

# **ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Public Hearing on the Budget

**April 9, 2013**

**Attendance:** President Evans, Vice President White, and Commissioners Adams, Campos, Cruz, Elliott and Powell. Superintendent Bolgen Vargas. Acting Board Clerk Jacqueline Morgan.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

President Evans stated that the purpose of the budget hearing is for the Board to receive input from the public on the Superintendent's proposed budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

President Evans requested a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-13: 564, to appoint an Acting Clerk for the purpose of recording the minutes of the Budget Hearing on April 9, 2013. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-13: 564 made by Commissioner Cruz, and seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

President Evans then requested public comment regarding the proposed budget.

## **Katie Traver and Shira Fischer-Wachpress**

Ms. Traver and Ms. Fischer-Wachpress, students at Francis Parker School No. 23, spoke about the importance of music programming for the District's students.

## **Dawn Pixley**

Ms. Pixley, a parent of Francis Parker School No. 23, spoke about the importance of music programming for the District's students.

## **Jill Traver**

Ms. Traver, a parent of Francis Parker School No. 23, spoke about the importance of music programming for the District's students.

## **Greta Niu**

Ms. Traver, a parent of Francis Parker School No. 23, spoke about the importance of music programming for the District's students.

## **Giancarlo Giannini (on behalf of Barb Vankerhove)**

Mr. Giannini (on behalf of Barb Vankerhove), a parent, requested that the Board consider funding the following priorities in the 2013-14 budget: increased arts and music programming, increased modified athletics programming, increased AP coursework, increased enrichment activities in the classroom, reduced threshold for transportation, increased customer services, and more extended day learning opportunities and afterschool programming.

## **Dr. Rick DeJesus**

Dr. DeJesus, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Bruce Kielar**

Mr. Kielar, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Andre Dixon**

Mr. Dixon, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Ben Kadar**

Mr. Dixon, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Lauren Burruto**

Ms. Burruto, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Marisol Lopez**

Ms. Lopez, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Vicki Gouveia**

Ms. Gouveia, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Jimmy Paulino**

Mr. Paulino, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Sue Maddock**

Ms. Maddock, a community member, requested the Board's support for in-school daycare services for young mothers.

**Kathleen Plum**

Ms. Plum, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Julie Stevens**

Ms. Stevens, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Nolica Murray-Fields**

Ms. Murray-Fields, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Paul Clark**

Mr. Clark, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Faith Davignon (representative)**

A representative of Ms. Davignon, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Yolanda Cintron-Gramling**

Ms. Cintron-Gramling, a community member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Paul Montanarello**

Mr. Montanarello, a staff member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Tanishia Johnson**

Ms. Johnson, a staff member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Wilfredo Matos**

Mr. Matos, a staff member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Sara Eck**

Ms. Eck, a staff member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Kiesha James**

Ms. James, a staff member, spoke about the Alternative to Suspension programming and benefits, particularly those offered by student support services and centers, that the programming provides to the District's students.

**Roberta Brunelle**

Ms. Johnson, a staff member, spoke proposed staff and program reductions for World of Inquiry, School No. 58

**President Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.**