

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting

April 2, 2020

Via Zoom Teleconference

Board Members in Attendance: President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Ricardo Adams, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Amy Maloy, Commissioner Willa Powell, Commissioner Natalie Sheppard

Board Members Absent: None

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: East EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms, Superintendent Terry Dade, Deputy Superintendent Lynda Quick, East EPO Chief of Staff Lorna Washington, 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 6:11 p.m.

- I. **The Pledge of Allegiance** led by President White
 - **Heroes for Hope** – President White thanked the Heroes for Hope in the District. Individuals who courageously and selflessly accepted to work during the School Closure as a result of Covid-19 producing, packing, and distributing food and materials for students and families.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from: January 23, 2020; February 27, 2020; and March 12, 2020. Moved by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.
- III. **Speakers:** *Due to the closure of meetings to the Public as a result of COVID-19, all Speaker comments will be read aloud into the Public Record. This list reflects the names of anyone who submitted comments.*

Motion to amend Board Bylaws regarding Speakers made by Commissioner Powell.

Resolved that a so much of the Board's Bylaws as governs public comment be suspended so that written comments submitted in accordance with the board's regular procedure be placed on the record by the District Clerk or her designee; but that there will be a time limit of 2 minutes per submission and that the balance of each submission re provided each commissioner; and also by electronic means to the public satisfactory to the District Clerk and that the established 60 minute time limit be suspended to accommodate this process.

Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

39 speaker comments were read into the Public Record by the District Clerk Ramos-Lopez and

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Community Liaison Specialist Wade.

IV. Advisory Council Reports: No Reports

V. Board Reports: No Reports

VI. Superintendent's Reports: Superintendent Nelms delivered his monthly update via a presentation that discussed: student voice; equity and access during Covid-19; East EPO's Tik Tok Challenge with Chaz Bruce; and community partnerships.

After the report, an update on the District's distribution of Technology during the Covid-19 shutdown was provided by Glen VanDerwater, CIO. Week one will be held at Edison Tech and Week two will be held at Douglass. The deployment is for grades 6-12. Commissioner LeBron asked about the distribution of technology for grades K-5. Chief VanDerwater responded that the District is conducting a phased-in approach to distribution of technology and indicated that there are implications with deploying technology to the earlier grade levels due to one to one teaching availability that will cause a new expense for the District.

VII. Consideration of Resolutions

Resolution No. 2019-20: 805: Motion to adopt was made by Member of the Board Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 818: Motion to TABLE Resolution 818 until April 7, 2020 made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Passed 6-1 with Commissioner LeBron dissenting.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 819: A motion to AMEND Resolution 819 to add Vice President Elliott as the Board's representative on the Safety Team and to correct the titles of all participants appointed to the Safety Team made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Passes 7-0.

Motion to adopt as amended was made by Member of the Board Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 820: Motion to adopt was made by Member of the Board Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 821: Motion to adopt was made by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 7-0.

VIII. Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting: None

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IX. **New Business:** None

X. **Motion to enter into Executive Session** at 9:07 p.m. to discuss a student disciplinary matter and a confidential conversation with Counsel seeking legal advice made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 10:42 p.m. made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion carries 7-0.

XI. **Motion to adjourn** at 10:46 p.m. made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 7-0.