

MEMO

To: Rochester Board of Education
From: Suzanne Keller, Director of Educational Services
Subject: Board Report
Date: December 11, 2024



District Vacancies

The current vacancies for the district include:

- Blastoff Kids Academy Site Coordinator (District)
- Science Teacher (RJHS)
- Elementary Teacher
- Director of Transportation (District)
- Bus Mechanic
- Permanent Substitute Teacher
- Literacy Aide (RIS)
- Part-time Literacy Aide (RES)
- Part-time Library Aide (RES)
- Special Education Aides
- Supervisory Aides (RJHS, RIS)
- Recess Supervisors (RES EC-3)
- Bus Monitor
- Bus Driver/Substitute Bus Driver
- Van Driver
- Substitute Nurse (District)
- Assistant Scholastic Bowl Coach (RHS)
- Assistant Boys Basketball Co-Coach (RHS)
- Assistant Wrestling Coach (RJHS)
- Mathcounts Sponsor (RJHS)
- Assistant Girls Golf Coach (RHS)
- After Prom Sponsor (2 Positions/Split Stipend)

Student Teachers

Rochester School District partners with local colleges and universities in order to have their students complete their student teaching experiences at Rochester. During the Fall semester a student teacher worked with Mr. Derrick Nelson and his students during Physical Education class at RJHS. During the Spring Semester there will be five student teachers at Rochester. They are

from the University of Illinois at Springfield and Illinois State University. They are being placed with the following teachers:

- Kevin Klemm, History at RHS
- Lauren Murrill, Second Grade at RES 2-3
- Tera Probst, First Grade at RES EC-1
- Ara Sheriff, First Grade at RES EC-1
- Josh Spear, Music at RHS

Mentoring Program

Rochester's new teaching staff, Mentoring Leaders, and administration met on November 12, 2024 for a monthly meeting at RJHS. The meeting agenda included having new staff share out about the classroom observations they completed with their colleagues. In addition, the time was utilized as a work session for staff to begin organizing their evidence for their self-evaluations and reflect upon their goal accomplishments at this point in the school year. Staff members' self-evaluations, as well as their goal accomplishments and reflection will be submitted to their evaluators in January 2025. The December 17, 2024 Mentoring Meeting will be a mid-year celebration in which all new teachers, their mentors, Mentoring Leaders, and Instructional Coaches have been invited to participate.

Curriculum and Instruction Council

The Curriculum and Instruction Council approved three curriculum proposals during the October 24, 2024 meeting. These proposals included: English Language Arts, *The Crossover* (RJHS), English Language Arts, *Midnight Driver* (RJHS), and a Psychology (Dual Credit) Course (RHS). During the November 19, 2024 meeting the Curriculum and Instruction Council approved a MC3 proposal from RHS. The next Curriculum and Instruction Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025.