

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Business Meeting

April 11, 2019

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Judith Davis, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Willa Powell, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

**Board Members Excused:** None.

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Interim Superintendent Dan Lowengard, EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms, and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

- I. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a young audience member.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** None.
- III. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers were present.
- IV. **Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** No speakers were present.
- V. **Superintendents Reports:** EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms provided an update to the Board on some of the demonstrable improvement indicators for the East Upper School. He also referenced the information previously provided to the Board focusing on the EPO's literacy programming and the school's student placement policies. In addressing the Upper School's demonstrable improvement indicators, Dr. Nelms focused on student attendance noting that chronic and severe absenteeism continues to challenge the school's overall performance. Dr. Nelms discussed some of the interventions that have been applied to address attendance including close monitoring and tracking of students and families. Dr. Nelms concluded the presentation by recognizing scholars who were recently awarded for their work and research in environmental science and education.  
  
EPO CFO Carleen Pierce presented the EPO Financial Update as of April 11, 2019. Motion to accept the East financial report was made by Commissioner Powell, and seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Motion carries 7-0.
- VI. **Resolutions**  
  
**Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 768:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Adopted 6-1 with Vice President Elliott dissenting.

**Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 769:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 770:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Davis dissenting.

**Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 771-772:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

**Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 773:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Rejected 3-3 with President White, Vice President Elliott, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

**VII. Unfinished Business:** None.

**VIII. New Business:** Members of the Board discussed the use of Parent advisor representatives to the Board.

**IX. Motion to enter into executive session** to discuss matters related to the discipline of a particular student, matters related to the employment of a particular person, and to seek legal advice from District counsel was made by Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner LeBron at 7:55 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Commissioner LeBron left at 8:48 p.m.

**Motion to reconvene into open session** made by Vice President Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Sheppard at 10:00 p.m. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.

**Resolution Nos. 2018-19: 773:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Rejected 3-3 with President White, Vice President Elliott, and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

**X. Motion to adjourn** made by Commissioner Sheppard at 10:05 p.m. Seconded by Vice President Elliott. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent.