

Rochester Board of Education
Minutes
Meeting of December 21, 2006
6:30 p.m.

The Board and Administration recognized the Marshall High School Varsity Football Team, Cheerleaders, and coaches prior to the start of the business meeting.

Attendance: President Garcia, Vice President Evans; Commissioners Brennan, Elliott, Henley, Powell and Thompson; Dr. Rivera; Student Representative Maurice Evans.

President Garcia convened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

- I) Student Representative Maurice Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance and Act of Reverence.
- II) Minutes of November 16, 2006 accepted 7-0 following a brief discussion regarding committee reports included with minutes. Consensus reached that Minutes should include a brief summary of written committee reports submitted.
- III) Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item: Parent James Greco spoke in favor of changes to the Academic Eligibility policy; Community member William Faucette spoke against the changes.
- IV) Superintendent's Report: Dr. Rivera presented the proposed Strategic Plan (presentation attached) for the Board's consideration.
- V) Standing Committee Reports:

Finance met Dec. 12 and recommended approval of the November 2006 financial reports as well as Resolutions 2006-07: 408-411, 414-416, and 428-432. Finance recommended that resolutions 412, 413 and 434 be pulled as they were not discussed by the committee. Motion by Commissioner Powell, second by Commissioner Evans to approve the November financial reports. Adopted 7-0. Motion by Commissioner Powell, second by Commissioner Evans to remove resolutions 412, 413 and 434 from agenda. Adopted 7-0. *Written report submitted.*

Audit met Dec. 13 and sought a motion to accept adoption of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Resolution 2006-07: 417. Also requested motion to accept the 2006-07 Risk Assessment and Audit Plan, and recommended that two claims auditors be hired to bring the Board into compliance with the NYS Comptroller's 5-Point Plan legislation. Motion by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Powell to accept the Risk Assessment and Audit Plan for the 2006-07 year. Adopted 7-0. Motion by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Powell to hire two claims auditors. Adopted 7-0. *Written report submitted.*

Superintendent Search Committee met Dec. 6 to review and discuss components of the public information plan. The committee will also meet immediately following the Business Meeting. *Written report submitted.*

Policy met Dec. 18 and forwarded to the full Board proposed changes to the Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities Policy (5305) for discussion. The committee also forwarded administration's comments/concerns on the changes. The committee discussed and discharged changes to the Financial Report & Resolution Policy (6630) until further concerns are raised. *Written report submitted.*

Governance met Nov. 28 to discuss a proposed Personnel committee and Board's Self-Evaluation Tool. Commissioner Henley asked for a motion to move the Personnel Committee discussion to the Policy Committee. Motion by Commissioner Henley, second by Commissioner Evans, to move Personnel Committee discussion from Board Governance Committee to Policy Committee. Adopted 7-0. *Written report submitted.*

Quality Assurance met Nov. 20, Nov. 29 and Dec. 11. The first two meetings concerned the Restructuring reports required of seven district schools; discussed at the Dec. 11 meeting were reports on the status of Gay Straight Alliance organizations in secondary schools, the status of the Human Resources/Culture Change report, and data from the Cohort 2006 project. *Written report submitted.*

VI) Resolutions

2006-07: 377-378. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Henley, second by Commissioner Evans. Resolution 2006-07: 377 adopted 7-0; Resolution 2006-07: 378 adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

Resolutions 2006-07: 379-407. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Powell, second by Commissioner Henley. Adopted 7-0 except for Resolutions 2006-07: 390-97, which were adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

Resolutions 2006-07: 408-411. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Brennan, second by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

Resolutions 2006-07: 414-416. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Powell, adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

Resolutions 2006-07: 417-425. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

Resolutions 2006-07: 426-448, excluding 434. Motion to adopt by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Thompson. Resolutions 426-27 and 433-48 adopted 7-0. Resolutions 428-32 adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

VII) Unfinished business: None.

VIII) New Business: Academic Eligibility Policy.

Commissioners discussed proposed changes to Board Policy 5305, Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities. Policy had forwarded the changes and amendments suggested by administration for discussion by the full Board. Following that discussion, Commissioner Brennan moved that the item be tabled until the January 18 meeting. Second by Commissioner Henley, adopted 7-0.

DRAFT; NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Motion to extend the Business Meeting beyond 8:30 p.m. by Commissioner Evans, second by Commissioner Powell, adopted 7-0 at 8:27 p.m.

IX) Speakers on other than Agenda Items:

Dean DeRusso discussed issues with deaf adults and the district's GED program.

Cuevas Walker discussed inappropriate use of the internet and fighting.

X) Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Powell, second by Commissioner Evans, adopted 7-0 at 8:40 p.m.