

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Business Meeting
October 26, 2004

Minutes

Attendance:

Commissioners Bowers, Brown, Evans, Garcia, Porter, Powell and Thompson; Superintendent Dr. Rivera

Vice President convened the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Act of Reverence led by Student Representative Samantha Sanchez.

Discussion:

Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept minutes of September 16 and September 27, 2004, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Evans, Porter and Thompson absent.

Speakers on an Agenda Item:

See List.

Commissioner Thompson arrived at 5:28 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Rivera provided a written report to the Board. Formal transmission to Board his goals for 2004-05. He stated that it is important that we as a District have high expectations and goals for our students and staff. Targets set for local accountability plan far exceed those set by NYS.

Seeks special meeting to discuss some of the direction taking in technology.

Dr. Bowers asked about benchmark assessment system. Noted the pilot of Scantron. He asked if the pilots are continuing or were suspended.

Mr. Marini noted that they are no longer piloting either program in 2004-05, but have chosen to go through an RFP process.

Dr. Bowers asked if pilots have been suspended, do we have any data from those schools?

Mr. Marini noted his request of Mr. Cliby to produce a matrix along these lines.

Dr. Bowers asked if \$350K would cover a district-wide project?

Mr. Marini noted that this was seed money as they hope to kick off this school year.

Dr. Bowers is there the intent to do an RFP for a vendor?

Mr. Marini noted that is the intent at this time.

Commissioner Thompson asked that the preliminary be sent to the Board this week.

Motion to accept the Quarterly Student Activity Fund Report by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Evans and Porter absent.

Committee Reports:

Student Representative Report, Samantha Sanchez, written report.

Update on meeting of October 20th. SJFC student spoke on the importance of community service.

Possible activities were discussed – subcommittees created to follow-up. They will be going to the

Open Door Mission for community service and have started food drives in their schools to take the proceeds with them.

Finance Committee, Commissioner Bowers, written report submitted. Based on the Finance committee meeting this evening, the committee voted unanimously to recommend budget amendment resolutions to the Board.

Motion to accept monthly financial reports by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Evans and Porter absent. Advisory yes by Student representative.

Motion to adopt the 2005-06 Budget Process Timeline by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Evans and Porter absent.

Motion to adopt the amendments to Board Policy 6630, Financial Resolutions and Reporting by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Evans and Porter absent.

Policy Committee, Commissioner Brown, no report.

Board Governance Committee, Commissioner Evans, no report.

Vice President Report, Commissioner Powell, noted the convening of the Two-way Bilingual workgroup, subgroup of the Quality Assurance Committee. There were some immediate outcomes she will be following up with the Superintendent on. The group will meet again on November 2, 2004.

Quality Assurance Committee, Commissioner Garcia, written report submitted. The committee recommends expansion of the Hillside Work Scholarship Connection program and contract with the University of Rochester School of Nursing.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Commissioner Porter, no report.

President's report, Commissioner Thompson, attended one day summit on urban education in Rhode Island. She noted the Mayor's disparaging comments regarding the ineptitude of the Rochester Board of Education. Asked the Board accept as challenge to continue doing what have been.

President Thompson noted her appreciation for Commissioner Bowers offer to serve as mentor for the Student Representative. She noted that she accepted that offer and so designated.

Commissioner Evans arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Consideration of Resolutions:

President Thompson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-05: 270-302. Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Porter absent, except Resolution No 2004-05: 299 which was adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Porter absent and Commissioner Bowers dissenting.

Commissioner Bowers dissented on Resolution No 2004-05: 299. He believes someone may be wrongfully terminated, that it may be an administrative problem and that individual may be terminated for wrong reasons.

Motion to table Resolution No 2004-05: 299 by Commissioner Bowers. No second.

President Thompson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-05: 303-341 and 342. Motion made by Commissioner Powell, Seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Student Rep advisory vote of yes.

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Porter absent, except Resolutions No 2004-05: 315, 316, 317, 337, 338, 343 which were adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Porter absent and Commissioner Bowers dissenting.

Commissioner Bowers requested that Resolution No 2004-05: 342 be acted on separately.

President Thompson asked Commissioner Bowers to read the resolution.

Motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-05: 342 made by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Porter absent. Student Rep voted yes.

Dr. Rivera recognized administrative appointments.

Commissioner Powell stepped out at 6:09 p.m.

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Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Speakers on Other Than an Agenda Item:

None.

Adjournment:

President Thompson called for a motion to adjourn the regular business meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Evans, Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 4-0 at 6:10 p.m.