

Resolution No 2013-14: 789

By Member of the Board Commissioner Evans

Whereas, pursuant to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, section 100.2(p) and 100.18, the New York State Education Department has requested that the Rochester City School District (District) submit to the Commissioner no later than May 15, 2014, a plan to transform East High School; and

Whereas, the Board of Education (Board) wishes to engage in collaborative participation with a local university that is deeply committed to and embedded in the Rochester community, to assist in developing a plan for the transformation and management of East High School (East); and

Whereas, by Resolution No. 2013-14: 636, adopted on May 8, 2014: the Board concurred that the proposal from the University of Rochester to act as the EPO for East beginning with the 2015-2016 school year is in the best interest of the students, staff and the Rochester community, and is the only plan that the Board intends to pursue at this time to address the needs of East; and the Board accepts and supports the University's desires to develop a responsible proposal, based on appropriate due diligence, so that key educational initiatives can be instituted to allow the high school to achieve its accountability measures; the Board authorized the President of the Board or his designee to work with the University and the principal of the school to complete a detailed plan for implementation of an EPO alternative governance structure in 2015-16, and the plan must include a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by key stakeholders committing the District to enter into a contract with the University to become the EPO for the school beginning with the 2015-2016 school year; and that on or before July 1, 2014, the Board will submit to the Commissioner of Education a detailed plan of the interim actions that will be taken at East High School during the 2014-2015 school year; and

Whereas, by Resolution No. 2013-14: 696, adopted on May 22, 2014; the Board concurred that in accordance with Education Law §211-e, the Board shall retain the ultimate decision-making authority over the hiring, performance evaluation, termination, disciplining, granting of tenure, and assignment of employees serving in the East High School, including staff development for those employees, and that before implementing or taking action with respect to any aspect of staffing or school operations at East High School, the Educational Partnership Organization shall provide its recommendations, in writing, to the Board for its consideration; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board hereby accepts and approves the plan of the University to serve as the EPO for East High School, including a signed Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and University for the implementation of an EPO Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year and the Memoranda of Agreement signed by representatives of the District's collective bargaining units indicating their collaboration and commitment to partner with the University, a copy of the plan is on file with the Board Clerk.

Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Adams
Adopted 5-0 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Cruz absent