

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2013

Attendance: President Evans and Commissioners Adams, Campos, Cruz, and Elliott. Deputy Superintendent of Operations Anita Murphy and Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Beverly Burrell-Moore and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Commissioner Campos arrived at 6:06 p.m.

The Board received a presentation from Dr. Burrell-Moore and Ms. Murphy on the Common Core curriculum and instructional approaches, as well as new accountability designations for schools.

The Common Core is a set of shared learning standards adopted in almost every state in the country, and significantly affects the curriculum and material taught to students in the District. The presenters mentioned that this is the first year that the Rochester City School District is implementing the new Common Core curriculum, along with all of the other school districts in New York State. The State Education Department has changed its accountability measures and now designates “priority”, “focus”, and “reward” schools. Dr. Burrell-Moore and Ms. Murphy explained that the District will be measured in a different way by the New York State Education Department, beginning this school year.

President Evans thanked the presenters for the information delivered as the Board works to better understand the impact of these important changes in the education of the District’s students, as well as on evaluation of school and District performance.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Campos at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 5-0 with Vice President White and Commissioner Powell absent.