

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting

March 14, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Judith Davis, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Willa Powell, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

Board Members Excused: None.

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Interim Superintendent Dan Lowengard, EPO Assistant Superintendent Lorna Washington, EPO Vice Principal Jen Rees, EPO Interim Principal Shalonda Garfield, and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a young audience member.

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 19th Special Meeting and the February 28th Business Meeting was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Motion carries 7-0.

III. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item: No speakers were present.

IV. Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item: Community member Eamonn Scanlon spoke about a recent press conference and noted that the Children's Agenda is in partnership with the District in addressing school climate issues.

Superintendents Reports: Representatives of the EPO delivered a presentation highlighting elements of the Year 3 report designed to assess academic progress and identify the gains made as a result of building culture, academic and family and community engagement changes. In doing so, the EPO administrators detailed the school-wide focus on literacy programming and applied interventions.

V. Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 699-704: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 705: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 706-707: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Sheppard. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 708: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

VI. Unfinished Business: None.

VII. New Business: Members of the Board discussed the need for a series of work sessions to prepare a response to NYSED Commissioner Elia's comments on the District's Action Plan.

VIII. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to the discipline of a particular student was made by Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner LeBron at 8:04 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to reconvene into open session made by Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner LeBron at 8:45 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

IX. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Sheppard at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion carries 7-0.