

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**March 16, 2006**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Commissioners Brennan, Elliott, Evans, Henley, Powell and Thompson; Superintendent Dr. Rivera  
Absent: Commissioner Garcia (out of town)

Vice President convened the meeting at 6:50 p.m. following the Board of Education Women's History Month Observance celebration.

Act of Reverence led by Commissioner Henley

Vice President Evans presented Dr. Rivera with a proclamation from Mayor Duffy and City Council President Giess and one from the Board of Education.

Dr. Rivera thanked the Board, staff, and community for their support.

Commissioner Elliott arrived at 6:55 p.m.

**Discussion:**

Motion by Commissioner Powell to accept minutes of February 16, 2006, Seconded by Commissioner Henley. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Garcia absent

**Speakers on an Agenda Item:**

None

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Rivera's report included report follow up on parents' concerns expressed at last month's meeting regarding SBPT. He reported that the Executive Steering Committee did meet and will treat this matter with the utmost importance. They had a follow up meeting with the parents and will be following up with parents district-wide that are part of the team and make recommendations to address the concerns. He also noted that next week he will be presenting his proposed budget for the 2006-07 school year. He feels this is a critical time for us.

**Committee Reports:**

Student Representative Report – Ms. Simmonds – Written report submitted. Rendered by Commissioner Thompson. The SLC meeting included a presentation on bullying prevention. A follow up project will be undertaken and updates will be provided to the Board.

Quality Assurance Committee, Commissioner Thompson, written report submitted. The committee anticipates bringing a recommendation to the Board regarding JROTC at the next business meeting.

Finance Committee, Commissioner Powell, written report submitted. The committee recommends adoption of resolutions 670 and 671.

Motion to accept monthly financial reports by Commissioner Brennan, Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Garcia absent.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Commissioner Evans, written report submitted. The committee recommends adoption of resolution 681.

Policy Committee, Commissioner Brennan. The committee has not met since the last Business meeting.

Board Governance Committee, Commissioner Henley, written report submitted. The committee approved the “welcome” handout each of you received tonight with information about the meeting and items the Board will consider.

Board Audit Committee, President Garcia, written report submitted. Rendered by Commissioner Evans. The committee recommends adoption of resolution 685.

Vice President noted that pursuant to the Board’s bylaws, the President will create an ad hoc committee to look at Board staffing and appoints Commissioners Evans, Powell and Thompson. There will be a confidential memo sent to the Board tomorrow from Vice President Evans and there exists an imminent need to meet in Executive Session to discuss these matters further.

**Consideration of Resolutions:**

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 635-660. Motion made by Commissioner Powell, Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Garcia absent except resolution 638, 644, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, and 653 which are adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting

Commissioner Elliott questioned the dates included in resolution 637.

Ms. Giuffrida clarified and stipulated they are correct.

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 661-668. Motion made by Commissioner Powell, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Garcia absent

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 669-671. Motion made by Commissioner Brennan, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Garcia absent and Commissioner Elliott dissenting

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 672-673. Motion made by Commissioner Henley, Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Garcia absent and Commissioner Elliott dissenting

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 674-686. Motion made by Commissioner Powell, Seconded by Commissioner Henley. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Garcia absent except resolutions 674, 676, 677, 678, 680, and 682 which are adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Speakers on Other Than an Agenda Item:**

See list

Dr. Rivera will do a review and inform the Board of what is going on at School 5 with regards to rumors around the community that the Pre-K program will be closing at the end of the school year.

Commissioner Evans will have a report at the next Business Meeting of the Council of Great City Schools policy conference coming up this month, as well as the National School Boards Association annual meeting convening next month.

Commissioners Elliott and Brennan will be in Albany with MCSBA on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Powell, Seconded by Commissioner Henley. Adopted 6-0 at 7:37 p.m. with Commissioner Garcia absent.