

Resolution No 2004-05: 605

By Member of the Board Bowers

Amendment: Policy 5153 Parent Preference/Managed Choice

Whereas the Quality Assurance Committee of the Board of Education received the recommendations of the Superintendent on Parent Preference/Managed Choice and due deliberation having been had, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby amends Policy 5153 by extending under section II of the Policy, an amendment for implementation, reading as follows:

Policy Amendment - Year Two of Implementation

1. Percentage of Proximity Seats

- In the second year of policy implementation, the District will guarantee that 70% (in lieu of 60%) of seats made available during the kindergarten registration period will be reserved for students living within a school's Proximity Area.
- Prior to year three of implementation, the District will evaluate the impact of this change on the policy's intent and determine whether permanent policy changes need to be employed.

It is further Resolved, that the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to update the Rochester City School Board Policy Manual accordingly.

Seconded By Member of the Board Garcia
Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Thompson dissenting

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Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby amends Policy 5153 by extending under section II of the Policy, an amendment for implementation, reading as follows:

Policy Amendment – Year Two of Implementation:

1. Honor Existing Boundaries

- In the second year, existing home school boundaries (in lieu of the half-mile radius) shall be honored as the proximity areas reserved for student assignment preference
- Prior to year three of implementation, the District shall evaluate the impact of the half-mile radius and other reasonable alternatives as the proximity area and advance a recommendation to establish proximally areas for each school by December 31, 2005 and for implementation in 2006-2007 school year.

It is further Resolved, that the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to update the Rochester City School Board Policy Manual accordingly.

Seconded By Member of the Board Garcia
Adopted 7-0

Resolution No 2004-05: 607

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Whereas the Quality Assurance Committee of the Board of Education received the recommendations of the Superintendent on Parent Preference/Managed Choice and due deliberation having been had, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby amends Policy 5153 by adding the prefix (A) to Section III of the existing policy language and by adding a new subsection section (B) to section III of the Policy, providing for an adjustment to administrative guidelines, reading as follows:

(B) Administrative Guideline Adjustments – Year Two of Implementation

1. The Administration shall develop over time specific procedural guidelines that reflect the flexibility necessary to effectively and satisfactorily administer the policy.

For example:

- Staffing adjustments when warranted
 - Class size adjustments if appropriate
 - Wait lists
 - Registration
 - Transportation
 - Appeals Process
 - Securing and maintaining better data and information
 - Define instructional capacity
2. The Administration shall adjust, in the second year of implementation, to provide that the official kindergarten registration period begins on April 1, 2005 and concludes on May 31, 2005 to allow more time for: communication; community understanding of policy; and community understanding of registration process.

- Prior to year three, the District shall evaluate the impact of this change on the policy's intent and determine whether permanent policy changes need to be employed.

It is further Resolved, that the Board directs the Clerk of the Board to update the Rochester City School Board Policy Manual accordingly.

Seconded by Member of the Board Garcia
Adopted 7-0

Resolution No 2004-05: 608

By Member of the Board Bowers

Whereas, the Rochester City School District has been working with a broad-based group of community representatives to develop a long-range plan to ensure our schools are state-of-the-art buildings for all of our students and staff to enhance instruction and advance academic achievement in the years ahead; and

Whereas, Phase I of this plan involves the potential closing of buildings in light of declining enrollment and the high cost of maintaining old and underutilized facilities; and

Whereas, on January 12 and 20, the School and Community Advisory Committee presented its report to the Superintendent, the Facilities Modernization Board and the Rochester Board of Education identifying buildings meeting criteria for potential closing based on considerations in the following areas: building conditions, student enrollment, building capacity, potential reuse, financial considerations and the building's place in its neighborhood; and

Whereas, public hearings were held on February 3, 7, and 9 following the Committee's announcement of schools meeting criteria for potential closing; and

Whereas, on February 17, the Superintendent of Schools presented to the Rochester Board of Education his recommendations on redirecting resources through improved use of school facilities; and

Whereas, the Superintendent of Schools developed his recommendations by reviewing data provided by the School and Community Advisory Committee, examined in detail the five buildings that scored the lowest in the Committee's analysis, considered community input, removed higher performing schools, avoided closing more than one school in the same area of the city or in the same attendance zone, determined space availability for potential new students from parochial and charter schools in those schools being considered for closing, and reviewed all space leased by the District as well as portable classroom space; and

Whereas, there is a State requirement for the Rochester City School District to take formal action for the phasing-out of a school; and

Whereas, the District's plan to phase out a school as set forth by requirements prescribed by the State Education Department Deputy Commissioner's Office must be submitted to the District's Board of Education; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Schools is recommending the closure of Lewis H. Morgan School No. 37, which serves students preK-6, at the end of this school year (June 30, 2005), and be it further

Resolved, That commencing in September 2005, the Rochester Board of Education moves to phase out School No. 37 and authorizes the submission of the plan to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of the State Education Department.

**Seconded by Member of the Board Brown
Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Porter dissenting**

Resolution No 2004-05: 609

By Member of the Board Powell

Whereas, the Rochester City School District has been working with a broad-based group of community representatives to develop a long-range plan to ensure our school buildings are state-of the-art buildings for all of our students and staff to enhance instruction and advance academic achievement in years ahead; and

Whereas, Phase one of this plan involves the potential closing of buildings in light of declining enrollment and the high cost of maintaining old and underutilized facilities; and

Whereas, on January 12 and 20, the School and Community Advisory Committee presented its report to the Superintendent, the Facilities Modernization Board and the Rochester Board of Education which identified buildings meeting the objectives for potential closing using criteria established in the following areas: building conditions, student enrollment, building capacity, potential reuse, financial considerations and the building's place in its neighborhood; and

Whereas, public hearings were held on February 3, 7, and 9 following the Committee's announcement of schools meeting criteria for potential closing; and

Whereas, on February 17th, the Superintendent of Schools presented to the Rochester Board of Education his recommendations on redirecting resources through improved use of school facilities; and

Whereas, the Superintendent of Schools developed his recommendations by reviewing data provided by the School and Community Advisory Committee, examined in detail the five buildings that scored the lowest in the Committee's analysis, considered community input, removed higher performing schools, avoid closing more than one

school in the same area of the city or in the same attendance zone, determined space availability for new students in schools being considered for closing, such as parochial and charter schools, and reviewed all space leased by the District as well as portable classroom space; therefore be it

Resolved, That, the Rochester Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to:

- End the District's leasing of the School No. 22 annex, 1069 Joseph Avenue and house all School No. 22 students in the school's main building at 27 Zimbrich Street for school year 2005-2006.
- Relocate the Native American Program to a new site for future operations.
- Relocate School No. 25 in school year 2006-07 from its current building, 965 N. Goodman Street, to another building in northeast Rochester to be determined, which it would share with another school.
- Relocate School No. 54 in 2006-07 from its leased building at 630 Brooks Avenue to a District-owned building.
- Relocate programs currently housed in leased space at 30 Hart Street to District-owned facilities when the lease expires in 2007.
- Eliminate the use of up to seven portable buildings in 2005 and 2006.

And be it further

Resolved, That, the Superintendent of Schools and/or his staff will work closely with school staff and the school communities while making the transitions to new locations.

Seconded by Member of the Board Garcia
Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Bowers dissenting