

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting

Minutes

May 25, 2010

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President Campos and Commissioners Cruz, Elliott, Powell, White and Williams; Superintendent Brizard; Student Representative Sarah DeLaus and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Cruz arrived at 6:43 p.m.

- I. Student Representative Sarah DeLaus led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Motion to accept minutes** of the April 26th Special Meeting, April 29th Business Meeting, and the May 6th Special Meeting was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Cruz, Powell, and White absent.
- III. **Student Recognition:** The Board recognized winners of the Fire Safety Poster Contest held by the Rochester City School District Department of the Arts in partnership with the Rochester Fire Department. This contest is an extension of a Fire Safety program between the Arts Department and the Rochester Fire Department.

Winning posters were reproduced by the RCSD print shop and are on display in schools, public libraries, youth centers, and fire stations around the city. The winning posters were, "Candles can be pretty, but can be deadly" by Clara O'Connor from SOTA, "Mr. Turtle knows to stay low when there's smoke" by Maia Simon from SOTA, "Don't Hide - Go Outside" by Asia Ahmed from School No. 14, and "Don't Play with Matches" by Jasmine Baez from School No. 36 (grade 4)

- IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item and Speakers on other than Agenda Items:** NONE

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Brizard began by announcing that the District raised more than \$360,000 during the United Way campaign period and recognized the employees and retirees that coordinated the District's campaign efforts.

Mr. Brizard spoke about District-wide testing, including changes to the state-wide testing dates and the coordinated efforts of the Office of Accountability and teachers.

Mr. Brizard recognized Dr. Bolgen Vargas, former Commissioner of the Rochester Board of Education, for receiving a PhD (with distinction) from the University of Pennsylvania, and his research on the performance of students in the District.

- V. **Board Reports:**

Audit Committee

Chair Allen Williams: The Audit Committee did not meet this month. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Finance Committee

Chair Willa Powell: The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 18th to review and approve the April Financial Report and the Quarterly Student Activity Funds Report (January through March 2010), and to consider resolutions 870 through 901, and 913 through 914. The Committee seeks a motion to accept the April 2010 Financial Report. Motion to accept to the April 2010 Financial Report was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. The April 2010 Financial Report was accepted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent. The Committee seeks a motion to accept the Quarterly Student Activity Funds Report for January through March 2010. Motion to accept the Quarterly Student Activity Funds Report for January through March 2010 was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Vice President Campos. The Quarterly Student Activity Funds Report for January through March 2010 was accepted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent. The Committee seeks a motion to accept the Quarterly Change Order Report for January through March 2010. Motion to accept the Quarterly Change Order Report for January through March 2010 was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Vice President Campos. The Quarterly Change Order Report for January through March 2010 was accepted 6-0 with Commissioner White absent. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on June 10th immediately following the Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting.

Excellence in Student Achievement Committee

Chair Van Henri White: The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee of the Whole met on Monday, May 17th, to receive graduations projections from the Office of Accountability and to hear textbook presentations for Algebra and Geometry, and Social Studies textbook adoptions for the upcoming school year.

The Office of Accountability presented data that provided the approximate number of students in the 2006 cohort who are on target for graduation.

The Committee discussed the purchase of new high school Math books and K-2 Social Studies books. Because some members of the Board were unable attend the meeting, and also because of time restraints, the discussion was not completed. Therefore, next month's meeting will be a continuation of the textbook adoption.

The May meeting was an informational meeting to provide the Committee with details on how the particular textbooks were selected. The Committee will review the textbook adoption resolutions at the Excellence in Student Achievement June meeting.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Chair Cynthia Elliott: The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not meet this month. The Committee will meet in June to continue discussions related to the legislative agenda and the committee's goals.

Policy Committee

Chair Jose Cruz: The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, May 18th to discuss a proposed Student Attendance policy, regulation, and administrative procedures; proposed Naming Facilities policy; and a proposed Code of Ethics policy. The members of the Policy Committee voted to advance each of these policy proposals to the full Board, which will be presented as information items in this meeting.

The Committee reviewed proposed milestones and timelines for completing the Board Goals for the Policy Committee in 2010-11 for developing a comprehensive performance appraisal policy with

specific goals that are measurable and aligned with the Strategic Plan. It was noted that this goal will require involvement of HCI and the bargaining units in terms of implementation.

The Policy Committee also identified development of Finance policies as a priority, as this is also an important Board goal for 2010-11. Members of the Policy Committee also discussed contracting to obtain routine policy updates to keep the Policy Manual current, rather than performing a complete review every three years. Potential contractors are being located for this service and the Committee will consider this information at the next meeting. The next Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

Board Governance Committee

Chair Meliza Campos: The Board Governance Committee met on April 14th to review and discuss a proposal for the Board Governance Team Leadership Development Program, administered by New York State School Boards Association. The program can be customized to deal the Board's most pressing issues, including Governance Team Performance Review/Setting Priorities, Governance Team Roles and Responsibilities, Developing Your Communications Plan, Running Effective School Board Meetings and Fiscal Management in Hard Times.

The Committee is advancing Resolution No. 2009-10: 934 that authorizes the Board to enter into agreement with New York State School Boards Association to provide customized leadership development to the Board of Education. The Committee looks forward to engaging NYSSBA at the upcoming retreat scheduled for June 2010.

The next Committee meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Commissioner Powell left at 6:50 p.m.

VI. Resolutions

2009-10: 842: Resolution pulled.

2009-10: 843-844: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 845-847: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 848-851: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 852-854: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 855-864: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 865-869: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 870: Motion to table Resolution No. 2009-10: 870 made by Commissioner Williams. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 871-872: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 873: Resolution pulled.

2009-10: 874: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 875: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 876: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 877: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 878: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 879-881: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 882-885: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 886-888: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 889: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 890-900: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Powell absent.

2009-10: 901: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Powell and White absent.

2009-10: 902-904: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

2009-10: 905-906: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 7-0.

2009-10: 907-909: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

2009-10: 910-911: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 7-0.

2009-10: 912: Motion to table Resolution No. 2009-10: 912 made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 7-0.

2009-10: 913-929: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 7-0.

2009-10: 930-932: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting.

2009-10: 933: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Campos. Adopted 7-0.

2009-10: 934: Motion to table Resolution No. 2009-10: 934 made by Vice President Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Powell and White absent.

Commissioner White arrived at 7:33 p.m.

Commissioner Powell arrived at 8:18 p.m.

Motion to extend the meeting beyond 8:30 p.m. made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 7-0.

VII. **Unfinished Business:** None.

VIII. **New Business:** Commissioner Cruz, as Chairman of the Policy Committee, introduced a newly drafted Student Attendance Policy, a revised Naming Facilities Policy (No. 7500), and a revised Code of Ethics Policy (No. 2160) as information items. Commissioner Cruz requested that the Board discuss the proposed policies at the June 2010 Business Meeting.

IX. President Evans announced the next meeting Board Business Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual was made by Commissioner Williams. Seconded by Commissioner White. Adopted 7-0 at 9:00 p.m.

President Evans reconvened the meeting in open session at 9:15 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 7-0 at 9:15 p.m.