

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Hearing
Proposed Budget for 2010/11
March 29, 2010

Minutes

Attendance: President Evans, Commissioners, Elliott, Powell, and White.
Superintendent Brizard and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the public hearing to gather citizens' input on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010/11 of the Rochester City School District at 5:40 p.m.

President Evans welcomed the audience and asked that speakers come to the podium to address the Board.

Charles Richardson

Mr. Richardson spoke about the importance of community and parent involvement throughout the District.

Dan DiClemente

Mr. DiClemente, President of BENTE, spoke against the reduction in force presented in the superintendent's proposed budget. He said the staffing cuts disproportionately affect the BENTE bargaining unit. Mr. DiClemente also spoke of excessive spending in the District's reorganization efforts and salary increases for members of the Superintendent's cabinet.

Adam Urbanski

Mr. Urbanski, President of RTA, spoke against the reduction in force presented in the superintendent's proposed budget. He characterized the proposed staffing cuts to the BENTE bargaining unit as reductions among the most vulnerable, lowest-paid workers in the District. Mr. Urbanski asks the Board to carefully consider the revenue assumptions, class sizes, and reductions to the teaching staff presented in the Superintendent's proposed budget.

President Evans thanked the speakers for their comments and announced the future schedule of budget meetings.

President Evans concluded the hearing at 5:47 p.m.