

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Young Women's College Prep Charter School
May 26, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Minutes

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President Cruz, and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans opened the hearing at 5:33 p.m.

President Evans stated that Education Law subdivision 2857(1) and regulations of the Commissioner of Education 8 N.Y.C.R.R. § 119.4 require the Board to conduct a public hearing within 30 days of receipt of notice of an application for a new charter school.

President Evans explained that the Young Women's College Prep Charter School has filed an application with the New York State Board of Regents to open a single-gender school focused on leadership development and college preparation. He explained that the school has an anticipated opening date of September 2012 with an initial enrollment of 75 grade 7 students and a proposed grade level range of 7 through 11 in 2017.

President Evans then requested public input and questions regarding this school.

Rebecca Hilliard-Patent

Ms. Hilliard-Patent, community member, spoke in support of the Young Women's College Prep Charter School's single-gender educational environment where the curriculum will be based on preparation for college enrollment and graduation.

Mark Friedman

Mr. Friedman, RCSD teacher, raised concerns about the high attrition rates of charter schools and suggested that the state should work to invest in improving the performance of traditional public schools versus charter schools.

Monica Canan

Ms. Canan, community member, expressed concern about introducing charter schools and other forms of privatized education at the expense of taxpayers in the current fiscal environment. Ms. Canan also stated that she is concerned about the location, expense and curriculum of the proposed school.

President Evans concluded the hearing at 5:40 p.m.