

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting Minutes May 23, 2019

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 Daniel Lowengard, General Counsel Karl Kristoff, and District Clerk Francine Scott.

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

I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Powell

II. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the January 10th Business Meeting, January 15th Business Meeting, January 17th Special Meeting, March 14th Business Meeting, March 22nd Special Meeting, March 28th Business Meeting, April 5, Special Meeting, April 11th Business Meeting, April 16th Special Meeting, April 19th Special Meeting, April 23rd Special Meeting, April 25th Business Meeting, May 7th, Special Meeting, and May 9th Business Meeting made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Hallmark absent.

Commissioner Hallmark arrived at 6:45 p.m.

III. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item: Students, Brooklyn Papura, Maya Adams, Sarah Adams, Nick Camaione-Lind, Frances Camaione-Lind, Malcolm Camaione-Lind, and Destiny Ford spoke in support of Camaron Clyburn remaining as Dr. Walter Cooper, School No. 10 principal. President White opened the floor for a number of students to speak in support of Principal Clyburn.

IV. Speaker NOT Addressing an Agenda Item: Parent, Cynthia Clay spoke about racial bias. Parents, Ricardo Adams, Mary Adams, and Aria Camaione-Lind, and staff members, Courtney Betancourt and Katherine Holderbaum spoke in support of Camaron Clyburn continuing her role as Principal of Walter Cooper School No. 10. Staff member, Deborah Green spoke about the impact to budget cuts at Home Hospital Program. Staff member Lisa Silverstein spoke about budget cuts and its impact districtwide.

V. Advisory Council Reports:

Student Leadership Congress

Student Representative Malik Jaff: Mr. Jaff reported that Student Leadership Congress would be inviting new students to their June meeting to discuss joining SLC. Mr. Jaff also

stated SLC would be hosting two meetings over the summer to prepare for the 2019-20 School Year. Lastly, Mr. Jaff reported that SLC would be working with the Communications Department to help promote SLC by way of social media to engage other students.

Bilingual Education Council:

Myrna Gonzalez, President of the Bilingual Education Council: Ms. Gonzalez reported that the Bilingual Council is comprised of bilingual parents, community-based organizations and educators, representing and advocating for the educational rights to a quality bilingual education for our students in the District. Ms. Gonzalez reported that the BEC met this month and held their annual elections and passed new by-laws. Ms. Gonzalez also reported Julie Garcia was named the new Vice President. Ms. Gonzalez thanked the Office of Parent Engagement and the Bilingual Office for their help and support. Ms. Gonzalez also reported that Hector Santiago, a representative from the Child Care Council, would join their team of volunteers to help work with Parents and he would be part of BEC Leadership, as a community representative. Ms. Gonzalez indicated BEC completed a survey on how to better contact parents and the best location to hold parent meetings. She stated that BEC enjoys meeting at the Gantt Center and would continue their meetings at the Gantt Center. Ms. Gonzalez noted their next BEC meeting is Tuesday, June 11, at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed all to attend.

Parent Advisory Council: No Report

VI. *Spotlight on Mary McLeod Bethune School No. 45*

McLeod Bethune School No. 45, Principal, Rhonda Morien and her administrative staff did a presentation on the work they performed causing Mary McLeod Bethune, School No. 45 to be removed from the Receivership List. Principal Morien indicated that staff focused on scholarship, leadership, relationship, partnership, and data ownership as their focal point to work towards getting off the Receivership List.

Vice President Elliott acknowledged the good work accomplished at School No. 45 and coming out of Receivership.

President White thanked Superintendent Lowengard on School Spotlight segments to share the good things are happenings throughout the District.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Lowengard reported that he, President White and others attended the Transfer of Flags Ceremony which is one of the District's longest running traditions, where Standard Bearers are represented from each school are chosen for outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated citizenship. Superintendent Lowengard stated that School Principals are preparing to submit their School Comprehensive Education Plan. He also reported that students, parents, and staff members biked from the Rochester Museum and Science Center to Francis Parker School No. 23 in celebration of student's health, and thanked the Rochester Police Department for providing a safety escort. He also reported that the Teen Empowerment Luncheon hosted approximately 900 attendees supporting youths. Superintendent Lowengard congratulated Career in Teaching Interns of the year

for their work at with the District elementary and high schools. Superintendent Lowengard shared events from National Small Business Week where students explore careers in architecture, construction, and engineering. Boulder Industrial Contractors hosted the Lift and Move USA Event where 60 students were represented from Leadership Academy, Edison High School, School of The Arts, School Without Walls, a Big Picture, and World of Inquiry represented the District. In addition, students from George Mather School No. 4 and Helen Barrett Montgomery School No 50 visited the Pike Company. Superintendent Lowengard reported that George Mather School No. 4, Henry Hudson School No. 28, and Pinnacle School No. 35 collaborated with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Mayor's Office and the Rochester Police Department where officers were paired with students to mentor and provide guidance. Lastly, Superintendent Lowengard congratulated Rochester Alumni LaShay Harris, newly elected to Rochester City Council as well as Councilmen Willie Lightfoot, and Malik Evans on their new roles at City Council; and he congratulated La'Ron Singletary on his appointment as Rochester Police Chief.

VII. Acceptance of Financial Reports:

Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept the Financial Reports. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Motion carries 7-0.

Commissioner Powell made a motion to accept Student Activity Report. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Motion carries 7-0.

Commissioner LeBron and President White made a request for resolutions that not being considered for a vote to be edited so it would be apparent which resolution numbers are being considered.

VIII. Consideration of Resolutions

2018-19: 850: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0

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2018-19: 922: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

2018-19: 923: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

2018-19: 924: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

2018-19: 925: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

IX. Unfinished Business

President White presented the Board of Education Meeting Calendar. Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

- X. Motion to enter into executive session** to discuss a matter related to the employment of a particular person made by Commissioner Hallmark, and seconded by Commissioner Powell at 9:20 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Vice President Elliott left at 9:50 p.m.

Motion to reconvene into open session made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by

Commissioner LeBron at 10:55 p.m. Motion carries 6-0 with Vice President Elliott absent.

XI. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Powell at 10:55 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Motion carries 6-0 with Vice President Elliott absent.