

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes  
Policy Committee of the Whole  
March 3, 2020  
Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** President White, Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Adams, Vice President Elliott (at 5:51 p.m.), Commissioner Lebron, and Commissioner Maloy

**Board Members Excused:** Commissioner Sheppard

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Chief of Staff, Annmarie Lehner; General Counsel, Karl Kristoff; Chief of Operation Michael Schmidt, District Clerk, Marisol Ramos-Lopez; Board Staff, Kallia Wade

Guests in Attendance: RJSMP Representatives—Allan Williams, Pepin Accilien, Roland Coleman

President White convened the Special Meeting at 5:39 p.m.

- I. **Speakers:** Speakers addressed the Board regarding the preschool and UPK programs. See the attached list below.
- II. **Special Meeting Discussion Topics**

Presentation: Facilities Modernization Plan (FMP)

President White invited Chief of Operations, Michael Schmidt alongside representatives of the RJSMP to present update on the status of the Facilities Modernization Plan and noted that this was a part of the DE action Plan. The FMP Team led the Commissioners through a PowerPoint Presentation and after introductions, they provided a program overview, a review of the process and results and shared information on the completed projects and opportunities to continue the success of the plan. The team noted that the goal of creating 21<sup>st</sup> Century schools in the District and indicated that there were lessons learned through each of the FMP phases.

Questions/Requests Posed:

1. Lebron: Please indicate the number of seats available in the NW Zone and whether School #54, or another school is to be a candidate for non-wide school versus city-wide school based on seats
2. Lebron: Why didn't East EPO move (for construction)? Which budget line was impacted for resultant costs?

**Board Approved July 7, 2020**

3. Powell: Please provide a spreadsheet of women owned business utilized
4. White: Please develop a system where Board Staff and all Commissioners are made aware if school events

These were submitted to the Board question log for response.

### **III. Policy Committee of the Whole Meeting:**

President White convened the Policy Committee as Chair of the Board's Policy Development and Review Committee at 6:40PM.

#### **Review and Acceptance of the Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting**

**Motion** by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Policy Committee meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. **Adopted 6-0, with Commissioner Sheppard absent.**

#### ***Policy 1400 "Code of Conduct" Review***

The Commissioners started on the second set of recommendations (edit #6- 25) made by the School Climate Advisory Committee (SCAC), and utilized a Code of Conduct Review Comparison Spreadsheet to identify potential changes to the Code. This document compares the SCAC recommendations with the response recommendations and rationale from District Administration. In reviewing issue #6, Commissioner Lebron requested that informed consent be provided in written form to parents and families alongside the suspension notice letter.

As the Policy Committee continued reviewing each issue, the Commissioners discussed the need to invite members of the SCAC to join and be involved in the Board's review sessions so that they could represent and speak to the recommendations made. The Committee decided to table the remainder of the Code of Conduct Review until the SCAC is able to attend the Policy Meetings. Board Staff Wade was tasked with inviting members of the SCAC to the next Policy/ review session.

### **IV. New Business**

Vice President Elliott noted a desire to discuss the School Based Planning Teams. General Counsel Kristoff to send out an information packet to the Board regarding the SCPT provisions. This is also to be added to the discussions at the next CIGR Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Lebron indicated that Administration should be in attendance at Board Meetings. A request was made for this to be communicated with Chief of Staff Lehner and that a conversation on this topic held at the next meeting.

As a New Business topic, Commissioner Powell highlighted Appendix A to the Code of Ethics (*Policy 2160*) and requested that the Committee reconsider and revisit the inclusion of (2) additional items to the Standards of Conduct:

- keep abreast of issues in education
- participate in training relevant to Board service.

Commissioner Powell noted that these items were originally considered at the Board retreat and had received a 4 or 5 majority vote at that time. She also indicated that these were important responsibilities of the Board, were part of the charge of the DE report action plan, and should be considered for addition even though the Code of Ethics had already been updated. The Committee agreed to discuss and address this in a subsequent Policy Committee Meeting.

**Policy Committee Meeting adjourned** at 7:53 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Lebron, seconded by Commissioner Maloy. **Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.**

Special Meeting reconvened at 7:54pm and **Motion to enter into Executive Session** to discuss a student disciplinary matters and to discuss matters of concern with General Counsel made by Commissioner Lebron. Motion seconded by Commissioner Maloy. **Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.**

**Motion** by Commissioner Lebron to approve Resolution 2019-20:735. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. **Adopted 6-0, with Commissioner Sheppard absent.**

**Motion to come out of Executive Session** made by Vice President Elliott at 9:22 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. **Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.**

**Motion to Adjourn** made by Commissioner Lebron at 9:22 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Powell. **Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.**

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

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Student/Parent/ Community/Staff</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1. Mehmet Dilek	Parent	PreK Programs
2. Jessica Fleming	Parent	UPK Programs
3. Mark Lavender Programs	Parent	PreK
4. Michael A. Nix Programs	Community	UPK

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