

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Special Meeting Minutes

Community and Intergovernmental Relations (CIGR) Committee of the Whole  
February 11, 2020

**Board Members in Attendance:** President White (via Zoom video conferencing), Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Sheppard, Commissioner Maloy, Commissioner Powell (via Zoom video conferencing), Commissioner Lebron

**Board Members Excused:** Commissioner Adams (out sick)

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Superintendent, Terry Dade (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), Deputy Superintendent, Lynda Quick; Chief of Staff, Annemarie Lehner; General Counsel, Karl Kristoff; District Clerk, Marisol Ramos-Lopez; Board Staff, Kallia Wade

Vice President Elliott Convened the Special Meeting at 5:35 p.m. and noted that President White and Commissioner Powell were joining the meeting

- I. Speakers:** Speakers addressed the Board regarding the pre-K and UPK programs as well as School No. 44. See attached list below.

## **II. Special Meeting Discussion Items**

### Presentation: Pre-K Initiative

Chief of Staff, Annmarie Lehner addressed the Commissioners, and introduced the newly appointed Deputy Superintendent Lynda Quick. Following this, Ms. Lehner presented the Pre-K Initiative proposal via PowerPoint as Superintendent Dade was in transit, returning from Albany. Ms. Lehner also brought Director of Preschool Programs, Robin Hooper to the table to assist in answering the Board's questions.

The presentation noted the District's nationally recognized Pre-K program and pointed to a vision to have RCSD Pre-K Centers in every zone of the District, with a proposed new center established in School No. 44 (200 students), and School No. 57 (200 students). The presentation also highlighted the declining enrollment trends for the District and presented the opening of the two new RCSD centers as a means to roll back this trajectory. The proposal was also tied to align with an updated managed choice Policy, once addressed by the Board. The new Pre-K program would account for 614 seats (394 from CBOs returning to the District + 90 seats from the January 2020 EPK grant award + 130 unfilled seats in the 2019-20 school year). The proposal also answered the question of District affordability as compared to providing the services at CBOs, and Ms. Lehner shared that the proposal was accompanied by extended day programs and flexible pick-up times for parents. Finally, the presentation ended with a proposed timeline for adoption, with the Board voting to adopt on 2/27/20.

Following the presentation, the Commissioners engaged in a question and answer

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session with Ms. Lehner and Ms. Hooper regarding the proposal. Major questions submitted to the question log included:

1. A request for accurate numbers and supporting data on the evaluation process to decide seats (referencing pg. 8 of the ppt)
2. A request for cost saving numbers and a description of teacher qualifications in the centers
3. A question regarding the possibility of CBOs providing early morning support onsite at new centers
4. A question regarding the possibility of requesting a waiver for the Board vote deadline to be extended

Superintendent Dade arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Commissioner Powell arrived in person to the meeting at 8:00 p. m.

At the closure of the presentation and question and answer segment, the Commissioners expressed special thanks to Director Hooper.

### **III. Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Whole Meeting:**

Commissioner Adams convened the CIGR Committee of the Whole at 8:09 p.m.

#### Review and Acceptance of the 2019-21 Legislative Agenda and Discussion on the Legislative Breakfast Program Expectations (March 7<sup>th</sup>)

Commissioner Adams presented the legislative agenda and asked for a motion for its acceptance. Commissioner Adams also provided a basic run through of the program for the Breakfast.

Commissioner Lebron noted her support and also asked for the Board to consider using the Legislative Breakfast to respond to the current inflammatory remarks being made against the District through a point-by-point address. President White noted a desire to send a letter addressing the facts and also asked for a presentation to be made at the Breakfast to this end. The Commissioners agreed to make a statement at the Breakfast addressing the District's point of view.

**Motion** by Commissioner LeBron to accept the 2020-21 Legislative Agenda as reviewed. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. **Motion passes 6-0 with Commissioner Adams absent.**

#### Follow-up on Parent Rep Recruitment

Board Staff Wade provided an update on the Parent Rep recruitment. The Commissioners requested for the application process to be made available online and also engaged in discussion regarding whether parents who are employees of the District would be able to apply and participate in Board Committees. Several Board members stated their support for staff parents' who desire to be involved.

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The CIGR Committee of the Whole adjourned at 8:49 p.m. and Special Meeting reconvened.

### Informational Items

The following were noted as reminders and provided for the Commissioners in their meeting packets:

- Communications Plan: Meeting Schedules (PTA/O and SLC)
- Budget Timeline
- Board School Liaison List

**Motion** by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the Special Meeting and reconvene in Executive Session to receive legal advice from General Counsel regarding the receipt of the East EPO Contract 8:50p.m., seconded by Commissioner LeBron. **Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Adams absent.**

**Motion** by Commissioner Powell to reconvene into open session at 9:41 p.m., seconded by Commissioner LeBron. **Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Adams absent.**

**Motion** by Commissioner Maloy to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:43 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Sheppard. **Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Adams absent.**

Next monthly CIGR Committee Meeting of the Whole: April 21, 2020

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**SPECIAL MEETING COVENING AS CIGR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Student/Parent/ Community/Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1. Sondra Wilson Programs	Parent	PreK
2. Cloria Sutton Programs	Parent	Pre School
3. Sarah Krocher Programs	Parent	UPK
4. Joanna Slater 44	Parent	School No.
5. Dawn Murray Programs	Community	UPK
6. Bridgett Shumway Programs	Community	PreK
7. Tamela Mentor Programs	Community	PreK
8. Kristin French Programs	Staff	PreK