

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2012

Attendance: President Evans and Commissioners Adams, Powell, and White. Superintendent Vargas and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

I. Presentation of Schematic Designs for John Williams School No. 5 and East High School

The Board received a presentation of the proposed design of School No. 5 from architects of Young and Wright. The presenters noted that the proposed design calls for a full renovation of the school building including major space reconfiguration and site improvements with attention paid to the main office, nurse's office, cafeteria, library, media center, computer laboratory and technical and science laboratories. The cafeteria will be relocated from the 3rd floor to the 1st floor and the library will be enhanced to become to focal point of the school. The architects also proposed an abandonment of Verona Street to provide a permanent area for bus queuing, a driveway for the school, and a safe area for students enter and exit the school. In addition, the two existing parking lots will be refinished to allow for better parking. Construction is slated to begin in July 2013 and conclude July 2014.

Commissioners Adams and White arrived at 5:45PM

Commissioner Powell arrived at 5:50PM

The Board received a presentation of the proposed design of East High School from architects and associates of Gilbane Associates and Cannon Design. The presenters noted that they have successfully kept the project on time and within the established budget. As a part of the building rehabilitation the presenters said all of the doors, windows and glass exterior features will be replaced. Additionally, the brick exterior of the building will be repointed, cleaned and replaced. They also spoke about the site improvements that will be made to the school's athletic fields to improve the ADA-compliant entrance. Commissioner Powell asked that special attention be paid to the school's computer labs and cornerstone for the building. The architects noted that they are working to shorten the projected time estimated for the rehabilitation by exploring the possibility of establishing swing space at other sites within the District.

The presenters noted that both schools are historic sites for which the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) will be concerned.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner White at 6:13 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 4-0 with Vice President Cruz and Commissioners Campos and Elliott absent.