

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Hearing on the Budget

March 22, 2016

Attendance: President White, Vice President Elliott and Commissioners Adams, Cruz, Evans, and Hallmark; Interim Superintendent Linda Cimusz; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

President White stated that the purpose of the budget hearing is for the Board to receive input from the public on the Superintendent's proposed budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

President White requested public comment regarding the proposed budget.

Commissioner Cruz, Chair of the Board's Finance and Resource Allocation Committee, noted that the calendar for the Board's consideration of the proposed budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year has been adopted by the Board and he recognized the District's staff for their efforts in presenting a balanced budget that addresses the needs of students and families.

Interim Superintendent Cimusz indicated that the District is awaiting the legislature's decision regarding the budget. She added that the District's administrators are working diligently to identify savings in the proposed budget that do not negatively impact student learning and achievement.

Giancarlo Giannini

Mr. Giannini, a parent, stated that parents have advocated to minimize reductions in staffing and programming that directly impact students. He urged the Board to maintain funding for many of the recently implemented strategic initiatives to improve student achievement, including providing quality early education (i.e. Reading by Third Grade); increased funding for arts, music, and athletic programming; effective social-emotional supports as demonstrated through an increased numbers of school psychologists and counselors; and efforts to continuously improve services afforded to students with disabilities.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the matters related to collective bargaining made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Vice President Elliott at 6:12 p.m. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent.

Commissioner Evans left at 6:44 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice President Elliott at 6:56 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Evans and Commissioner Powell absent.