ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2009

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President White, and Commissioners Elliott, Powell, and Williams. Superintendent Brizard, Chief of Human Capital Initiatives Jacqueline Polito, Director of Employee Benefits Nancy Palozzi and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

President Evans began the meeting by asking if any of the Commissioners had questions on the resolutions that would be considered at the December 17, 2009 Business Meeting.

Commissioner Powell asked about the manner in which Excellus BlueCross BlueShield provides coverage for the service of nurse midwives during home births under the plans offered to District employees, effective January 1, 2010 (Resolution No. 2009-10: 480). Ms. Palozzi said Excellus currently provides coverage for the services of Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) and has invited additional CNMs to join the network. Commissioner Powell said she wants to protect the interest of District employees that may choose specialized services such as those provided by CNMs, and asked that Excellus accept responsibility for coverage when their network of providers is insufficient to meet the needs of District employees.

Vice President White asked if the reimbursement rates of CNMs performing home births under the plan versus those performing hospital births under the plan are comparable. Ms. Palozzi said Excellus uses a resource-based system to develop a relative value for services based on the provider's work and practice expense, and noted that CNMs are reimbursed based on rates derived from this system.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to review and discuss the draft external audit report and accompanying management letter and assist the Board in interpreting these documents was made by Vice President White at 6:24 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Brennan and Campos absent.

Vice President White left at 6:36 p.m.

Motion to enter into Open Session was made by Commissioner Elliott at 8:53 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-0 with Vice President White and Commissioners Brennan and Campos absent.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Elliott at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-0 with Vice President White and Commissioners Brennan and Campos absent.

Minutes Prepared by Board Clerk Shanai Lee