

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting Minutes December 16, 2010

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President Campos and Commissioners Cruz, Elliott, Powell and Williams; Student Representative Sophie Gallivan; Superintendent Jean-Claude Brizard; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Student Representative Sophie Gallivan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Motion to accept the minutes** of the November 18th Business Meeting made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent. **Motion to accept the minutes** of the November 4th Special Meeting made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner White absent.
- III. **Student Recognition:** The John James Audubon School No. 33 Choir performed selections.
- IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** Students Chyna Harris, Jamara Lewis, Antonio Sosa, Julie Bui, Patricia Ojeda and Louis Burgio spoke in opposition to the proposed change in leadership at Freddie Thomas High School. Students Patrick Cherubin, Dianajha Fulton, Diamoni Madden and Lunden Knight spoke in opposition to the proposed school closings. Parents Thelisa Wiley, Clifford White, Selina Williams, Steve Robholtz, Howard Eagle, Ricardo Adams, Brenda Knight, Gladys Griffin, Matt Lavonas, Watson Walker and Shawanda Henderson spoke in opposition to the proposed school closings. Parent Mary Adams spoke about teaching American history in the District. Community members Glenn Williams, Olga Martinez, George Gaylo, Edward Gartz, Gwendolyn Hall and Ben Dean-Kawamura spoke in opposition to the proposed school closing. Staff members Diane Hasman, Megann Johnson, Darlene Sullivan, Lori Thomas, Mark Friedman, Erika Lange-Geyer, Dale Spafford, Amy Tierney and Corey Roos spoke in opposition to the proposed school closing.

Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item: Community member David Anderson spoke about the Rochester-Monroe County Freedom Trail Commission. Staff Member Cuevas Walker encouraged the Board and the District to considering infusing prayer in curriculum and programming.
- V. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Brizard along with Mr. Jerome Underwood, Senior Director of District Operations, presented information on the District's building utilization plan including information on the proposed schools closing. In the presentation, Mr. Brizard highlighted the link between the District's efforts to modernize educational facilities and the District's 2008-2013 Strategic Plan. Mr. Brizard also provided an overview of the evaluation and algorithm for reducing the building footprint of the District. He noted that the District's enrollment has decreased while the number of seats available has increased. Mr. Underwood reviewed the list of school buildings that will be modernized in Phase I of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (RSMP). Mr. Underwood also explained that the District has explored several options to identify space for housing students while buildings are renovated. Mr. Brizard concluded the presentation by noting that swing space is necessary to complete

the RSMP and based on the analysis conducted, Schools No. 2 and 6 are the best choices for elementary swing space.

VI. President's Report: President Evans began by announcing that the meeting is broadcast on RCTV-15 until 8:30 p.m., after 8:30 p.m., viewers can continue watching on our website, www.rcsdk12.org. Click on "Media," and for those here in the building, there is a TV monitor on the first floor near the lobby where you can watch the meeting if this conference room is full. President Evans also announced that in accordance with our Bylaws, all speakers be limited to 2 minutes so that all comments from students, parents, community members, and staff can be received by the Board.

VII. Board Reports:
Audit Committee

Chair Allen Williams: The Audit Committee met on December 8th at 6:00 pm with Freed, Maxick & Battaglia, our external auditors, to review their audit results for the district's financial audit for the year ending June 30, 2010. The Committee also met privately with the External Auditors in Executive Session, in compliance with the Fiscal Accountability Legislation. The Audit Committee voted to forward the final CAFR which each of you received in your Board materials. Included in your Board materials is Resolution No. 2010-11 443 to approve the 2009-2010 CAFR.

Finance Committee

Chair Willa Powell: The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, December 9th to consider resolutions 2010-11: 419 through 428. The Committee recommends approval of the November Financial Report. The Committee recommends the following reviewed resolutions to the Board for approval: Resolution 419 for the Office of Accountability; Resolutions 420 through 422 for Educational Facilities; and Resolutions 423 through 428 for Procurement and Supply. The Committee received the draft 2011-12 Budget Calendar, which will shorten the time for review (from 3 weeks to 2 weeks) because of the shift to weighted student funding. Joyce Martelli provided a comparison of the financial reports used here and in Buffalo and Syracuse. She noted that all financial reports required by NYS statute are currently provided within the Rochester City School District. Ms. Martelli offered to provide a breakdown of Available Funds by fund rather than as a combined total for all funds. She also offered to meet with Board members as a group or individually to discuss the information provided in the reports. The January Finance Committee meeting will be rescheduled due to a conflict with the State of Our Schools address on January 20th. The new date has yet to be determined.

Excellence in Student Achievement Committee

Chair Van Henri White: The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee that was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, was cancelled due to inclement weather. The next Excellence in Student Achievement Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Chair Cynthia Elliott: The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not meet this month. However, the committee did host the 2010 Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, December 4th. The meeting was attended by President Evans and Commissioners Elliott, Powell, White and Williams. In addition to the commissioners, in attendance was Felix Jacobs, Parent Representative to the CIGR Committee; Kenneth Bell, Chair of the Rochester Joint School Construction Board; Kimberly Rohring, staff from Senator Alesi Office; Andrew Conlon, staff from Senator Robach's Office; Harry Bronson, Assemblymember-elect; and Jacqueline Morgan, Board staff. Mr. Bell provided an update on the Facilities Modernization plan. There was discussion of the Boards 2010 Legislative Agenda, Race to the Top funding not being tied up in red tape before being transferred to the District, mandate relief from

both the State and Federal Education Departments, which Assemblymember Bronson said he would be willing to work with the Board on achieving; freezing charter school funding, and contracting with BOCES for nurses. The next CIGR meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Policy Committee

Chair Jose Cruz: The Policy Committee met on Thursday, December 9th and addressed amendments proposed to the Professional Services Contracting policy (6741) to ensure that criteria contained in RFPs for professional services are the same as required under the Responsible Bidders policy (6725), particularly with regard to non-discrimination and enhancing M/WBE participation; proposed revision to the Wellness policy (5405) and a new regulation to implement nutrition standards for all food offered in schools, including vending machines and school stores; proposed policy for Authorization of Contracts (6745) to address thresholds for Board approval of contracts; and a proposed revision to the Financial Reporting and Resolutions (6630) policy to reflect the changes in the dollar threshold proposed for small contracts. Policies presented for Board consideration include: Safety Program Policy (8100); Safe Schools Policy (8135) and a Professional Services Contracting policy. Information items submitted for the Board's review are Authorization of Contracts policy (6745) and Financial Reporting & Resolutions policy (6630). The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20th.

Board Governance Committee

Chair Melisza Campos: The Board Governance Committee did not meet this month. The next Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 13th at 4:00 p.m. As mentioned previously, the Board will meet with the Superintendent on Monday, December 20th at 5:30 p.m. to deliver Jean-Claude's performance evaluation. A copy of a compiled evaluation and narrative will be distributed to the Board on December 17th for your review.

Student Representative Report: Student Representative, Sophie Gallivan announced that the Student Leadership Congress met during the month of December to discuss developing and filming a public service announcement to celebrate the diversity of the District's student body. The next Student Leadership Congress meeting is scheduled for January 26th at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to extend the meeting past 8:30 p.m. made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

VIII. Resolutions

2010-11: 395: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 396-399: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 400: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 401: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 402-407: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 408: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 409-412: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 413-414: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 415-416: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 417: Resolution No. 2010-11: 417 separated into Resolution No. 2010-11: 417 and Resolution No. 2010-11: 417a by consensus. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-11: 417 was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner White absent. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-11: 417a was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Powell dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 418: Resolution No. 2010-11: 418 separated into Resolution No. 2010-11: 418 and Resolution No. 2010-11: 418a by consensus. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-11: 418 was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner White absent. Motion to table Resolution No. 2010-11: 418a made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Williams dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 419: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 420-422: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 423-428: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 429: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 430: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 431: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 432: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner William dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 433-434: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 435: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Rejected 3-3 with Commissioners Elliott, Powell and Williams dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 436: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 437-443: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 444: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 445-446: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 447-449: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 450: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Elliott. No second. Resolution No. 2010-11: 450 not considered by the Board. Motion to require the Superintendent to address the students, parents, and staff of School Nos. 2 and 6 to gather input on the proposed closing of the schools was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-1 with Commissioner Cruz dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

2010-11: 451: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

IX. Unfinished Business: None.

X. New Business: Commissioner Cruz, as Chairman of the Policy Committee, presented the recently drafted Authorization for Contracts Policy, No. 6745 and the revised Financial Reporting and Resolutions Policy, No. 6630 as information items. Commissioner Cruz explained that the policies have been vetted by the Policy Committee and is now being forwarded to the full Board with recommendation from the committee.

XI. President Evans announced that the 2011 Organizational Meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, January 3, 2011 and the next Business Meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

President Evans requested a **motion to enter into executive session** to discuss personnel matters related to a specific individual. Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos, adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent at 12:35 a.m.

Motion to enter into open session made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz, adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent at 1:20 a.m.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-11: 451 was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner White absent.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 a.m.