

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Hearing on the Budget

April 25, 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: Commissioner Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: District Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:05 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

Mary Callahan

Ms. Callahan, a parent, spoke about the need for professional development to address trauma and the social emotional needs of students.

Elizabeth Estevez

Ms. Estevez, a parent, spoke about the need for resources bilingual education programming.

Giancarlo Giannini

Mr. Giannini, a parent, addressed the Board on behalf of the District's Parent Advisory Council spoke about the need for resources to address the educational needs of students.

Mari Meza

Ms. Meza, a community member, spoke about the need for improved offerings in School Food Services including nutritious school meals as well as college preparatory training.

Rev. Marilyn Cunningham

Rev. Cunningham, a community member, cautioned the Board about reducing the number of paraprofessionals and related resources.

Pia Moller

Ms. Moller, a community member, spoke about the need for resources to enhance the instructional programming at the Montessori Academy School No. 53.

Peter Burkin

Mr. Burkin, a community member, requested that the Board include professional services to address bullying in the 2018-19 budget.

Elizabeth Laidlaw

Ms. Laidlaw, a community member, spoke about the need for resources to address the social emotional needs of students.

Cheryl Carlton

Ms. Carlton, a community member, urged the Board to increase staffing and resources to address the educational needs of students.

Wailany Olivo

Ms. Olivo, a community member, spoke about the need for bilingual staff and resources for students with disabilities at Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29.

Catherine Almodover

Ms. Almodover, a community member, spoke about the need for bilingual staff and resources throughout the District.

- II. Motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner Elliott 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioner Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard absent.