

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting  
September 26, 2019

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Judith Davis, Commissioner Willa Powell, and Student Leadership Representative Tatiyana Spencer

**Board Members Excused:** None.

**Board Members Participating via Teleconference:** Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard (entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Superintendent Terry Dade, Chief of Staff Annmarie Lehner and other Cabinet members, Chief Counsel Karl Kristoff and District Clerk Marisol O. Ramos-Lopez.

President White called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

- I. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Roberto Ramirez a student from P-Tech.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from Special Meeting: August 20, 2019; Minutes from Business Meeting: August 22, 2019; Minutes from Special Meeting: August 27, 2019; Minutes from Special Meeting: September 3, 2019; Minutes from Special Meeting: September 10, 2019; Minutes from Business Meeting: September 12, 2019; Minutes from Charter School Hearing: September 12, 2019 moved by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Davis.

Minutes accepted 5-2 with Commissioner LeBron dissenting and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

- III. **Speakers:** Parent Howard Eagle discussed concerns with District Budget. Parent Amy Malloy thanked Superintendent Dade for his leadership.

Commissioner Sheppard arrived at 6:45 p.m.

#### IV. **Advisory Council Reports:**

**Student Leadership Congress** – Tatiyana Spencer, Junior at World of Inquiry High School introduced herself and reported on the outcomes of the first meeting of the Student Leadership Congress.

**Parent Advisory Council** – No Report

**Bilingual Education Council** – Myrna Gonzalez, President of the Council requested that the Board consider compensating parent leaders who are involved in the various advisory groups with gas cards and funds for child care. She thanked the district for the new School #22 and

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reported on the work the council has done in the area of advocacy for funding and the hiring of more bilingual teachers. The Latino Parent Conference will be held on October 26, 2019. President White thanked Ms. Gonzalez for her commitment to the Bilingual Education Council.

## V. Board Reports:

**President's Report:** None

**Policy Development and Review Committee:** Commissioner Sheppard submitted the report in writing.

**Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee:** Commissioner Davis reported on the CIGR Committee's charge being refocused to include more stakeholders in the development of partnerships, and the Board Communications Plan.

**Finance and Resource Allocation Committee:** Commissioner Powell reported that the Committee of the Whole reviewed the *August 2019 Unaudited Financial Reports* and moved that the reports be accepted. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Minutes accepted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

Commissioner Powell presented the results of the *2018-19 Annual Student Activity Funds Report* and moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Report accepted 4-3 2 with Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Sheppard, and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Human Resources Committee:** Vice President Elliott reported that the Board has reconvened the HR Committee after several years. This committee provides governance oversight over personnel hiring and the budget. The committee of the whole brainstormed ideas for the charge of the Committee. The committee received a presentation from the Chief of Human Resources on Diversity Hiring goals for the District.

**VI. Superintendents Reports:** Superintendent Dade delivered a presentation where he provided updates for the month of August including: first day of school activities; the tweet of the week; School 22's Ribbon Cutting; he welcomed Student Representative Tatiyana Spencer; announced the District's Swim Team; the partnership with the Rochester Education Foundation; thanked Teacher Jennifer Finewood for her heroic act of pulling a victim from a burning car; discussed the At Your Service Call Center where families were assisted during the first weeks of school with placement issues; discussed the new placement process and the increase in Graduation rates; and spoke about the 2018-19 Internal Year-End Audit Reconciliation where the district is facing a \$30 million deficit.

## VII. Consideration of Resolutions

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 260:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 261:** Moved to Executive Session

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 262:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 265:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 270:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 271A:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 271B:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 272:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 273:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 274:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 275:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 277:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Motion to consider Resolutions No. 2019-20: 284 – 289 made by Member of the Board Commissioner Hallmark and Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Each individual section was voted on separately by the Board.**

Commissioner Hallmark left the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 284A:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Fails 2-4 with Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting

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and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 284B:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 285:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Fails 2-4 with Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 286A:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Fails 2-4 with Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 286B:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287A:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287B:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 288A:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287B:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287C:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287D:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287E:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287F:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287G:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287H:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Fails 2-4 with Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287I:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287J:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Fails 2-4 with Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287K:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Fails 2-4 with Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287L:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Fails 2-4 with Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 287M:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

Commissioner Hallmark returned to the meeting at 8:30 pm

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 289:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner Davis dissenting.

Motion to table **Resolutions 2019-20: 294 – 316** until October 1, 2019 made by Commissioner LeBron, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Adopted 7-0

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 317:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with and Commissioner Davis dissenting.

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**Resolution No. 2019-20: 318:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 319:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with and Commissioner Davis dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 320:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 321:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 322:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 325:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Fails 4-3 with President White, Vice President Elliott, and Commissioner Davis dissenting. *(NOTE: Bylaw votes require 5 votes to be adopted)*

**VIII. Motion to enter into executive session** to discuss a matter related to a personnel issue with Counsel was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Powell at 9:51 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

**IX. Motion to reopen Board Business Meeting** by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Elliott at 10:43 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 261:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**X. Motion to adjourn** made by Commissioner Powell at 10:49 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carries 7-0