

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting

Minutes

April 28, 2009

Attendance: President Evans, Commissioners Brennan, Elliott, Powell, and White; Student Representative S. DeLaus; Superintendent Brizard; Board Shanai Lee. Commissioner Williams arrived at 7:00 p.m.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

I. Commissioner Willa Powell led the Act of Reverence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. **Motion to accept minutes** of March 20th was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

Motion to accept minutes of March 26th was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

Motion to accept minutes of March 30th was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioner Elliott abstaining and Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

Motion to accept minutes of March 31st was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

Motion to accept minutes of April 6th was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

III. **Student Recognition:** The Enrico Fermi School No. 17 Choir performed.

IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** Students Erin Shoemaker and Crescenzo Scipione spoke against military recruitment in schools. Parent Mary Adams spoke in support of the District's existing policy and against sharing student data with the military without parental consent. Doug Noble, David Dornford, Harry Murray and Angela Kraus spoke about the District's current and proposed military recruitment policies. Charlie Richardson spoke about parental involvement throughout the District. Karen Pelc, Ali Abdulmateen, Patrick Fink, Carla Allen, and Bryan Gnann spoke against the closing of Franklin High School.

V. **Superintendent's Report:** The Superintendent referenced Resolution No. 2008-09: 781 that presents the District's calendar and noted that snow days and make-up days for the 2009-2010 school year still have to be finalized. He also referenced Resolution No. 2008-09: 780 that presents proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education Relating to the Superintendent's Employee Group (SEG). He said the proposed changes would allow for the accrual of leave time and an adjustment in the annual pay increase for SEG employees. The Superintendent called for radical improvements in the Franklin High School small schools and asked the Board to table Resolutions No. 766 and 767 that present the phasing out of the International Finance and Economic Development Career High School at

Franklin and the BioScience and Health Careers High School at Franklin until further discussion takes place and community input is received.

VI. **Board Reports:**

Student Representative:

Ms. DeLaus: Ms. DeLaus expressed concern about the restructuring of Franklin High School. She recognized the School No. 17 Choir performance. Ms. DeLaus also noted the success of the Academic Showcase event. She stated the Student Leadership Council met with the District's communication staff and planned for this year's *Skip Now Skip Out* Campaign spoke about the importance of the campaign in encouraging students to stay in school. The next SLC meeting will be held on May 25, 2009.

Audit Committee

Chair Allen Williams: All Board Members were invited to attend the Audit Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. The Committee discussed renewing our contractual relationship with Hodgson Russ for independent legal counsel. The committee forwarded this recommendation for approval in Resolution No. 2008-09: 779. The Committee also discussed the Office of Auditor General's Capital Projects Audit Report. However, due to time constraints, the meeting was recessed and will resume, with the full board, on May 5, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. to continue the discussion.

Finance Committee

Chair Willa Powell: The Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 23, 2009 to review the proposed 2009-14 Capital Improvement Plan; Quarterly Change Order Reports for 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09; March 2009 Financial Reports and Resolutions No. 2008-09: 744 – 755 and Resolution No. 2008-09: 761. Commissioner Powell moved for approval of the April 2009 Financial Reports including budget amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on May 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Excellence in Student Achievement Committee

Chair Van Henri White: The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee met on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. There was a presentation on the proposal to phase out the International Finance Career High School and the Bioscience and Health Careers High School at Franklin relating to Resolutions No. 2008-09: 766 – 767. Commissioner White commended Superintendent for requesting that the Franklin resolution be tabled. Several students, parents, staff and citizens were given an opportunity to address the Committee at this meeting. The Committee did not vote on Resolutions No. 2008-09: 766 – 767. Next month's Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.

Policy Committee

Chair Cynthia Elliott: The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 to review and discuss the selection of a parent representative to serve on the Policy Committee, a proposed policy amendment to Board policy 5100 regarding student attendance, and a proposed policy amendment to Board policy 1240.1 regarding recruiting in schools. The proposed amendment to Board policy 1240.1 and supporting materials were previously distributed to the Board. The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on May 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. and will address student arrest policy, school naming process, and inclusion of City Council representation on Board committees.

Board Governance Committee

Chair Thomas Brennan: The Board Governance Committee meeting scheduled to meet on April 14, 2009 was cancelled. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

President's Report

President Evans: President Evans congratulated Commissioner Campos on the birth of her child. He attended an information session on the Monroe Community College Gateway to College Program and looks forward to hearing more about the District's involvement with the program. President Evans attended the Charlotte Neighborhood Association and 19th Ward Neighborhood Association meetings. He heard from many people at the meetings who are interested in supporting the District and the Board to move the District forward.

President Evans requested a motion to extend the meeting past 8:30 p.m.

Motion to extend the meeting past **8:30 p.m.** was made by Commissioner Brennan. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos Absent**

VII) Resolutions

2008-09: 715–743 Request to sever Resolution No. 2008-09: 742 and table pending Executive Session made by Commissioner Powell. Motion to table Resolution No. 2008-09: 742 made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent. Motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2008-09: 715–743, less Resolution No. 2008-09 742, by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos Absent except for Resolutions No. 2008-09: 726–737, which were adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

2008-09: 744–750 Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Brennan. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos Absent except for Resolutions No. 2008-09: 746–750, which were adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Williams dissenting.

2008-09: 751–781 Request to sever Resolution No. 756 and table pending Executive Session made by Commissioner Williams. Motion to table Resolution No. 2008-09: 756 made by Commissioner Williams. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent. Request to sever Resolution No. 2008-09: 766 and 767 and table pending further discussion made by Commissioner White. Motion to table Resolution No. 2008-09: 766 made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent. Motion to table Resolution No. 2008-09: 767 made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent. Request to sever Resolution No. 780 and table pending further discussion made by Commissioner Williams. Motion to table Resolution No. 2008-09: 780 made by Commissioner Williams. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent. Motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2008-09: 751-781, less Resolutions No. 756, 766, 767, and 780, made by Commissioner Brennan. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent except for Resolution No. 2008-09: 757, which was adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

VIII) Unfinished Business: None

IX) New Business: The Policy Committee submitted the Recruiting by Organizations with Restrictive Membership or Employment Practices Authorized and Permitted by Law Policy, No. 1240.1 to the full Board as an Information Item.

X) **Speakers on Other Than Agenda Items:**
No speakers addressing items other than agenda items.

XI) Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss specific personnel by Commissioner Elliott. Second by Commissioner White. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent at 9:23 p.m.

President Evans re-convened the meeting in open session at 9:38 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to adopt Resolution No. 2008-09: 742. Second by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Campos absent and Commissioners Elliott dissenting.

Motion by Commissioner Powell to adopt Resolution No. 2008-09: 756. Second by Commissioner White. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner White. Second by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 6-0 at 9:41 p.m.