

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting

May 9, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Judith Davis, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Willa Powell, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

Board Members Excused: None.

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Interim Superintendent Dan Lowengard, EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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

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

- III. **Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** Parent Cynthia Clay spoke about an incident involving a student and teacher. Parents Mercedes Phelan and Stephanie Vargas commended the Board for adopting the 2019-20 budget, which includes funding for restorative practices.

Commissioner Powell arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Commissioner Hallmark arrived at 6:21 p.m.

Commissioner Sheppard arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Superintendents Reports: EPO Superintendent Nelms delivered a presentation in which he recognized particular students, spoke about the recent symposium held at East focusing on Community Schools, and highlighted the accomplishments of the EPO over the past several years.

In introducing **Resolution No. 2018-19: 832**, Dr. Nelms requested that the Board vote affirmatively for the resolution to extend the East EPO, partnership with the University of Rochester. He noted that the plan for the extension of the EPO includes the establishment of a technical assistance center, strategy to transition the schools from EPO management to the District, and efforts for collaboration to better meet the needs of all students. Dr. Nelms stated that it has been a privilege to enact change for the students of East and he looks forward to making more of a positive impact for East and the larger community in the coming years.

Commissioner to table **Resolution No. 2018-19: 832** made by Vice President Elliott, motion fails 2-5 with President White, Commissioner Hallmark, Commissioner LeBron, Commissioner Powell, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

Motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2018-19: 832** was made by Commissioner Sheppard, and seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Resolution adopted 5-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting.

IV. Resolutions

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 829: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 830: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 831: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Powell dissenting.

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 832: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Sheppard. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 5-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting.

Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 833: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

V. Unfinished Business: None.

VI. New Business: None.

VII. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual and to receive legal advice and guidance for Counsel was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner LeBron at 8:05 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to reconvene into open session made by Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner LeBron at 9:55 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

VIII. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Sheppard at 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion carries 7-0.