

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting
December 20, 2018

Board Members in Attendance: President Van Henri White, Vice President Willa Powell, Commissioner Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Melanie Funchess, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

Board Members Excused: Commissioner Beatriz LeBron

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

President White convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

- I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a young audience member.

Commissioner Elliott left at 6:35 p.m.

- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 15th Business Meeting, November 26th Special Meeting, and November 29th Special Meeting made by Vice President Powell and seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Motion carries 4-0 with Commissioner Elliott, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

Members of the Board recognized the contributions of Commissioner Funchess over the 2018 year.

- III. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers present.

Commissioner Elliott arrived at 6:40 p.m.

- IV. **Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** Community Members David Walling, Clay Harris, and Judith Davis spoke about the need for community engagement in the superintendent search and selection process. Staff Member Josh Mack spoke about research on student achievement and graduation rates.

Commissioner Sheppard arrived at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting proceedings were disrupted by community members expressing concerns about parent engagement, the superintendent search and selection process, and institutional and structural racism within the District. Motion to recess made by Vice President Powell at 7:40 p.m., seconded Commissioner Funchess. Motion carries 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

V. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of particular persons and other matters with the General Counsel was made by Commissioner Hallmark and seconded by Commissioner Elliott at 7:54 p.m. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

Motion to reconvene into open session made by Vice President Powell and seconded by Commissioner Hallmark at 10:20 p.m. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

Motion to accept the November 2018 Financial Reports made by Vice President Powell, seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

Motion to accept the 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Vice President Powell. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

VI. Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 482-485, 487, 488, 492, 493, 495, 510, 511-516, 533, and 539 were not considered.

2018-19: 486-493: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 494: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 496-507: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 508: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 509-517: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 518-523: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 524-527: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Funchess. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 528-534: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 528-538: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Funchess. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 540: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Elliott abstaining due to professional relationship and Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 541-555: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Funchess. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 556: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 557-558: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

2018-19: 559: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Sheppard. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

VII. Unfinished Business: None.

VIII. New Business: None.

IX. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Funchess at 11:10 p.m. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.