President White convened the meeting at 6:47 p.m. He also entertained the following motions:

**Motion** by Commissioner Lebron to amend the Bylaws (Article B, Section 10)—that the Bylaws be suspended so that the comments of the first (30) duly registered speakers be heard this evening in the order provided in the said section 10 for 2 minutes each and that all the remaining comments are added and registered and inserted in a record of this meeting and online. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. **Motion passes 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.**

**Motion** by Commissioner Powell to amend the Bylaws during the time in which schools remain closed due to the Covid-19 crisis, so as to permit speakers to register through the Zoom process and otherwise consistent with the Board rules as adapted, limited for the first 30 persons to speak for 2 minutes taken in the order as required by the current Board policy. Seconded by Commissioner Lebron. **Motion passes 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.**

President White recognized the Information Management & Technology Team as Heroes of Hope for their work in providing daily online resources, training, and support for digital tools and devices, as well as for deploying 2,220+ Chromebooks to date for students in grades 6-8.

I. **Speakers:** Due to the closure of meetings to the Public as a result of COVID-19, speakers will provide comments via the Board Email. These will also be posted to the District web site. This

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list reflects the names of anyone whose comments were read/ submitted written comments for the record.

Speakers addressed the Board about concerns regarding the proposed 2020-21 budget. See attached list below. The first 30 of these were read into the record by District Clerk Marisol Ramos-Lopez, and Board Staff Kallia Wade.

II. Covid-19 Updates

Superintendent Terry Dade addressed the Commissioners and provided regarding the District’s Covid-19 response efforts. He indicated updated regarding the meal distribution sites and recognized the IM&T Department, security staff and District administration for their work in distributing Chromebooks to students and families. Superintendent Dad also advised about the next phase of deployments—that of Mi-Fi units and the new efforts under the “brick to click” movement. Following this, the Commissioners engaged in a brief question and answer conversation regarding Superintendent Dade’s updates.

III. Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting:

Commissioner Lebron convened the Finance Committee of the Whole at approximately 8:09 p.m.

Finance Committee Discussion Items

Motion by President White to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 and the Minutes of February 18, 2020 Finance COW Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

Superintendent’s Budget Update

Superintendent Terry Dade provided an update on the Budget via a PowerPoint Presentation. He advised that there had been some changes to the 2020-21 projected deficit, indicating that there was anticipated 26.6M deficit. This deficit is attributed to the $17.5M difference between enacted state budget and draft budgeted revenues, $1.1M state aid deduction for 2019-20 “spin-up” payback, and the $8M Fund Balance Restoration. During the presentations, Superintendent Dade also provided updates certain concerns as voiced by the Board including that of School Safety, school closures, and estimated staff reductions in each of the bargaining units. Superintendent Dade closed by noting that in the span of (8) months, the RCSD has had to close a deficit of $152M. CFO Franklin also provided input on potential Covid-19 realized savings.

Following this update, the Commissioners and District Administration engaged in a discussion regarding the facets of the presentation. During this discussion, East EPO Superintendent Nelms interjected to respond to a proposed $6M cut to East as suggested by Commissioner Lebron. Commissioner Lebron asked whether there was a renegotiation clause in the East EPO contract that could be enacted due to the financial distress the District is currently facing. This Board Approved May 28, 2020
question was submitted to the Board Question Log for response.

CFO Robert Franklin, via PowerPoint Presentation provided further insight on the request for a budget amendment for the current month. He noted several adjustments to revenue including the $35M budget increase to reflect the accelerated state aid payment (spin up aid), as well as revenue budget decreases totaling $2.2M. CFO Franklin also pointed out appropriation budget increases to areas of identified current year shortfall, as well as special aid fund-grant adjustments, and adjustments to the food service fund.

Review and Discuss Financial Reports

CFO Franklin presented the April 2020 unaudited Financial Report.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to forward the April, 2020 Financial Report to the April 23, 2020 Board Business Meeting for approval. Seconded by President White. Motion passes 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

Commissioner Lebron discussed the upcoming Budget Deliberation Session and noted the expectations for the event.

President White noted a “New Business” discussion topic—consideration of the draft Resolution 2019-20: 822. This resolution addresses the District’s contracts with vendors during the Covid-19 Pandemic, and was in direct response to the State’s Executive Order. The resolution would direct Administration to do an inventory of all the contracts and report on those which the District should not pay and the potential realized savings, if any, as a result of these findings. President White then indicated his intent for this resolution to be voted on in the upcoming Thursday’s meeting.

Finance Committee of the Whole adjourned at approximately 10:52p.m.

The Commissioners considered Policy 6500 to allow Board to waive the provision that the District maintains a minimum unrestricted general fund balance of 5% of the District’s general fund annual operating expenditures, given the District’s current financial strain. The Commissioners tabled the remainder of the conversation for the next budget meeting in order to get more insight on this option.

Commissioner Sheppard requested information regarding the process by which students could go about receiving a work permit during the current Covid crisis. This question was submitted to the Board Question Log for response.

Motion by Commissioner Lebron to forward the Quarterly Change Order Report for Jan-Mar, 2020 to the April 23, 2020 Board Business Meeting for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion by Commissioner Adams to adjourn the Special Meeting at 11:06 p.m., seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Motion carries 7-0.

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