

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting

April 26, 2012

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President Cruz, and Commissioners Adams, Campos, Elliott Powell, and White; Student Representative Sophie Gallivan; Interim Superintendent Bolgen Vargas; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Student Representative Sophie Gallivan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the March 22nd Business Meeting, March 28th Charter School Hearing, March 29th Special Meeting, April 3rd Special Meeting, April 23 Special Meeting and April 18th Budget Hearing made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner White absent.
- III. **Recognition:** President Evans and the Board recognized the East High School Basketball Team for their accomplishments throughout the 2011-12 basketball season.

Commissioner Campos arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Commissioner White arrived at 6:41 p.m.

- IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** Students Patricia Taylor and Anthony Colquitt spoke in support of the Hillside Work Scholarship Program. Student Sabrena Campbell spoke about the service and opportunities available to students through the District's Student Leadership Congress. Parents Regina McNair, Howard Eagle and Olivene Adams spoke in opposition to the superintendent search and selection process. Community member Tim Adams spoke in opposition to the superintendent search and selection process. Staff member Mark Friedman spoke in opposition to the superintendent search and selection process.
- V. **Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** None.
- VI. **Superintendent's Report:** Interim Superintendent Dr. Vargas spoke about recent initiatives being implemented throughout the District to promote continuous improvement, including quarterly reports detailing the responsibilities and accomplishments of various departments, the RocRead initiative designed to increase the literacy of all students, and the proposed 2012-13 budget.
- VII. **Board Reports:**

Audit Committee

Chair Mary Adams: The Audit Committee did not meet since the March 2012 Business Meeting.

Finance Committee

Chair Willa Powell: The Finance Committee met to consider resolutions. The Committee recommends approval of the March 2012 Financial Report and the Quarterly Change Order Report. President Evans requested a motion to accept the March 2012 Financial Report and the Quarterly Change Order Report.

Motion to accept the report was made by Vice President Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

Excellence in Student Achievement Committee

Chair Van Henri White: The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee met on Monday, April 16th, to receive an update on the creation of a new performing arts school from the Department of School Innovation. A presentation was given to the committee that outlined how Monroe High School could possibly meet this need by integrating art and music into its program. The consensus of the committee was that the integration of art and music does not satisfy the SOTA II proposal and that the proposal requires further review and discussion.

At a previous committee meeting the administration was requested to provide 2008 Cohort graduation plans. The committee received these plans at its April meeting. Each zone chief provided plans for seniors in the schools in their zones; and the plans for preparing students who are on track for graduation, and the plans for intervention for students who are not on track.

Commissioner Adams presented a draft Board Monitoring Plan to be considered by the committee for the All City School. In addition to the draft Board Monitoring Plan being presented, members of Coalition for Justice in Education brought their recommendations for using evidence-based programs as the foundation for organizing the All City High School.

Next month's Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th, at 6:00 p.m. An update will for the All City High School will be received at that meeting.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Chair Cynthia Elliott: The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee has not met since the March 2012 Business Meeting.

Policy Committee

Chair Jose Cruz: The Policy Committee has not met since the March 2012 Business Meeting.

Board Governance Committee

Chair Melisza Campos: The Governance Committee has not met since the March 2012 Business Meeting.

Student Representative Report: Ms. Gallivan spoke about recent accomplishments of the Student Leadership Congress, in particular their efforts to promote student leadership throughout the District as well as in their communities.

VIII. Resolutions

2011-12: 652: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

2011-12: 653-656: No resolutions submitted.

2011-12: 657-667: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 7-0.

2011-12: 668-671: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

2011-12: 672-675: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 7-0.

2011-12: 676-679: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

2011-12: 680-699: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

2011-12: 700-701: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

2011-12: 702: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 5-0 with Vice President Cruz and Commissioner Elliott abstaining due to professional relationship.

2011-12: 703-704: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

2011-12: 705-706: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Adams abstaining due to professional relationship.

2011-12: 707: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

2011-12: 708: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 5-1 with President Evans abstaining due to familial relationship and Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

2011-12: 709-712: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

Motion to **table Resolution No. 2011-12: 713** made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries 7-0.

2011-12: 714-721: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

President Evans **referred Resolution No. 2011-12: 722** to the Board Governance Committee for further discussion.

2011-12: 723: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner White dissenting.

2011-12: 724: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

- IX. Unfinished Business:** None.
- X. New Business:** Policies related to the District's internal auditing practices were introduced an discussion items.
- XI.** President Evans requested a **motion to enter into executive session** to discuss personnel matters related to a specific individual. Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott, adopted 7-0 at 9:17 p.m.
- XII. Motion to enter into open session** made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White, adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent at 10:56 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn** made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent at 11:00 p.m.