

## ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting  
December 19, 2019

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Judith Davis, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark via Zoom Videoconference, Commissioner Willa Powell, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Natalie Sheppard and Student Leadership Representative Tatiyana Spencer

**Board Members Excused:** None.

**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 5:40 p.m.

*At the December 17, Committee of the Whole Meeting a motion was approved to suspend the Board Bylaws Article 9 Changing the Order of Business so that the Superintendent's Report was provided prior to the Speakers section of the agenda.*

*In addition, a motion was approved to suspend Article 10 of the Board Bylaws so that all speakers on the Speakers List be allowed to address the board for 2 minutes.*

**I. The Pledge of Allegiance.**

**II. Acceptance of Minutes:** October 22, 2019 Special Meeting; November 7, 2019 Business meeting. Moved by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**III. Superintendents Reports:** Parent Advisory Council. General Counsel Karl Kristoff presented several options related to the governance of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The group has been impacted by dwindling membership and underrepresentation, and an overhaul of their 2017 bylaws was rejected by the board due to concerns from parents who are not part of the PAC.

1. Mr. Kristoff provided the Board with the following recommendations
  - a. **Convene a representative assembly of parents**
    - (1) Recruitment underway
    - (2) Tentative 1/13/20 meeting date
  - b. **Agenda for meeting of parent assembly**
    - (1) Orientation
    - (2) By-Laws discussion
    - (3) Schedule follow up meeting to adopt by-Laws and elect officers
  - c. **Recognition of other parent organizations**
    - (1) Bilingual Parent Council – already recognized
    - (2) Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

- (3) Multilingual Parent Advisory Council (MPAC)
- (4) Independent, but represented
- (5) By-Laws subject to Board approval as a condition of Title I funding

The board will have further discussion on this topic in January, 2020.

**IV. Advisory Council Reports:**

**Student Leadership Congress** – Tatiyana Spencer, Junior at World of Inquiry High School reported on student activities surrounding the displacement of teachers due to the budget crisis. She indicated that students are worried about their futures and the future of their teachers. They are confused on how this all began in the first place and are frustrated with the decisions being made. She also stated that the students are looking forward to working with the Board to find sustainable solutions to the District’s financial issues.

**Parent Advisory Council** – No Report

**Bilingual Education Council** – No Report.

**V. Board Reports:**

**President’s Report:** None

**Finance and Resource Allocation Committee:** Commissioner Powell reported that the Finance Committee convened as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 and moved that the following reports be accepted.

1. September 2019 Financial Report
2. October 2019 Financial Report
3. November 2019 Financial Report

Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion Fails 3-3 with Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

Commissioner Powell moved that the Quarterly Student Activity Funds Report be accepted. President White seconded. Motion carries 4-2 with Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and dissenting and Commissioner Hallmark absent.

**Policy Development and Review Committee:** Submitted in writing and on BoardDocs.

**Human Resources Committee:** Submitted in writing and on BoardDocs.

**Audit Committee:** Submitted in writing and on BoardDocs.

**VI. Speakers:** See List.

- Speakers addressed the Board on their concerns regarding the staff reduction plan. The speaker’s forum took place from 6:25 p.m. – approximately 10:15 p.m.

Commissioner Hallmark joined in via Zoom Videoconference at 6:31 p.m.

**VII. Consideration of Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 542:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded

DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

by Member of the Board Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 5-2 with President White and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

**Motion to move the meeting into Executive Session was made by Commissioner LeBron at 10:55 p.m. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion carries 7-0.**

**Motion to reconvene Business Meeting made by Vice President Elliott at 11:23 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries 7-0.**

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 543:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 544:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 545:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 5-2 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

**Motion to Table Resolutions 514-518 until January 7, 2020 made by Commissioner Sheppard. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Motion Carries 7-0.**

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 514:** Tabled

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 515:** Tabled

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 516:** Tabled

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 517:** Tabled

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 518:** Tabled

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 519:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 4-3 with Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 520:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 4-3 with Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 521:** 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.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 522:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 4-3 with Commissioner Davis, Commissioner LeBron, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 523:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 524:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis

DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 524:** 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: 524:** 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: 525:** 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: 526:** 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: 528:** 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: 529:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 530:** Resolution Withdrawn

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 531:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Powell dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 532:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Powell dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 533:** Resolution Withdrawn

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 534:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 535:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 536:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 537:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 538:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 539:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 540:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 541:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

**VIII. Motion to adjourn** at 12:23 p.m. made by Commissioner Davis. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Motion carries 7-0.