

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016

Minutes

Attendance: President White, Vice President Elliott and Commissioners Adams, Cruz, and Hallmark; Interim Superintendent Linda Cimusz, Chief of School Operations Michael Schmidt and Board Clerk Shanai Lee

I. President White convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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

III. Presentation of School Improvement Strategies from Various Schools

The Board received brief presentations from school principals of the following schools: Nathaniel Rochester Community School No. 3, Roberto Clemente School No. 8, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School No. 9, Enrico Fermi School No. 17, Kodak Park School No. 41, Mary McLeod Bethune School No. 45, James Monroe High School, Northeast College Prep High School, Charlotte High School, and East High School. Each school principal was given five (5) minutes to detail the current status of each school in meeting demonstrable improvement indicators set by the New York State Education Department, likelihood of meeting the improvement targets within the allocated timeframe, and the supports that are needed to assist in meeting the improvement targets within the allocated timeframe.

IV. Discussion of Various Models for School Improvement

President White briefly outlined the Board's options for creating additional schools. He discussed several legislative options granted to local school boards to address student achievement including the creation of new schools under the Commissioner's Regulation 100.18(c), conversion charter schools under New York Education Law §2851(a), SUNY run schools under New York Education Law Article 8 §355, and Educational Partnership Organizations under New York Education Law §211-e. President White suggested that any Board member, advisory committee to the Board, or the Superintendent could recommend the creation of a new school with vetting by the Superintendent and various standing committees of the Board. He concluded by noting that the options suggested by the District would ultimately have to be approved by the New York State Education Department and/or the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Hallmark introduced a proposal to encourage new schools and partnerships to address the District's shrinking enrollment and respond to the community's call for educational options. President White encouraged her to continue conversations about the development of new schools and programs through the Board Governance and Development Committee.

V. Motion to enter into executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss matters related to collective negotiations pursuant to Article fourteen of the civil service law made by Commissioner

Hallmark, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 5-0 with Commissioner Evans and Commissioner Powell absent.

Motion to enter into open session at 9:30 p.m.

- VI. Motion to adjourn** made by Commissioner Hallmark at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 5-0 with Commissioner Evans and Commissioner Powell absent.