

**School Resource Officer Public Hearing**  
**Public Hearing Via Zoom**  
**May 21, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Attendance: President Van Henri White, Vice President Elliott, Commissioners Adams, LeBron, Maloy, Powell, and Sheppard and District Clerk Marisol O. Ramos-Lopez.

President White opened the hearing at 6:06 p.m.

President White noted that pursuant to sections 101, 207, 305, 2801-a of the Education Law and Section 32 of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019, Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education was amended to require that beginning with the 2019-20 school year, and every school year thereafter, every school shall define the areas of responsibility of school personnel, security personnel and law enforcement in response to student misconduct that violates the code of conduct. A school district or charter school that employs, contracts with, or otherwise retains law enforcement or public or private security personnel, including school resource officers, shall establish a written contract or memorandum of understanding that is developed with stakeholder input, including, but not limited to, parents, students, school administrators, teachers, collective bargaining units, parent and student organizations and community members, as well as probation officers, prosecutors, defense counsels and courts that are familiar with school discipline.

Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall define the relationship between a school district or charter school, school personnel, students, visitors, law enforcement, and public or private security personnel. Such contract or memorandum of understanding shall be consistent with the code of conduct, define law enforcement or security personnel's roles, responsibilities and involvement within a school and clearly delegate the role of school discipline to the school administration. Such written contract or memorandum of understanding shall be incorporated into and published as part of the district safety plan; SRO contracts are considered a part of the district-wide safety plans, and each board of education, chancellor or other governing body shall make each district-wide safety plan available for public comment at least 30 days prior to its adoption. Such district-wide plans may be adopted by the school board only after at least one public hearing that provides for the participation of school personnel, parents, students and any other interested parties.

President White explained that the Board of Education of the Rochester City School District is conducting this public hearing to gather community input regarding the School Resource Officer Program.

President White then requested public comment regarding the school. The following speakers were present:

Name	Student/Parent/Community/Staff
1. Abby Feldman	Student
2. Maya Waller	Student
3. Tali Beckwith-Cohen	Student
4. Sarah Adams	Student
5. Mary Callahan	Parent
6. Jessica Nordquist	Parent
7. Moses Robinson	Community
8. Beth Laird	Community
9. Michael Santana	Community
10. Iman Abid	Community
11. Andrea Vasquez Jimenez (technical difficulties)	Community
12. Owens Sheppard	Community
13. Eamonn Scanlon	Community
14. Stephanie Vargas	Community
15. Shirley Thompson	Community
16. James Thompson	Community
17. Kwame Donko-Hanson	Staff
19. Bryant Cromartie	Staff

The following provide written comments that are posted on the RCSD Web Page:

1. Gina Faggiano	Community
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| 2.  | C. Sedita           | Community |
| 3.  | Officer Ken Frisbie | Community |
| 4.  | Officer A. Wagner   | Community |
| 5.  | Beth Laird          | Community |
| 6.  | Anthony Padilla     | Staff     |
| 7.  | Michelle Sims       | Staff     |
| 8.  | Dave Cervini        | Staff     |
| 9.  | Jackie Williams     | Staff     |
| 10. | Cheryl M. Graves    | Staff     |
| 11. | Anita Z. Watkins    | Staff     |
| 12. | Mike Fuentes        | Staff     |
| 13. | Antonia Scahill     | Staff     |
| 14. | Alan A. Tirré       | Staff     |
| 15. | Michelle Whelen     | Staff     |
| 16. | Adele Fico          | Staff     |

President White concluded the hearing at 6:55 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn** made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy.  
Adopted 7-0.