

**Rochester Board of Education
Special Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2009
5:30 p.m.**

Attendance: President Evans, Commissioners Brennan, Campos, Elliott, Powell and Williams; District Staff: C. Johnson; Board Clerk: H. Washington.

President Evans called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

I. Committee Assignments

President Evans asked for a motion to approve his recommendations for standing committee assignments.

Motion by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. **Adopted 6-0**

Commissioner Elliott expressed a concern regarding her assignment to the Board Governance Committee for the last 3 years and asked to be removed from the Committee. President Evans asked if there were any volunteers to serve on the Committee. Commissioner Powell volunteered to serve on the Board Governance Committee in addition to the other committees that she was assigned to.

Motion by Commissioner Brennan was made to amend the Board Governance committee by adding Commissioner Powell and removing Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Adopted 6-0**

President Evans explained that he is an ex officio member of each committee and noted that the Bylaws stipulate that he convene each committee's first meeting and preside until it selects a chair.

II. Committees Convene

Finance

Convened at 5:56 p.m. with members W. Powell and A. Williams. V. White was absent. Motion to nominate W. Powell as chair by A. Williams. Seconded by W. Powell. Adopted 2-0 with V. White absent. Motion to adjourn by W. Powell. Seconded by A. Williams. Adopted 2-0 at 6:01 p.m. New Board Staff assigned to support committee.

Excellence in Student Achievement

Convened at 6:02 p.m. with members M. Campos and A. Williams. V. White was absent. Motion to nominate V. White as chair by M. Campos. Seconded by A. Williams. Adopted 2-0 with V. White absent. Motion to adjourn by M. Campos. Seconded by A.

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Williams. Adopted 2-0 at 6:07 p.m. Board Staff; H. Washington assigned to support committee.

Audit

Convened at 6:08 p.m. with members W. Powell and A. Williams. V. White was absent. Motion to nominate A. Williams as chair by W. Powell. Seconded by A. Williams. Adopted 2-0 with V. White absent. Motion to adjourn by W. Powell. Seconded by A. Williams. Adopted 2-0 at 6:13 p.m. Board Audit Staff assigned to support committee.

Board Governance

Convened at 6:14 p.m. with members T. Brennan, M. Campos and W. Powell. Motion to nominate T. Brennan as chair by W. Powell. Seconded by M. Campos. Adopted 3-0. Motion to adjourn by W. Powell. Seconded by T. Brennan. Adopted 3-0 at 6:20 p.m. New Board Staff assigned to support committee.

Policy Committee

Convened at 6:21 p.m. with members T. Brennan, C. Elliott and W. Powell. Motion to nominate C. Elliott as chair by T. Brennan. Seconded by W. Powell. Adopted 3-0. Motion to adjourn by W. Powell. Seconded by A. Williams. Adopted 3-0 at 6:25 p.m. New Board Staff assigned to support committee.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations

Convened at 6:26 p.m. with members M. Campos, T. Brennan and C. Elliott. Motion to nominate M. Campos as chair by C. Elliott. Seconded by T. Brennan. Adopted 3-0. Motion to adjourn by T. Brennan. Seconded by C. Elliott. Adopted 3-0 at 6:31 p.m. New Board Staff; H. Washington assigned to support committee.

President Evans proposed using a meeting model similar to City Council, by having all committees meeting on the same day and having a resolution review session and a study session. Commissioner Powell suggested that committee meetings be held simultaneously, having committee of the whole meeting or one committee meeting a night. Commissioner Elliott supports having a uniform meeting schedule. Commissioner Campos noted that having committee meetings on the same night makes committee members more accountable. Commissioner Brennan stated that a consistent schedule will be easier for the public to follow. Commissioner Williams pointed out that the resolution review sessions should reduce the time of committee meetings. The Board members agreed that they would try to adhere to a Tuesday and Thursday meeting schedule for committee meetings.

President Evans asked for motion to enter into executive session.

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss specific personnel was made by Commissioner Powell at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. **Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent.**

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Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Powell at 7:08 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. **Adopted 6-0**