

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
July 20, 2004
8:00 a.m.

Minutes

Attendance:

Commissioners Bowers, Brown, Evans, Garcia, Porter, Powell, and Thompson; Mr. Henry Marini for Dr. Rivera

President convened the meeting at 8:05 a.m.
Act of Reverence led by Commissioner Powell.

Discussion:

President Thompson called for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-05: 95-96. Motion made by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Porter.

Commissioner Porter stated his disappointment in not having a budget in Albany so the District knows how much money it is working with. The Board passed contracts for ASAR and RTA without a state budget, so it is only fair that it do the right thing and pass these as well.

Commissioner Bowers stated his concurrence with Commissioner Porter's statement.

Commissioner Powell stated the Rochester Business Journal identified 4.4% as the average salary increase. She also noted reports stating wages are not keeping pace with inflation, so to not pass these contracts would contribute to the impoverishment of our community.

Commissioner Thompson stated the only reason she cannot support these contracts is that she believes it is possible to life morale by working through difficult times together. These are certainly difficult fiscal times. She would rather see these funds go into the classroom and work environment.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bowers – yes	Commissioner Brown – yes
Commissioner Powell – yes	Commissioner Evans – yes
Commissioner Garcia – yes	Commissioner Porter – yes
Commissioner Thompson – no	

Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Thompson dissenting.

Adjournment:

President Thompson called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Evans, Seconded by Commissioner Porter. Adopted 7-0 at 8:14 a.m.