

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School
January 10, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Minutes

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

President Evans opened the hearing at 6:05 p.m.

President Evans stated that Education Law subdivision 2857(1) and regulations of the Commissioner of Education 8 N.Y.C.R.R. § 119.4 require the Board to conduct a public hearing within 30 days of receipt of a notice of the application or request of a charter revision.

President Evans explained that the Board of Education of the Rochester City School District is conducting a public hearing to gather public input regarding a proposed merger of two existing charter school corporations to form one non-profit entity, the True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School.

The True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School educational corporation currently serves grades K-3 and 5-8, and the True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School – West Educational Campus corporation serves grades 5-6. Merger of these two corporations would result in a single non-profit organization, the True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School. In addition, the West campus school seeks to decrease enrollment and grades served due to current facilities constraints. If the merger is approved, the True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School will serve approximately 516 students in grades K-2 and 5-8. The merger is proposed to take place in July 2013.

President Evans then requested public input and questions regarding the proposed merger.

Commissioner Adams requested information on the future plans for facilities of the school. The Dean of Students of the True North Charter Schools, Jeremy Lonneville, stated that the school currently has campuses on and around Jay Street, Brooks Avenue and Maple Street. He also noted that the school is working to secure space nearby the existing campuses to serve additional students.

No other speakers wishing to provide comment were present.

President Evans concluded the hearing at 6:15 p.m.