

Rochester Board of Education
Special Meeting May 10, 2007
6 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: President Garcia, Commissioners Evans, Brennan, Elliott, Powell, Thompson, and White.

President Garcia convened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Interim Superintendent Dr. William Cala presented highlights of the 2007-08 proposed budget.

Motion to approve Resolution 2006-07: 703 Budget Adoption for FY 2007-08 by Commissioner Powell.
Second by Commissioner Evans.

Commissioner Thompson asked that the Budget Office staff in attendance be recognized. President Garcia commended the staff members for their work on the budget and the work yet to come. Commissioner Brennan explained that his no vote was due to budget amendments based upon a publicly announced memo of understanding signed by the Mayor and outgoing Superintendent, which the board had not seen or approved. As alternatives, Brennan suggested a joint study group made up of board and city council members to find savings at central office, abolishment of the Superintendent Employee Group (provided for in the 1997 Gantt/Alesi law), and that no joint MOU with the city be approved that does not renounce mayoral appointment of board members.

Resolution 2006-07: 703 Budget Adoption for FY 2007-08 adopted 5-2 with Commissioners Brennan and Elliott dissenting.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss specific personnel matters by Commissioner Evans. Second by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0 at 6:20 p.m.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session by Commissioner Powell. Second by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-0 with President Garcia absent at 6:45 p.m.