

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Business Meeting
April 13, 2006
Minutes

Attendance:

Commissioners Brennan, Elliott, Evans, Henley, and Thompson; Superintendent Dr. Rivera; Student Rep Ms. Simmonds

Absent: Commissioners Garcia (out of town) and Powell

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

Act of Reverence led by Commissioner Elliott

Student Celebration, School of Applied Technology at Edison – highlighting reconstruction efforts of 22 students and 9 adult volunteers in Biloxi Mississippi.

Board Members and Superintendent commended the students for their volunteerism and positively representing not only the Rochester City School District, but also the City of Rochester.

Discussion:

Motion by Commissioner Elliott to accept minutes of March 16 and March 28, 2006, Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent

Speakers on an Agenda Item:

See List

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Rivera's report included information on "successes" including students who have received full college scholarships, student musicians who will be traveling with Hochstein, robotics teams that will be competing nationally in Atlanta, and student athlete who signed letter of intent to Division I school.

Committee Reports:

Student Representative Report – Ms. Simmonds – no March meeting for SLC; next meeting in May.

Quality Assurance Committee, Commissioner Thompson, written report submitted. The committee will take the Board through a three-step process around the topic of JROTC starting tonight with information sharing, followed by discussion at the May Business meeting and possible action at the June Business meeting.

Finance Committee, Commissioner Powell, written report submitted, rendered by Commissioner Brennan. The committee recommends adoption of resolutions 723-726.

Motion to accept monthly financial reports by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Commissioner Evans, written report submitted.

Motion to accept BOE objectives around apprenticeship opportunities and employment of residents and contracts with City companies. Made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent

Policy Committee, Commissioner Brennan, the committee will meet on May 9th.

Board Governance Committee, Commissioner Henley, written report submitted. The Board will convene a retreat on May 6th.

Motion to approve Board Organizational Retreat made by Commissioner Elliott, Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent.

Board Audit Committee, President Garcia, written report submitted, rendered by Commissioner Evans.

Consideration of Resolutions:

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 687-708. Motion made by Commissioner Henley, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent except resolutions 700 and 701 which are adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting

Commissioner Elliott sought clarification on some of that dates on personnel resolutions. What happens if the Board decides not to approve the appointment?

Ms. Giuffrida stated that individuals may start as per diem substitutes and move to contract substitutes, HR may have to back date the date of employment.

Commissioner Elliott sought clarification be provided to BOE of state law on this matter.

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 709-722. Motion made by Commissioner Brennan, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent and Commissioner Elliott dissenting

Commissioner Elliott asked for information on women and minority businesses as part of these contracts. Dr. Rivera stated that his staff would provide such information.

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 723-726. Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Henley. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent with Student Rep advisory vote of yes

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 727-730. Motion made by Commissioner Brennan, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent

Vice President Evans asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2005-06: 731-744. Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent except resolution 739 which is adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting

Commissioner Brennan asked about resolution 738 as a technology resolution it should have been reviewed by the Finance committee in accordance with Board policy language

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Cottrell stated that is not a software licensing agreement, simply providing information to students online.

Motion to amend resolution 738 to strike “a software license” and state “online access” made by Commissioner Henley, Seconded by Commissioner Brennan.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Evans stated he will submit updates on the CGCS conference in March and NSBA annual conference earlier this month in a memo.

New Business:

None

Speakers on Other Than an Agenda Item:

See list

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brennan, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Adopted 5-0 at 7:40 p.m. with Commissioners Garcia and Powell absent.