

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**March 23, 2015**

**Attendance:** Vice President Elliott and Commissioners Adams, Campos, Cruz, Evans, and Powell. Superintendent Vargas and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

Vice President Elliott convened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Superintendent Vargas delivered a presentation of his proposed budget for the 2015/16 fiscal year, highlighting initiatives that reflect the District's commitment to student achievement and the fiscal condition of the District. Dr. Vargas detailed plans to close the projected \$40.5 million gap with minimal staff disruption, while investing \$25.3 million in school-based programs and services. Dr. Vargas noted that the goals of the draft budget for the 2015/16 fiscal year include efforts to recruit 46 additional reading teachers; increase art, music, sports, and extra-curricular activities; institute expanded learning time at 3 more elementary and K-8 schools for a total of 13 during the 2015/16 year; fund program enhancements at East High School, Edison Technical High School Campus, Leadership Academy for Young Men and Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School; and increase summer learning programs and summer jobs for District students.

Commissioner Powell left at 6:30 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner Campos at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with President White and Commissioner Powell absent.