

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting

June 18, 2020

## MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Ricardo Adams, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron via Zoom Videoconferencing. Commissioner Amy Maloy, Commissioner Willa Powell, Commissioner Natalie Sheppard and Student Representative Tatiyana Spencer

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Superintendent Dr. Lesli Myers-Small, Deputy Superintendent Lynda Quick, and other Cabinet members, State Monitor Dr. Shelley Jallow, Chief Counsel Karl Kristoff and District Clerk Marisol O. Ramos-Lopez.

President White called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

### I. Act of Reverence and The Pledge of Allegiance

- **The Board of Education** dedicated 8 minutes and 46 seconds to honor the life of George Floyd and Black Lives Matter.
- President White introduced Principal Eva Thomas to honor the Heroes of Hope from School #57

### II. Acceptance of Minutes: Business Meeting: May 28, 2020 and Charter School Public Hearings for True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School, True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School – West, and Rochester Preparatory Charter School 3 held on May 28, 2020

Moved by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

### III. Speakers: Cory Lynn Riemer, Staff regarding Recommendation for Position Reinstatement Comments submitted in writing by:

1. Lila Caricati, Staff regarding Displacement
2. Angela Nassimos, Staff regarding Cut to Department of Arts Support Staff

### IV. Advisory Council Reports:

- **Student Leadership Congress** Student Representative Tatiyana Spencer reported on the most recent meeting of the Student Leadership Congress June Zoom Meeting and introduced Aaniyah Simmons as the Student Representative for the incoming fiscal year.

### V. Board Reports:

**President's Report** – President White encouraged parents to sign up to serve as Parent Representatives on one of the Board Committees.

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**Finance and Resource Allocation Committee** – Commissioner LeBron asked for a motion to accept the May 2020 unaudited Financial Report. Moved by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

The Finance Committee discussions during the June meeting focused on:

The usage of the Budget Hold 'Em game as a potential fiscal professional development training for the Board: This is intended to be folded into the Board's next retreat session

Shifting the District's budget projections to actuals: Once a new CFO has been on-boarded, this transition will be considered. An end-of-July date has tentatively set for this discussion to be readdressed.

The Committee also discussed the need to review and/or audit the District's Charter School Reconciliation reports, including those specific to special education students. This has been suggested to track the flow of funds going to charter schools and back to the District as student's transition between institutions.

Additionally, the Committee discussed a similar need for a quarterly review of the District's substitute teacher usage by FTE and dollar value. This report would be developed between the HR and Finance Departments. It is anticipated that the development of both reports will be discussed further in upcoming Finance and/or Audit Committee Meetings.

**Governance Committee** – Topics discussed during that meeting include:

The Board Self Evaluation which is due June 30, 2020

An update on the DE Report by Superintendent Myers-Small. The Superintendent will be making recommendations for the Board to consider related to the reporting format.

The development of an annual Board PD Plan for 2020-21 which include

- Board Retreats
- Committee Specific Training (ie: Fiscal Training)
- PD per DE Report
- Superintendent Evaluation/Goals
- Board Budget Goals
- Add to Board By-Laws
- A change in the annual calendar for Business Meetings combining the District and East
- Business meetings from two meetings to one each month.
- A review of the tentative BOE 20-21 Travel Schedule. We will be outlining how these
- PD opportunities align with Board goals during the retreats this summer.

**Policy Committee** – President White reported that the Committee reviewed the updated Policy Update Chart and discussed the Board's policy priorities. The next policies slated for review in upcoming Policy Meetings are the Code of Conduct (Policy 1400), The Student Attendance Policy (Policy 5100), The Purchasing Policy (Policy 6700), the Academic Intervention Services (Compensatory Education) Policy (Policy 4325), and the Code of Ethics (Policy 2160). The

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Board and Administration will also be considering the development and implementation of an Online Credit Recovery Policy as suggested by the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA).

The Policy Committee also reviewed the Policy Deliverables Matrix and discussed the plan for ensuring that all policy reporting requirements are reviewed by the Board throughout the next academic year. District Administration will be working closely with Board Staff to update the Deliverables matrix for the next Committee Meeting and the Superintendent will designate the responsible administrative staff assigned to each policy deliverable.

The Committee reviewed pertinent NYSSBA policy suggested updates to the Student Attendance Policy and the Online Credit Recovery Policy.

Dr. Jallow, the State monitor addressed Policy Committee with regard to the Code of Ethics Policy (Policy 2160) and its Conflict of Interest provisions. After discussion with General Counsel, it is anticipated that there may be some suggested changes to the policy. These will be discussed in the July Policy Committee meeting.

The Committee also discussed Appendix A: Standards of Conduct, of the Code of Ethics (Policy 2160) as was originally raised by Commissioner Powell in the March Policy Committee Meeting. By affirmative motion the Board will be reconsidering Resolution 2019-20: 664 originally passed on February 27, 2020. This consideration relates to the potential addition of two new guidelines to the Standards of conduct. These policy changes will be considered in today's Business Meeting under Old Business.

**VI. Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Myers-Small congratulated the 2020 graduates; welcomed three new administrators to her team: Deputy Superintendent Dr. Genelle Morris, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Melody Martinez-Davis and Interim CFO Carleen Pierce; she reported on the Chromebook Deployment to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families; Transition Planning related to the School Resource Officers not being in schools; provided information on the Regents Exam exemption; Summer School for Special Education students; introduced the Student Artwork for the 2020-21 School Calendar; and reopening framework being conducted.

## **VII. Consideration of Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 975:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Vice President Elliot. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 976:** A motion to **TABLE** Resolution 977 until June 23, 2020 was made by Commissioner Sheppard. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 978:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Vice President Elliot. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 981:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by

Vice President Elliot. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 986:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 987:** A motion to **TABLE** Resolution 987 until June 23, 2020 was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 988:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 989:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 990:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 991:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 993:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Vice President Elliot. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 995:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 997:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Vice President Elliot. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 998:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Vice President Elliot. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 999:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Vice President Elliot. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1000:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1001:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1002:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

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**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1003:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1004:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1005:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1006:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1007:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1008:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 4-3 with Vice President Elliott and Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1009:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

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**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1020:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1021:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1022:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1023:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1024:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President Elliot. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1025:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron.

**Roll Call Vote**

President White	No
Vice President Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Adams	Yes
Commissioner LeBron	Yes
Commissioner Maloy	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner Sheppard	Yes

Adopted 6-1 with President White dissenting.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1026:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution No. 2019-20: 1027:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.

**VIII. Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting – None**

**IX. New Business – None**

**X. Motion to enter into Executive Session** at 9:14 p.m. to discuss the appointment of a specific individual and have a confidential conversation with Counsel seeking legal advice made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 7-0.

**Motion to exit Executive Session** at 11:08 p.m. made by Commissioner Adams. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Motion carries 7-0.

**XI. Motion to adjourn** at 11:08 p.m. meeting came to an end for lack of quorum.