

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Hearing on the Budget

April 10, 2018

Attendance: President Van Henri White, Vice President Willa Powell, Commissioner Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Melanie Funchess, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz Lebron, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

Board Members Excused: None.

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Superintendent Barbara Deane-Williams, EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms, and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:10 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 2018-19 fiscal year.

President White requested public comment regarding the proposed budget.

I. Speakers

LaKeya Tillcock

Ms. Tillcock, a student, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students.

Kiara Johnson

Ms. Johnson, a student, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students. She specifically requested that the Board consider funding a pan-African studies course at School of the Arts.

Destiny Ford

Ms. Ford, a student, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students.

Arthur Wilson

Mr. Wilson, a student, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students. He specifically requested that the Board consider funding more counselors and better training for School Safety Offices and resources for improved offerings in School Food Services.

Diamond Hamm

Mr. Hamm, a student, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students.

Xavier Kimball

Mr. Kimball, a student, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students.

Neal Williams

Mr. Williams, a parent, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students.

Barbara Brody

Ms. Brody, a community member, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students.

Iman Abid

Mr. Abid, a community member, spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students.

Eileen Graham

Ms. Graham, a community member, spoke about the importance of restorative justice practices and the need for related supports.

Loret Steinberg

Ms. Steinberg, a community member, spoke about the need for social emotional supports and culturally relevant programming and instruction.

Rosemary Rivera

Ms. Rivera, a community member, spoke about the need for resources to improve school climate.

Antoinette Erwin

Ms. Ervin, a community member, spoke about the need for resources to address the needs of students with disabilities and English language learners.

Zenovia Nelson

Ms. Nelson, a community member, spoke about the need for behavioral supports and training for District staff.

II. Executive Session

Motion to recess in executive session to discuss matters related to the discipline of particular students made by Commissioner Funchess at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Sheppard. Motion carries 7-0.

III. Consideration of Resolutions:

Motion to separate Resolution No. 2017-18: 747 into Resolution No. 2017-18: 747a and Resolution No. 2017-18: 747b made by Commissioner Sheppard and seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2017-18: 747a** was made by Commissioner Hallmark, seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2017-18: 747b** was made by Vice President Powell, seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

IV. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Elliott 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 7-0.