

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting

June 24, 2009

6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: President Evans and Commissioners Brennan, Campos, Elliott, White, and Williams. Superintendent Jean-Claude Brizard, Ms. Kirsten Barclay, Ms. Michele Hancock, and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Commissioner Campos led the Act of Reverence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Motion to approve Resolutions No. 2008-09: 987-1021** made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan.

Discussion

Commissioner Elliott asked if any of the personnel appointed by Resolutions No. 2008-09: 987-997 were of color. Ms. Barclay responded that there is person of color being appointed by the resolutions being considered. Commissioner Elliott asked what is the District doing to address the recruitment of persons of color. Ms. Hancock explained that the District has put systems and initiatives in place to identify candidates of color and those that have an understanding of the culture and diversity that exists in an urban environment.

Commissioner White asked if there has been a reduction in staff of the Special Education department. Superintendent Brizard said that the District is currently overstaffed in Special Education department and there are steps being taken to right-size the department's administration and class-size.

2008-09: 987-997: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent; except for Resolutions No. 2008-09: 993 and 996 which were adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent, and Resolution No. 2008-09: 997 which was adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and White dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

2008-09: 998-1016: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent; except for Resolutions No. 2008-09: 998, 1001, and 1006 which were adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

2008-09: 1017: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

2008-09: 1018-1021: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Brennan. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

- III. **Motion to adjourn to Executive Session** to discuss specific personnel by Commissioner Elliott. Second by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent at 7:42 p.m.

President Evans **re-convened the meeting in open session** at 9:12 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent at 9:13 p.m.