

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Contract for Excellence Public Hearing
October 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President Cruz, and Commissioner Elliott; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

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

President Evans stated that the New York State budget for 2011-12 reintroduced the Contracts for Excellence and the Rochester City School District is required to submit the District's 2011-12 Contract for Excellence and related documents. In accordance with the Contract for Excellence Plan the District is required to conduct a public hearing to gather input on the Contract for Excellence plan.

President Evans then requested public input and questions regarding the District's Contract for Excellence.

Lori Thomas

Ms. Thomas stated that the programs outlined in the District's Contract for Excellence are primarily shifted to secondary schools, not elementary. She also noted that several of the funded programs are failing programs or programs that are geared towards addressing the needs of failing students. Ms. Thomas stated that she would like to see more funding dedicated to student achievement programs; not remediation programs.

Glenny Williams

Mr. Williams noted that the program standards for the Contract for Excellence were not publicly reported. Mr. Williams said that these standards should have been made available to the public to allow for public comment on the evaluation of funded programs.

Seeing no other speakers, President Evans concluded the hearing at 6:10 p.m.