

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Business Meeting
June 22, 2011

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President Cruz and Commissioners Campos, Elliott, Powell, White and Williams; Student Representative Sophie Gallivan; Interim Superintendent Bolgen Vargas; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

- I.** Student Representative Sophie Gallivan led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
 - II. Acceptance of Minutes:** None.
 - III. Student Recognition:** The Board recognized members of Student Leadership Congress who have been engaged in leadership development and community service activities throughout the year. The Board also recognized ATAD Gary Simon Memorial Scholarship Recipients. The Gary Simon Memorial Scholarship for Excellence. The scholarship provides a City School District student with a summer exchange experience in one of ATAD's exchange countries, including Peru, Mali, Italy, Spain, Russia, France and Germany. RCSD Scholar Athletes were presented with plaques of appreciation for their academic and athletic accomplishments.
 - IV. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** Student Katrina McCullough spoke in opposition to the 2011/12 budget reductions. Community members Jan Angus and Hannah Picasso-Hobin spoke about the importance of instrumental music programming. Staff members Alicia Messenger, Margie Brumfield, Amy pies-Ki, Marisa DeMario, Liz Hanan, Michelle Mercado, Joanne Eccles, Elizabeth Ristow, Stephanie Ribis and Kristen Baskewicz spoke about the importance of arts and music programming.
 - V. Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** Community members Caleb Stoner and Glenn Williams spoke in opposition to the 2011/12 budget reductions and the interim superintendent contract.
 - VI. Superintendent's Report:** Interim Superintendent Dr. Vargas spoke about his work with the District and recognized a newly appointed principal.
 - VII. President's Report:** President Evans began by announcing that the meeting is broadcast on RCTV-15 until 8:30 p.m., after 8:30 p.m., viewers can continue watching on our website, www.rcsdk12.org.
- President Evans then congratulated students on completing the 2010/11 academic year and spoke about the opportunities for academic enrichment facilitated by the Department of Teaching and Learning during the summer months.
- VIII. Board Reports:**
 - Audit Committee**

Chair Allen Williams: The Audit Committee did not meet in June 2011, the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 18th.

Finance Committee

Chair Willa Powell: No report.

Excellence in Student Achievement Committee

Chair Van Henri White: The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee met on Wednesday, June 15th to receive an update on the In-School Suspension (ISS) Initiative. The Committee was presented with data that showed how alternatives to suspension are being utilized in the District schools; and how, as a result of this initiative, arresting of students for disorderly conduct has decreased since its implementation. The Committee was updated on the long-term suspension review process which includes documentation of the use of interventions and progressive discipline prior to approval of students being long-termed. Because, Dr. Kim Dyce does a thorough review on each request for long-term suspension from principals, the Committee recommended that the person who will replace her in this capacity be carefully selected. Next month's Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 11th, at 6:00 p.m.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Chair Cynthia Elliott: The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not meet this month as the CIGR Committee meetings have been suspended during the summer. The next Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, at 6:00 p.m.

Policy Committee

Chair Jose Cruz: The Policy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, June 28th to review and discuss input from the Audit Committee regarding a new proposed policy establishing guidelines for public disclosure of information in final audit reports by the Auditor General's Office, recommendations from Community & Intergovernmental Relations Committee regarding development of a policy for HIV/STD prevention, based on input received in the Health Forum they conducted, and a new draft policy regarding management, accounting, and reporting of the General Fund Balance. This is to comply with new standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The next Policy Committee Meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Governance Committee

Chair Melisza Campos: The Board Governance Committee did not meet in June 2011, but did host a retreat facilitated by the New York State School Boards Association where the Board discussed 2011/12 goals, expectations for the Interim Superintendent, expectations for the permanent Superintendent, and Board staff evaluations.

Student Representative Report: NONE

Motion to extend the meeting past 8:30 p.m. made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

IX. Resolutions

2010-11: 863-881: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 882-883: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Williams dissenting and Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 884-885: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 886-889: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 890: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 891-892: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Williams dissenting and Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 893-894: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 895-896: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 897: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioner Williams abstaining and Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 898-900: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 901-903: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 904-905: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 906-909: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 910-912: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 913: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 914-915: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 916-918: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 919-921: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 922-923: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Powell dissenting and Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 924-926: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 927-928: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 929: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Williams dissenting and Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 930-932: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

2010-11: 933: Resolution pulled.

2010-11: 934-935: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent.

- X. Unfinished Business:** None.
- XI. New Business:** Vice President Cruz introduced several policies as Discussion Items, including the Criminal History Background Checks Policy, Videoconferencing Policy and a revision to the Board Bylaws. Vice President Cruz noted that all of the above-mentioned policies have been vetted by the Policy Committee and are being forward to the full Board for comment; no comments were made by the Board.
- XII.** President Evans announced that the next Business Meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 p.m.
- XIII.** President Evans requested a **motion to enter into executive session** to discuss personnel matters related to a specific individual. Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Commissioner Campos. Seconded by Commissioner Williams, adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent at 9:23 p.m.
- Motion to enter into open session** made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Cruz, adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent at 10:25 p.m.
- Motion to adjourn** made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Elliott and White absent at 10:25 p.m.