

# **ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Special Meeting Minutes**

### **March 14, 2016**

**Attendance:** President White, Vice President Elliott and Commissioners Adams, Cruz, Evans, Hallmark and Powell. EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms, Interim Superintendent Linda Cimusz, and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

EPO Superintendent Nelms delivered a presentation of the proposed budget for the 2016/17 fiscal year that detailed the program enhancements, enrollment projections, and staffing changes for East High School. Dr. Nelms noted that the school is expected to enroll 1,325 students with a targeted class size of 22 in core subjects. He also mentioned that because East is a school in receivership, the school must offer an extended day program. During the 2016/17 year the school will continue offering a 7.5 hour day for students and an 8 hour day for staff. With this structure the school will continue to offer compressed classes, an evening school program and offsite programs to address student needs. Dr. Nelms concluded the presentation noting that there will be minimal reductions to staff and programming.

Interim Superintendent Cimusz delivered a presentation of the proposed budget for the 2016/17 fiscal year, highlighting initiatives that reflect the District's commitment to student achievement and the fiscal condition of the District. Ms. Cimusz detailed plans to close the projected \$24 million gap while reducing current vacancies in non-essential positions, minimizing position reductions, reducing vendor contracts, and shifting appropriate expenses to grant funding. Ms. Cimusz noted that the budget will maintain programs and services at current levels and continue support for schools designated as Receivership and Priority schools.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner Campos at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 7-0.