

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Business Meeting

August 21, 2014

**Attendance:** President White, Vice President Elliott and Commissioners Adams, Campos, Cruz, Evans, and Powell; Superintendent Bolgen Vargas; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

- I.** The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Commissioner Campos.
- II. Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the July 24<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting and July 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting was made by Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Cruz absent.
- III. Recognition:** None.
- IV. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers were present.
- V. Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers were present.

Commissioner Cruz arrived at 6:45 p.m.

- VI. Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Vargas delivered a presentation on highlights of the opening of schools for the 2014-2015 school year. Dr. Vargas began the presentation by congratulating the 258 students that graduated in August 2014. In discussing the achievement, Dr. Vargas noted that 47 more students graduated in August 2014 as compared with August 2013. He credited the District's summer learning strategies stating that potential graduates were pre-enrolled in summer school, instruction and support was focused at the All City High School program, more core courses were available during the summer, and enhanced counseling support was extended to students. Dr. Vargas also spoke about upcoming school orientation events designed to welcome students and families to the District's schools and announced that the District is striving to reach a 95% attendance rate for the opening of schools. He mentioned that the first "Attendance Outreach Blitz," targeting 12 schools, was conducted on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Vargas concluded his presentation by expressing appreciation for the Ad Council's campaign to promote the importance of attendance and the many volunteers that have participated in the District's efforts to reduce truancy.

## **VII. Board Reports:** **Audit Committee**

**Chair Mary Adams:** The Audit Committee did not meet since the July 2014 Business Meeting.

## **Finance Committee**

**Chair Willa Powell:** The Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> to consider Resolution Nos. 2014-15: 110 through 124, excluding 114 (resolution regarding proposed agreement with RGRTA). Since negotiations were still under way for the agreement with RGRTA at the time of the Finance Committee meeting, the Committee was unable to review this proposed contract. While an agreement

was apparently reached on Tuesday, August 19th, the Board was not informed within the required 48 hours. Therefore, I move that this resolution be tabled (Resolution No. 2014-15: 114) to allow review by the Board and consideration in next week's Special Meeting. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the unaudited June 2014/End of Year Financial Report. The Committee also recommends approval of the Quarterly Change Order Report for April through June 2014 and the proposed amendments to the 2013-14 budget. Commissioner Powell requested a motion to accept the financial report and change order report, motion seconded by Commissioner Evans, motion carries 7-0. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the following resolutions and advances them to the Board with recommendation: Resolutions 115 and 116 for Procurement & Supply; Resolutions 117 through 123 for Educational Facilities; and Resolution 124. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

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

**Chair Malik Evans:** The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee of the Whole met on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items for the meeting included: a discussion on East High School's proposal for Student and Family Support Center; a summary presentation of the school reviews from the 2013-14 school year conducted by Outside Educational Experts; and a Comprehensive Education Plans (SCEP) for the 2014-15 school year. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

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

**Chair Cynthia Elliott:** The Community & Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not meet this month, but the Committee has been planning for upcoming meetings. Invitations were extended to RPD Chief Mike Ciminelli and to SRO Moses Robinson, and they will both attend the CIGR meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The focus of this meeting will be to continue discussion of options for minimizing student arrests and entry into the criminal justice system, and ways in which the District and Rochester Police Department can collaborate in this effort. The next CIGR Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Policy Committee**

**Chair Jose Cruz:** The Policy Committee did not meet this month. The agenda for September, thus far, includes: a review of Policy 5500, Student Records and Privacy and a discussion of the policies requiring deliverables from Superintendent pending an update from Edwin Lopez-Soto, General Counsel. At the meeting in September, the Committee will discuss the recently passed NYS Budget and implication to Board policies. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> following the Finance and Governance Committee meetings.

#### **Board Governance Committee**

**Chair Melisza Campos:** The Board Governance Committee has not met since the July Business Meeting. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> following the Finance Committee meeting. At the September meeting we will begin to discuss and develop the 2013-14 Performance Review Process for the Superintendent of Schools. A draft evaluation tool will be forwarded to the full Board for review and consideration at the September Business Meeting. At the September meeting, the Committee will also continue discussions on the reinstatement of the Personnel Committee at this meeting.

### **VIII. Resolutions**

**Motion to separate Resolution No. 2014-15: 82 into Resolution No. 2014-15: 82a and Resolution No. 2014-15: 82b made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice President Evans. Motion carries 7-0.**

**2014-15: 82a:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2014-15: 82b made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carries 7-0.**

**2014-15: 83:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 84:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 85:** No resolution submitted.

**2014-15: 86:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 87:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 88-89:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 90:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 91-94:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 95:** No resolution submitted.

**2014-15: 96-97:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 98-100:** No resolution submitted.

**2014-15: 101-103:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 104:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 105:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Evans abstaining due to familial relationship and Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 106:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 5-1 with President White abstaining due to familial relationship and Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 107:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 108-109:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 110-113:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2014-15: 114 made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Evans. Motion carries 7-0.**

**2014-15: 115-116:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 117-126:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 127:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Evans abstaining due to familial relationship and Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 128:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 129:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 130:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 131:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 5-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Adams dissenting.

**2014-15: 132:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 133:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 5-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Adams dissenting.

**2014-15: 134:** Placeholder withdrawn.

**2014-15: 135:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 136:** Placeholder withdrawn.

**2014-15: 137:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 138:** Placeholder withdrawn.

**2014-15: 139:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Evans abstaining due to professional relationship and Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 140:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 141:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Adams and Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 142:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2014-15: 143:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 144-146:** Placeholder withdrawn.

**2014-15: 147:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 5-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Adams dissenting.

**2014-15: 148-153:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2014-15: 154:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2014-15: 155 made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Evans. Motion carries 7-0.**

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2014-15: 156 made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Evans. Motion carries 7-0.**

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2014-15: 157 made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Evans. Motion carries 7-0.**

**Motion to remove Resolution No. 2014-15: 77 from the table for consideration made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries 7-0.**

**Motion to amend Resolution No. 2014-15: 77 to add the following language: *Whereas, the District will provide for the 2014-15 School Year additional resources and interventions, in addition to what is required by NYSED for the District to put in place at East High School to support enrolled students during the 2014-15 School Year, including an additional Assistant Principal, Library Media Specialist, Teacher for Teaching and Learning Institute, added parent leadership and outreach staff,***

*and Student and Family Support Center program from Center for Youth; therefore be it made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries 7-0.*

**2014-15: 77:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**IX. Unfinished Business:** None.

**X. New Business:** None.

**Motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual** made by Commissioner Evans at 8:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Motion carries 7-0.

**Motion to enter into open session** made by Commissioner Evans at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carries 7-0.

**XI. Motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner Campos, seconded by Commissioner Adams at 8:58 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.