

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting Minutes

June 13, 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

Board Members Excused: Commissioner Natalie Sheppard

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Interim Superintendent Daniel Lowengard, General Counsel Karl Kristoff, and District Clerk Francine Scott.

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

I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by East High School Assistant Superintendent of Strategic Planning, Lorna Washington

II. Acceptance of Minutes: No minutes

Vice President Elliott arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioner LeBron arrived at 6:50 p.m.

III. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item: Parent Howard Eagle addressed Resolution No. 2018-19: 944 and read a letter addressed to Commissioner LeBron regarding said remarks. Staff member, Laurel Avery-DeToy spoke in support of Resolution No. 2018-19: 945.

IV. Speaker NOT Addressing an Agenda Item: No Speakers

V. Superintendent Report:

East EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms shared that the East High School graduation rate is expected to increase to 61.1% this school year from 51.7% 2017-18 school year. He also reported there has been a decrease in the dropout rate. Superintendent Nelms indicated that the chronic absenteeism has decreased also by 22%. Dr. Nelms indicated East would be hosting a Summer Programming for staff, parents and students. Dr. Sonia James-Wilson will facilitate a 5-day workshop for staff on Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy. The Summer Training Institute for Parents will involve workshops for parents to help their children prepare for high school, professional learning to help parents understand graduation requirements, and encourage parents to participate on FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Committee. Step to College Summer Programming for students will provide high school scholars with an opportunity to experience the expectations and rigor of college through academic, social, recreational and community related experiences. Scholars will also learn about the college process, financial aid requirements, mentorship, appropriate college conduct, and college level academics.

VI. East EPO Financial Report: No Report

VII. Review of Cohort (Graduation Data)

Robert Ullman with the Office Accountability presented the 2015 Total Cohort Graduation Rates (June 2019 Graduation Year) with end of marking period three results. Mr. Ullman explained there are two criteria for students to meet in order to graduate that include students who have received 16 credits as defined by the Academic Standards and Assessment Policy promotional guidelines and students who have 3 passing exams scores that include Regents, CDOS (Career Development and Occupational Studies and CTE (Career in Technical Education. Mr. Ullman reported the projection of June 2019 graduation rate is 60.1percent that would exceed the June 2018 graduation rate that was 53.5 percent. Mr. Ullman also reported the June 2015 total cohort projection of 60.1 percent includes East High School. As of marking period three, the Tracking Student Performance indicates 66.4 percent students are projected to graduate including East High School scholars that have met ASAP guidelines. The data also reveals 56.3 percent of students are projected to graduate that have 16 credits and 3 passing exams scores. Mr. Ullman reported there is an overall decrease of 2.6 percent in the student drop out.

Superintendent Lowengard stated although the District has a long way to go in making gains in student graduation, the District is moving in the right direction.

President White thanked Mr. Ullman for providing the data.

VIII. 2018-19: 930: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 931: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 933: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 938: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 942: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 943: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 944: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and

Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 945: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 946: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting, and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

Motion to separate Resolution No. 2018-19: 947 into Resolution No. 2018-19: 947 and Resolution No. 2018-19: 947a by Member Board Commissioner Davis, seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell, motion carries 6-0, with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 947: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

2018-19: 947a: Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

President White acknowledged the gains the District is making in student graduation and emphasized a number of students preparing to take the Regents Exams starting on Tuesday, June 18. President White requested the Board Retreat be rescheduled so all Commissioners could be in attend.

Commissioner LeBron congratulated OACES graduates and recognized Urban Fellow Program students from University of Rochester in attendance to learn about Board Business Meetings.

- X. Motion to enter into executive session** to discuss a matter related to the employment of a particular person made by Commissioner Powell, and seconded by Commissioner Hallmark at 7:20 p.m. Motion carries 6-0 Motion with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

Motion to reconvene into open session made by Commissioner Hallmark, seconded by Vice President Elliott at 8:25 p.m. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

- XI. Meeting to adjourn** made by Commissioner Hallmark at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.