trust funds up to our previously determined goals for each fund.

2024-2025 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Wednesday, February 19 2025, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM at Portsmouth High School (AREA)

Wednesday, March 19 2025, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Greenland Central School (Joint Board)

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM at Portsmouth High School (AREA)

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Maude H. Trefethen School (Joint Board)

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School