

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Hearing on the Budget

April 14, 2016

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

Vice President Elliott convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Vice President Elliott 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.

Vice President Elliott requested public comment regarding the proposed budget.

Tahiana Bernal

Ms. Bernal, a parent, introduced her daughter who spoke about the need for adequate special education programming at Edison High School to address student needs, particularly those students with autism.

Gloria Sabast

Ms. Bernal, a parent, spoke at incidents at School No. 7 and School No. 22 involving her young children.

Commissioner Cruz arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Giancarlo Giannini

Mr. Giannini, a parent, stated that the Parent Advisory Council supports the District's current initiatives, particularly expeditionary learning Montessori programming, and International Baccalaureate programming. He noted that the Council also supports the implementation of a Code of Conduct, related professional development for teachers, anti-racism training, and social emotional supports. Mr. Giannini stated that the recent RTA salary increase was excessive and District failed to take advantage of an opportunity to save money. He concluded by stating that the Council would supports the minimization of reductions in staffing and programming that directly impact students.

Ebony McLarty

Ms. McLarty, a community member, advocated for adequate funding to support K-2 curriculum development and implementation.

Jacqueline Cady

Ms. Cady, a community member, advocated for adequate funding to support K-2 curriculum development and implementation.

Lois Giess

Ms. Giess, a community member, advocated for adequate funding to support K-2 curriculum development and implementation.

Nancy Stanton Multer

Ms. Stanton Multer, a community member, advocated for adequate funding to support K-2 curriculum development and implementation.

Sarah Fitts-Romig

Ms. Fitts-Romig, a community member, advocated for adequate funding to support K-2 curriculum development and implementation.

Rosemary Rivera

Ms. Rivera, a community member, spoke about the need to prioritize school culture and climate in the budget for the 2016/17 fiscal year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Evans at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 6-0 with President White absent.