

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**November 18, 2004**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

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

President convened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to move agenda item 6 to follow agenda item 2. Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 7-0 with Student Representative advisory vote of yes.

Recognition of four teachers who have received external rewards for their service.

**Discussion:**

Motion by Commissioner Brown to accept minutes of October 19 and October 26, 2004, Seconded by Commissioner Porter. Adopted 7-0 with Student Representative advisory vote of yes.

**Speakers on an Agenda Item:**

None

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Rivera provided a written report to the Board, his proposed goals for 2004-05 and sought Board consideration of them. He noted that the Accountability Report is completed and currently in production. The District has undertaken some major reviews that have been approved by the Board. Blue Ribbon panel is meeting weekly and generated many questions for staff. Anticipate they will not meet the December deadline, but more likely January 2005. School Community Advisory Committee has been meeting regularly and their work is ongoing. Increased scope is likely to draw out the State Comptroller's Audit a little longer than originally anticipated (December 2004). He will share technology plan with the Board in December.

Dr. Rivera proposed including the bulletins from the SDOs in the Board's weekly packets. They essentially provide updates on what is happening in the schools.

Motion to accept the Superintendent's Goals for 2004-05 by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 7-0 with Student Representative advisory report of yes.

**Committee Reports:**

Student Representative Report, Samantha Sanchez, written report. The SLC visited Wilson Commencement Park for its November meeting. Student representatives assisted the students that were there. Ms. Sanchez collected two large bags full of food from James Madison and donated it to Wilson Commencement Park. She also noted the upcoming school expo, where student representatives will be on hand to welcome guests and answer questions.

Finance Committee, Commissioner Bowers, written report submitted.

Motion to accept monthly financial reports by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0 Advisory yes by Student representative.

Policy Committee, Commissioner Brown, no report.

Board Governance Committee, Commissioner Evans, written report submitted.  
Commissioner Evans congratulated students honored at the Urban League Early Recognition Black Scholars event.

Motion to approve the 2004-05 Board Goals and Protocols for the Superintendent and Board of Education made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Porter. Adopted 7-0.  
Commissioner Bowers publicly acknowledged Commissioner Evans leadership of this committee.

Commissioner Powell departed at 7:10 p.m.

Quality Assurance Committee, Commissioner Garcia, written report submitted.  
Commissioner Garcia noted that he briefly attended a professional development program at SOTA. He commented on the excellence of this program.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Commissioner Porter, written report submitted.  
Commissioner Porter noted the passing of Mr. Scott Spina, Richard Stear, and James DeBaus.

President's report, Commissioner Thompson, attending seminar on uncommon leadership; interviewed by the consultant that will lead the District's diversity plan; meeting with ERS; attending Hispanic heritage essay contest. She noted that Ms. Jarzyniecki is working on collecting information on partnerships across the district. She noted that Commissioner Porter was recently recognized for outstanding leadership as an advocate.

### **Consideration of Resolutions:**

President Thompson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-05: 344-368. Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

President Thompson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-05: 369-396. Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Student Rep advisory vote of yes. Adopted 7-0 with a Student Representative advisory vote of yes, except Resolution No 2004-05: 376 as Commissioner Brown needed to abstain due to professional relationship.

Commissioner Porter asked for Dr. Rivera to explain Resolution No 2004-05: 392.  
Dr. Rivera stated that the District has revisited aggressively over the past few months renovation and updating of school facilities. He noted the launching of the Facilities Modernization Board. Intended to also address efficiency in use of facilities. Third component deals with central office which has been postponed for several years. He noted that CO is a public building; seeking to make it a more customer friendly building. This resolution gives the District the authority to look at different options as they pursue the renovation of CO.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Previously addressed

**New Business:**

Commissioner Brown asked if people in the audience could be reminded of their opportunities to participate in meetings/committees surrounding the facilities modernization work.

Ms. Carlisle noted that another series of hearings would take place in December and/or early January; have already convened four.

**Speakers on Other Than an Agenda Item:**

See List.

Dr. Rivera noted that he had conversation with the principal of #54 regarding school of the future and what that might look like for that school.

Commissioner Evans asked if the Board had taken formal action regarding #54.

Ms. Carlisle noted that the Board did vote to relocate school #54 last spring.

Commissioner Porter noted that he did not recall any vote for relocation.

Dr. Rivera stated that there were four recommendations and what was actually voted on in the budget cycle to close Lofton and the evening school; discussion around relocation #54, but not acted on. The District is looking to move away from leased facilities.

Dr. Rivera noted that school #30 principal will be recognized by the Rochester Business Journal.

**Adjournment:**

President Thompson called for a motion to adjourn the regular business meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Evans, Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent at 7:32 p.m.