

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Business Meeting

July 27, 2017

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Mary Adams, Commissioner José Cruz, Commissioner Malik Evans, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, and Commissioner Willa Powell.

**Board Members Excused:** None.

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Superintendent Barbara Deane-Williams, EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms, and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a young audience member.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting, June 20<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, June 27<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, and July 13<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting was made by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.
- III. **Recognition:** No recognition.
- IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers present.
- V. **Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** Community member Peter Burkin urged the Board to consider programming to address bullying in schools. Community member Harry Pearl spoke of ways to motivate students to achieve academically and socially.
- VI. **Superintendents Reports:** Dr. Nelms provided an overview of events and programming efforts of East High School's Lower and Upper Schools scheduled over the summer months to ready students and staff for the opening of the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Nelms stated that effective professional learning enables educators to learn and problem solve together in order to ensure all students achieve success. Recognizing this, the East Leadership Team has developed and implemented rigorous professional learning agenda throughout the school year and during the summer months. He outlined some the accomplishments realized throughout the school year along with an outline of the summer 2017 plan. In addition to detailing the professional development offerings from the 2016-17 academic year and summer 2017, Dr. Nelms spoke about the agenda for the 2017-18 academic year. In concluding his report, Dr. Nelms noted that the school community would be focused on Deliberate Practice with sessions covering a variety of topics including curriculum, instruction, addressing the needs of English language learners, restorative practices and instructional technology.

Superintendent Deane-Williams delivered a presentation that highlighted recent programming and initiatives of the District. She spoke of a recent professional development session offered to members of the Senior Team and the Board where participants worked to outline the District's strategic framework and map a path forward to ensure equity and excellence for all students. She also shared details of an intensive summer leadership program for aspiring principals and the 2017 Leadership Summit designed

to provide 5 days of world-class leadership programming to teachers, administrators, students, parents and community members. In concluding her presentation, Ms. Deane-Williams announced that the District had been awarded a grant from New York State Education Department for \$26.9 million.

## **VII. Board Reports:**

### **Audit Committee**

**Chair Mary Adams:** The Audit Committee did not meet since the last Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

### **Finance Committee**

**Chair Jose Cruz:** The Finance Committee met immediately before the Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

### **Excellence in Student Achievement Committee**

**Chair Malik Evans:** On Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> the Excellence in Student Achievement Committee conducted a Meeting of the Whole to review the process for developing the 2017-18 District Comprehensive Improvement Plan and discuss resolutions presented in this evening's meeting for the Board's consideration; including Resolution No. 2017-18: 77 and Resolution No. 2017-18: 78. Superintendent Deane-Williams and Michele Alberti described the foundation of the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP), which is based on the mission, vision, values, and theory of action for the District. The Plan was informed by the 100-Day Design Projects completed earlier this year, and through numerous meetings and discussions with a wide range of stakeholders. It was noted that the DCIP is based on the following essential pillars: promoting the well-being of the whole child, whole school, and whole community; ensuring powerful learning for every student; building capacity to ensure comprehensive school improvement; and cultivating understanding, collaboration, partnerships, and advocacy for equity and justice for all. Strategies have been developed for supporting and fulfilling each of these pillars, and the essential elements needed for each of these strategies has been identified. The Superintendent described the way in which each of the structures in the District will be linked to this foundation and held accountable on this basis to establish a self-sustaining, comprehensive system. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (CIGR)**

**Chair Cynthia Elliott:** The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not meet since the last Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

### **Policy Committee**

**Chair Willa Powell:** The Policy Committee met on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM to discuss a draft policy and regulation regarding protections for immigrant students and their families (Access to Education, Student Privacy, Law and Immigration Enforcement policy – 5600) and the status of revising the Wellness policy (5405), based on Task Force recommendations and changes to law and regulation: Dr. March and Carlos Cotto have been identified as the “point persons” responsible for reviewing the Wellness Task Force recommendations, a draft Family Life/Sexual Health section to update the existing provisions of the Reproductive Health Education section of the policy, and any additional updates needed to comply with current laws and regulations. In addition, Dr. March and Mr. Cotto are to review and revise administrative regulations as needed. The Policy Committee anticipates receiving a report from Dr. March and Mr. Cotto in an upcoming meeting. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Board Governance Committee**

**Chair Elizabeth Hallmark:** The Governance Committee did not meet since the last Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

Commissioner Evans left at 7:55 p.m.

**VIII. Resolutions**

**2017-18: 5-16:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Evans absent.

**2017-18: 17-18:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 5-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Evans absent.

Commissioner Evans arrived at 8:00 p.m.

**2017-18: 19:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 20-27:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 28:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2017-18: 29-40:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 41-45:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2017-18: 46-49:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 50-72:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 73:** Placeholder withdrawn.

**2017-18: 74-85:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 86:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Powell dissenting.

**2017-18: 87:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 88:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Powell dissenting.

**IX. Unfinished Business:** None.

**X. New Business:** The following policies were presented as Discussion Items: Access to Education, Student Privacy, Law and Immigration Enforcement Policy and Policy Regarding De-Escalation of Crisis Situations.

**XI. Motion to recess into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual** made by Commissioner Hallmark at 8:19 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Motion carries 7-0.

**XII. Motion to reconvene** made by Commissioner Hallmark at 8:41 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carries 7-0.

**2017-18: 19:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**XIII. Motion to adjourn** was made by Vice President Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Powell at 8:42 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.