

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Special Meeting Minutes (to convene as a Work Session) February 24, 2018 Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Powell, Commissioner Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Melanie Funchess, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

**Board Members Excused:** None.

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Superintendent Barbara Deane-Williams, Deputy Superintendent Linus Guillory, Chief of Schools Elizabeth Mascitti-Miller, Chief Financial Officer Everton Sewell, Chief of Operations Michael Schmidt, General Counsel Karl Kristoff and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

- I. President White convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- II. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers were present
- III. **Work Session:** President White convened a Work Session to discuss proposed redesign of Kodak Park School No. 41 and the development of the Superintendent's proposed budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

School Chief Mascitti-Miller presented the proposed community school concept for the redesigned school and the relation to the New York State Education Department Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness tenets. She noted that arts programming and curriculum will be implemented in the new school model. Dr. Mascitti-Miller also spoke of the parental and community engagement opportunities that were offered in consideration of the new school concept and design.

President White introduced Chief Financial Officer Everton Sewell who discussed the budget priorities and the development of the Superintendent's proposed budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year. He noted some of the budgetary assumptions that were factored into the development of the budget and the forecasted budget gap, the current fiscal environment, and the projected opportunities and challenges in the District's resource allocation scheme. Members of the Board commented on the information presented, specifically addressing Specialized Services and resources allocated to the Path Forward initiative.

Chief of Operations Michael Schmidt provided an overview and discussed the operational priorities of the transportation, safety and security, educational facilities, and food services departments. He spoke of well-coordinated efforts of the department of Safety and Security to keep students and staff safe. Mr. Schmidt highlighted the success of the school nutrition program, noting that many of the District's students are served five meals per day, including the first class breakfast program, by the school

food services department. In discussing transportation, he noted recent efforts to coordinate student transportation for afterschool activities. Mr. Schmidt also discussed the efforts of the educational facilities department in orchestrating the moves of several schools.

Deputy Superintendent Guillory discussed the needs of the Office of Parent Engagement and the need for additional resources to effectively administer programming to engage families.

**IV. Meeting adjourned** at 11:15 a.m.