

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting
September 12, 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: Superintendent Shaun Nelms, Superintendent Terry Dade and his Executive Cabinet and District Clerk Marisol O. Ramos-Lopez.

President White convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by an audience member.

II. Acceptance of Minutes for the Boys to Men Community Charter School Public Hearing August 8th , Citizenship and Science of Rochester Charter School Public Hearing August 8th , and Collegiate School of Rochester Charter School Public Hearing August 8th moved by Commissioner Powell and Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark.

III. Speakers Addressing the Board of Education: Parent Cynthia Clay spoke about racial bias. Community member Shawn Carroll spoke in support of tutoring programs. Community member Peter Burking spoke about District-wide bullying.

IV. Superintendents Reports: Superintendent Nelms delivered a presentation where he provided updates for the month of August including: the student orientation; the first week of school and high attendance rates; building renovations; he invited Board Commissioners to the Literacy Excellence Summit; and presented the reading growth results for students in grades 6-9.

V. Board Reports: none

VI. Consideration of Resolutions

Resolution No. 2019-20: 229: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Lebron. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 231: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 235: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 240: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

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Resolution No. 2019-20: 244: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 245: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 246: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 247: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 248: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 250: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 257: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 258: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 5-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting.

VII. New Business: Commissioner Powell presented a report and analysis entitled Historical Perspectives in Rochester: 1943-2019 reviewing the book “Your Town” which was published in 1943.

VIII. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual and to receive legal advice and guidance from Counsel was made by Commissioner Hallmark and seconded by Commissioner Powell at 7:10 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to reconvene into open session made by Commissioner LeBron and seconded by Commissioner Hallmark at 8:14 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

IX. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner LeBron at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carries 7-0.