

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2019

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Judith Davis, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Willa Powell, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

Board Members Excused: None.

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Interim Superintendent Dan Lowengard, Deputy Superintendent Elizabeth Mascitti-Miller, Deputy Superintendent Cecilia Griffin-Golden, Chief Financial Officer Everton Sewell, and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

I. President White convened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

II. Executive Session: Motion to recess in to executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual was made by Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner LeBron at 5:35 p.m. Motion carries 5-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

Commissioner Davis left at 6:07 p.m.

Motion to reconvene in open session was made by Commissioner Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner LeBron at 6:22 p.m.

Commissioner Davis arrived at 6:22 p.m.

Commissioner Sheppard arrived at 6:22 p.m.

III. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item: Parent Diveth Garcia spoke about the need to provide specialized services, particularly for bilingual students. Parent Howard Eagle spoke about the need for the Board to provide adequate oversight of the Superintendent's budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Staff members Candace Rubin, Natalie Luntz-Martin, and Karen Schaffer advocated for the District's Home Hospital Instructors, particularly in the delivery of specialized services.

Resolution No. 2018-19 828: **Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-19: 828** made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

IV. Consideration of the Superintendent's 2019-20 Proposed Budget

Interim Superintendent Lowengard and Chief Financial Officer Everton Sewell presented an overview of the proposed budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Members of the Board discussed elements of the proposed budget. Consensus was reached that the 2019-20 budget would include an additional Home School Assistant (1.0 FTE) along a provision for Literacy Aides.

Minutes recorded by Board Clerk Shanai Lee

Commissioner Davis commented on the need for a budget that responds to a strategic plan that assesses, organizes, and guides the work of the District’s academic and operational systems. President White and Commissioner LeBron agreed and noted that the Board has a significant amount of work to complete in order to fulfill this objective.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-19: 827 made by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Vice President Elliott.

Roll Call Vote

President White	Yes
Vice President Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Davis	No
Commissioner Hallmark	Yes
Commissioner LeBron	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner Sheppard	Yes

Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting

President White and members of the Board recognized Interim Superintendent Lowengard, Chief Financial Officer Everton Sewell and members of District’s staff for their work on the budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Motion carries 7-0 at 8:25 p.m.