

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Business Meeting

June 15, 2017

**Board Members Present:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Mary Adams, Commissioner José Cruz, Commissioner Malik Evans, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, and Commissioner Willa Powell.

**Board Members Excused:** None.

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Superintendent Barbara Deane-Williams, EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms, and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

- I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a young audience member.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the May 25<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting and June 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting was made by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Evans absent.
- III. **Recognition:** The Board recognized Jordan Majors as the recipient of the Gary Simon Memorial Scholarship for the American Teen-Aged Diplomats (ATAD) Program. Program representatives announced that Jordan, a Junior at the School of the Arts, will travel to Krakow, Poland for summer 2017.
- IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** Students Onajae Anderson, Justin Morales, Ricardo Roberto, Daquan Hilton, Jaquez Cochran, Joseph Goings, and Nicolas Winston spoke in opposition to the proposed relocation of the Rochester Early College International High School program.
- V. **Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** Parent Marcella Davis spoke against the proposed relocation of the Rochester Early College International High School program. Parents Pia Miller and Kyle Semmel spoke about the need for increased Montessori programming and training for educators. Community member John Lightfoot urged the Board to support a local diploma option for District students. Community member Valerie Johnson spoke in opposition to the proposed relocation of the Rochester Early College International High School program. Staff member Eric Meister spoke in opposition to the proposed relocation of the Rochester Early College International High School program.
- VI. **Superintendents Reports:** Dr. Nelms provided an overview of recent events and programming efforts of East High School's Lower and Upper Schools. Dr. Nelms began the presentation by recognizing the efforts of several teachers, administrators and parents for making the year successful. He also acknowledged the Board for authorizing the resolution to formally establish the partnership between School No. 33 and East High School. Dr. Nelms concluded the presentation by noting the success of the recent professional development series led by Pedro Noguera, Ph.D. The series focused on equity and access opportunities for all students.

Commissioner Evans arrived at 8:50 p.m.

Superintendent Deane-Williams delivered a presentation that highlighted recent programming and initiatives of the District. She spoke of a recent presentation on the District's programming for students with disabilities, a meeting with representatives of the NYU Steinhardt Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools, a visit by Lieutenant Governor Hochul, a Career in Teaching recognition center, and several other end of year celebrations. Ms. Deane-Williams concluded the presentation by recognizing the District's valedictorians and salutatorians.

## **VII. Board Reports:**

### **Student Leadership Council**

*JaQuaez Cochran:* No report was submitted.

### **Bilingual Educational Council**

*Myrna Gonzalez:* No report was submitted.

### **Audit Committee**

*Chair Mary Adams:* The Audit Committee did not meet since the last Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

### **Finance Committee**

*Chair Jose Cruz:* The Finance Committee did not meet since the last Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

### **Excellence in Student Achievement Committee**

*Chair Malik Evans:* The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee did not meet since the last Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

### **Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (CIGR)**

*Chair Cynthia Elliott:* The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not meet since the last Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

### **Policy Committee**

*Chair Willa Powell:* The Policy Committee will meet on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM to discuss the following topics: a draft policy regarding protections for immigrant students and their families, a proposed revision of the Education of Homeless Students policy (5110) to comply with changes in federal and state law, changes to the several policies based on NYSSBA recommendations including the District Policy Prohibiting Discrimination or Harassment of Students or Employees (0100), Employee Obligations Surrounding Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (5460), and Student Records and Privacy policy (5500). Information regarding the discussion and policy proposals will be provided in the July Board Report. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for August 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Board Governance Committee**

*Chair Elizabeth Hallmark:* The Governance Committee did not meet since the last Business Meeting. No report was submitted.

## VIII. Resolutions

**2016-17: 772-786:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 788-808:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Evans. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 809-811:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2016-17: 812:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 5-1 with President White abstaining due to familial relationship and Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2016-17: 813-814:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2016-17: 815:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 816-821:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 822-835:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 836-838:** Resolutions withdrawn.

**2016-17: 839-840:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 841:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 5-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Adams dissenting.

**2016-17: 842:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2016-17: 843-850:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 851:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**2016-17: 852:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 853:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

**Motion to amend Resolution No. 2016-17: 854** made by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Adams to include the following language “The Parent Advisory Council, Bilingual Education Council, and the Special Education Advisory Council will be asked to recommend three parents or community members with relevant interest or experience; and be it further”

**2016-17: 854:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

**2016-17: 855:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Evans absent.

**2016-17: 856-858:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2016-17: 859** until the Special Meeting scheduled for June 27, 2017 made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion carries 7-0.

**IX. Unfinished Business:** None.

**X. New Business:** None.

**XI. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual** made by Commissioner Adams at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion carries 7-0.

Commissioner Evans left at 9:50 p.m.

**XII. Motion to enter into open session** made by Commissioner Powell at 10:22 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Evans absent.

**2016-17: 787:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Evans absent.

**XIII. Motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Powell at 10:23 p.m. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Evans absent.