

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2017

Minutes

Attendance: President White, Vice President Elliott, and Commissioners Adams, Evans, Powell, and Hallmark; Superintendent Barbara Deane-Williams, Chief of Specialized Services Sandra Simpson, Consultant Judy Elliott, and District Clerk Shanai Lee

- I.** Vice President Elliott convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers were present
- III. Motion to enter into executive session** at 5:30 p.m. to discuss matters related to the employment of specific individuals made by Vice President Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 4-0 with President White, Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Evans absent.

Motion to enter into open session at 6:00 p.m. made by Vice President Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 4-0 with President White, Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Evans absent.

IV. Consideration of Resolutions

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-18: 1-2 made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting and President White and Commissioner Cruz absent.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-18: 3 made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with President White and Commissioner Cruz absent.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-18: 4 made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 5-0 with President White and Commissioner Cruz absent.

President White arrived at 6:10 p.m.

V. Presentation of Special Education Reports

The Board received a presentation detailing a report and recommendations regarding Special Education from consultant Judy Elliott. Dr. Elliott began the presentation by noting that Superintendent Barbara Deane-Williams requested a review to provide an

update and current state of special education that encompasses the district's services for students with disabilities and respective recommendations to improve support and systems, address the high rate of special education identification and the overall low performance of students with disabilities. She stated that the purpose of the report is to identify current practices and systems in RCSD that guide the provision of special education and related services for students with disabilities; identify areas where improvement is needed for systemic compliance with federal and state laws and regulations relating to education of students with disabilities; and develop specific recommendations to address systemic issues in RCSD that are barriers to improving teaching, learning, and accountability for students with disabilities. Dr. Elliott presented various statistics related to the enrollment of students in the District programming for students with disabilities. She concluded the presentation with several recommendations for the following functional areas: performance of students receiving special education services, organizational structures to support special education, instructional practices, supports and special education service delivery, and accountability, compliance and a continuum of services.

President White left at 6:50 p.m.

Chief of Specialized Services Sandra Simpson delivered a presentation detailing how the District will address the recommendations put forth by Dr. Elliott. Ms. Simpson focused the presentation on how the District will implement services and strategies in the functional areas identified by Dr. Elliott.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.