

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**December 22, 2005**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

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

President convened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Act of Reverence led by Commissioner Thompson

**Discussion:**

Motion by Commissioner Evans to accept minutes of November 17, 2005 (Business and Special meetings). Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent. Student Rep casts an advisory vote of yes.

**Speakers on an Agenda Item:**

None

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Rivera's report included a report from the Independent Auditor on their report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. Presented by Ray D'Agostino. The audit renders a clean opinion in accordance with GAAP.

Dr. Rivera distributed copies of the District's Annual Accountability Report.

He noted that he is asking the Board to approve resolutions pertaining to tentative agreements with both RTA and ASAR. He believes that it is one of the most fair, balanced agreements to have been negotiated.

Addressed a number of issues raised by each association; agreements are good for staff, but most importantly for our children. No question we need to demonstrate achievement growth in our secondary schools. He believes the contracts will lead to significant savings in the areas of health insurance. He asked for the Board's support.

**Committee Reports:**

President Porter introduced Ms. Dominique Simmonds, the new Student Representative to the Board of Education for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year. She is a senior at Wilson High School.

Student Representative Report – Members of SLC are continuously looking for ways to assist others while building leadership skills. They have been working with the early learning center at Wilson Commencement Park. Written report submitted.

Quality Assurance Committee, Commissioner Thompson, written report. She noted the committee's discussion on JROTC and the textbook initiative. She noted the committee's recommendation to advance a request surrounding questions and data requests for his consideration as he works with staff to advance the Board-approved goals and objectives for the 2005-06 school year.

Motion to support and advance by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Bowers. Adopted 7-0. Student Rep casts an advisory vote of yes.

Finance Committee, Commissioner Powell, written report. The committee recommends adoption of the Budget Amendment resolutions (452-454) and resolution 456.

Motion to accept monthly financial reports by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 7-0. Student Rep casts an advisory vote of yes. Commissioner Garcia asked if Commissioner Powell was going to advance the Superintendent's proposed 2006-07 budget priorities. She stated they would be circulated to the full Board in advance of the next committee meeting January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Commissioner Evans, written report.

Policy Committee, Commissioner Brown, has accepted an agenda item at the request of Commissioner Powell to address a permanent change to the Managed Choice policy.

Board Governance Committee, Commissioner Bowers, no report.

**Consideration of Resolutions:**

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 421-449. Motion made by Commissioner Garcia, Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0 except resolution 435 which is adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Garcia abstaining due to a personal relationship and Commissioner Bowers dissenting; and resolution 442 which is adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Bowers dissenting

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 450-485. Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 7-0 except resolutions 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 482 which are adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Bowers dissenting.

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 486. Motion made by Commissioner Garcia, Seconded by Commissioner Bowers. Adopted 7-0

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bowers – yes	Commissioner Brown – yes
Commissioner Evans – yes	Commissioner Garcia – yes
Commissioner Porter – yes	Commissioner Powell – yes
Commissioner Thompson – yes	

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 487. Motion made by Commissioner Garcia, Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Bowers dissenting

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bowers – no	Commissioner Brown – yes
Commissioner Evans – yes	Commissioner Garcia – yes
Commissioner Porter – yes	Commissioner Powell – yes
Commissioner Thompson – yes	

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 488. Motion made by Commissioner Garcia, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Adopted 7-0

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bowers – yes	Commissioner Brown – yes
Commissioner Evans – yes	Commissioner Garcia – yes
Commissioner Porter – yes	Commissioner Powell – yes
Commissioner Thompson – yes	

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 489. Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Bowers dissenting

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 490. Motion made by Commissioner Garcia, Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 7-0

Commissioner Powell asked the organizational chart be included in the policy manual as an update.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bowers – yes	Commissioner Brown – yes
Commissioner Evans – yes	Commissioner Garcia – yes
Commissioner Porter – yes	Commissioner Powell – yes
Commissioner Thompson – yes	

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 491. Motion made by Commissioner Garcia, Seconded by Commissioner Bowers. Adopted 7-0

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bowers – yes	Commissioner Brown – yes
Commissioner Evans – yes	Commissioner Garcia – yes
Commissioner Porter – yes	Commissioner Powell – yes
Commissioner Thompson – yes	

**Unfinished Business:**

Establishment of the Board Audit Committee in accordance with State law.

President Porter asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 492. Motion made by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 7-0 with a Student Rep advisory vote of yes

**New Business:**

None

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

See list

President Porter presented recognition and appreciation from the Board to Commissioners Bowers and Brown as they leave office.

Commissioner Brown thanked the District and Board staff for their support.

Commissioner Bowers thanked the community for the opportunity to serve.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 7-0 at 6:45 p.m.