

# Rochester and Stockbridge School Boards Update

The Rochester and Stockbridge school districts are in the process of merging into what is currently called the Rochester-Stockbridge Unified District (RSUD). Why are there still independent school boards? What will next year look like at the schools? What is the school board meeting schedule? What will be the name of the unified district? The following answers a couple of these answers, while other questions cannot yet be answered and will be discussed as the merger unfolds.

**Rochester and Stockbridge school boards (1 for each town)** currently exist to deal with matters regarding the current school year, 2017-2018. This includes immediate school facility needs and potential deficiencies, personnel matters, etc. These two independent school boards will end on June 30, 2018 when the RSUD school board becomes fully functional.

As of January 31, the **Rochester-Stockbridge Unified District** school board is now official and consists of 3 Rochester and 3 Stockbridge representatives. This unified board is working on items related to next school year, developing the 2018-2019 school budget, finalizing classroom structure, determining the administration model for the merged district, and more. The RSUD school board consists of Rochester residents Amy Wildt (vice-chair), Ethan Bowen, and Megan Payne, and Stockbridge residents Carl Groppe (chair), Janie Feinberg, and Jenny Austin (clerk).

## Meeting Dates through the end of June

### CURRENT BOARDS

Wed., February 28, 6 pm @ Rochester

Wed., March 28, 6 pm @ Stockbridge

Wed., April 25, 6 pm @ Rochester

Wed., May 23, 6 pm @ Stockbridge

Wed., June 27, 6 pm @ Rochester (anticipated to be last meeting of current school boards)

**\* Stay tuned. There is the potential these may change to align with RSUD meetings \***

### RSUD BOARD

Wed., March 7, 6:30 pm @ Rochester

Tues., April 3, 6:30 pm @ Stockbridge

Tues., May 1, 6:30 pm @ Rochester

Tues., June 5, 6:30 pm @ Stockbridge

### ANNUAL MEETINGS

Tues., March 6, 6pm – Stockbridge Annual Meeting @ Stockbridge Central School

Mon., March 26, 7pm – Rochester Annual Meeting @ Rochester School

Tues., April 24 – RSUD school budget meeting (1 combined meeting, time and location TBD)

**\* school budget vote for both towns will be at the April 24 meeting \***