

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes
Finance Committee of the Whole
December 10, 2019
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: President White, Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Lebron, and Commissioner Sheppard

Board Members Excused: Commissioner Hallmark

Commissioners Elect in Attendance: Ricardo Adams and Amy Maloy

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Superintendent, Terry Dade; Chief of Staff, Annemarie Lehner; General Counsel, Karl Kristoff; Chief of Operations, Michael Schmidt; Acting Budget Director, Brian Pack; District Clerk, Marisol Ramos-Lopez; Board Staff, Kallia Wade

President White convened the Committee of the Whole as a Special Meeting at 5:39p.m.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Sheppard to suspend article 10 of the bylaws so that all speakers on the speakers list be allowed to address the board for 2 minutes at the current meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lebron. **Adopted 6-0**, with Commissioner Hallmark absent.

I. Speakers: Speakers addressed the Board regarding the proposed budget and teacher cuts, racial equity, and classroom impact. See attached list below.

II. Special Meeting Discussion Items

Superintendent Update

Superintendent Dade addressed the Board for the purpose of providing an update on the District's budget and to provide clarity to the Board and the general public about the collaborative efforts being made. By way of PowerPoint presentation, Superintendent Dade presented a chronology of his meetings with union leadership and lobbying efforts demonstrated to address the budget shortfall. He noted that serious lobbying efforts need to be continued to acquire the additional funds for closing the budget.

III. Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting:

President White surrendered the rest of the meeting Commissioner Powell as Chair of the Board's Finance and Resource Allocation (Finance) Committee at approximately 8:09 p.m. Commissioner Powell briefly shared with the Board re her attendance at the NYSSBA Executive Meeting on the previous weekend.

Motion by President White to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2019 Finance COW

Meeting and the Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Finance COW Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lebron. **Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Hallmark absent.**

Budget Calendar

The Commissioners reviewed the first draft of the 2020-21 Budget Review Calendar. Vice President Elliot noted a desire to have the Budget Town Halls take place in the community (in the quadrants).

Motion by President White to accept the 2020-21 Budget Calendar with the understanding that dates may be changed. Seconded by Commissioner Lebron. **Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Hallmark absent.**

Vice President Elliot left the meeting at 8:22 p.m. and returned at 8:27 p.m.

Review and Discuss Financial Reports

The Committee decided to table consideration of the 2019-20 First Quarter Student Activity Funds and Elementary Activity Accounts Report to allow the Commissioners additional time to review the document. The report will be presented in the next Special meeting: policy COW on December 17, 2019.

The Financial Reports were presented by Chief of Staff, Annmarie Lehner and (Acting) Budget Director, Brian Pack. Commissioner posed several questions regarding the reports.

Of particular note is VP Elliott's query re the accuracy of the financial numbers presented to the Board in each of the reports. Superintendent Dade responded noting that the reports are unaudited but that a thorough review of the financial data had taken place. Commissioner Lebron also noted her concern with the reports being presented with a sign off from the Chief of Staff and not the CFO.

Action Item:

President White requested that the budget team develop a more user-friendly format of the financial reports to allow for the Board and the public to follow more easily.

Motion by President White to forward the November 2019 Financial Report to the December 19, 2019 Board Business Meeting for approval. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. **Adopted 4-2 with Commissioner Lebron and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.**

Motion by Vice President Elliott to forward the October and September 2019 Financial Reports as a bundle to the December 19, 2019 Board Business Meeting for approval. Seconded by President White. **Adopted 4-2 with Commissioner Lebron and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.**

Review and Discuss Proposed Resolutions

A. EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Other

1. **City of Rochester – Bond request for the purpose of making capital improvements to existing school buildings in the school district as noted in the 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program– Resolution No. 2019-20: 488**

Chief of Operations, Michael Schmidt addressed the Board to answer any questions related to Resolution No. 2019-20: 488. He noted that the short timeline given was given in order to meet the deadline for the bond request submission—as such the current meeting date was the latest possible time to get Board approval. He 2

Motion by President White to approve **Resolution No. 2019-20: 488**. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. **Adopted 4-2 with Commissioner Sheppard and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.**

Motion by Vice President Elliott to adjourn the Finance COW at 8:56 p.m. and convene in Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Lebron. **Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Hallmark absent.**

Next monthly Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole: January 14, 2020

SPEAKERS LIST
ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING COVENING AS FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Name	Student/Parent/ Community/Staff	Subject
1. Meseret Elko	Student	Teacher Cuts
2. Aiyana Thomas	Student	Teacher Cuts
3. Emahjae White	Student	Teacher Cuts
4. Kammy Sanon	Student	Teacher Cuts
5. Anthony Miller	Student	Teacher Cuts
6. Sarah Adams	Student	Teacher Cuts
7. Maya Adams	Student	Teacher Cuts
8. Yantreace Alexander	Student	Teacher Cuts
9. Anthony	Student	Teacher Cuts
10. Makayla McCorcker	Student	Teacher Cuts
11. Anielys Garcia Teacher Cuts	Student	
12. Emiliano DiClaudio	Student	Teacher Cuts
13. Jaenid Ayala	Student	Teacher Cuts
14. Miracle Hill	Student	Teacher Cuts
15. Yasir Mungani	Student	Teacher Cuts
16. Deziree Garrick	Student	Budget Cuts
17. Sharnell Graham	Student	Budget Cuts
18. Rosalia Almer Martin	Student	Budget Cuts
19. Mariel	Student	Teacher Cuts
20. Bridgette Strub	Parent	Teacher Cuts

21. Amy Mihalakas	Parent	Teacher Cuts
22. Rebekka Cranmer	Parent	Teacher Cuts
23. Mary Beth Elko	Parent	Teacher Cuts
24. Sean O'Connor	Parent	Teacher Cuts
25. Jina Grisdale	Parent	Teacher Cuts
26. Molly Ball	Parent	Teacher Cuts
27. Jessica Fleming	Parent	Teacher Cuts
28. Leonard Edmonds	Parent	Teacher Cuts
29. Cori Smith	Parent	Teacher Cuts
30. Ruth Schneider	Parent	Teacher Cuts
31. Seanea Smith	Parent	Teacher Cuts
32. Suzie Gutierrez	Parent	Teacher Cuts
33. Topsy Escovar	Parent	Teacher Cuts
34. Zonzrea Johnson-Clark	Parent	Teacher Cuts
35. Ms. Sole	Parent	Teacher Cuts
36. Gipsy Escobar	Parent	Teacher Cuts
37. Meghan Reddington	Parent	Teacher Cuts
38. Adrian Martin	Parent	Teacher Cuts
39. Tim Hartman	Parent	Teacher Cuts
40. Llerena Searle	Parent	Teacher Cuts
41. Heather Modzel	Parent	Teacher Cuts
42. Doyna Twilligear	Parent	Teacher Cuts
43. Greg Woodsbie	Parent	Teacher Cuts
44. Eleonor Payton	Parent	Teacher Cuts

45. Samantha Conrow	Parent	Teacher Cuts
46. Margaret Toscano	Parent	Budget Cuts
47. Christine Rankie	Community	Budget Cuts
48. Glenda Johnson	Community	Budget Cuts
49. Crystal Burnett	Community	Budget Cuts
50. Cindy Shea	Staff	Teacher Cuts
51. Lauren Payne	Staff	Teacher Cuts
52. Kristen French	Staff	Teacher Cuts
53. Hannah Garfield	Staff	Teacher Cuts
54. Johnny Songer	Staff	Budget Cuts
55. Michele McCortney	Staff	Teacher Cuts
56. Anna Nipon	Staff	Teacher Cuts
57. Carla Carey Cuts	Staff	Teacher
58. Angie Ferris Cuts	Staff	Teacher
59. Taylor Bock Impact	Staff	Classroom
60. Patricia Greco Cuts	Staff	Budget
61. Megan Sofia Cuts	Staff	Teacher
62. John Martin Cannon Cuts	Staff	Teacher
63. Janelle Foster Cuts	Staff	Budget
64. Daniel Hart Cuts	Staff	Budget
65. Paul Conrow Cuts	Staff	Budget

