

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes - Special Meeting &
Board Professional Development
March 31, 2020
Via Zoom Teleconference

Board Members in Attendance: President Van Henri White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Ricardo Adams, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Amy Maloy, Commissioner Natalie Sheppard, and Commissioner Willa Powell

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Superintendent Terry Dade, Deputy Superintendent Lynda Quick, Chief of Staff Annmarie Lehner, Chief Counsel Karl Kristoff, Superintendent Cabinet Members, and District Clerk Marisol O. Ramos-Lopez.

President White called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

I. Special Meeting Discussion Items:

Speakers:

Speakers List - Due to the closure of meetings to the Public as a result of COVID-19, speakers will provide comments via Zoom Videoconferencing. Speakers not wishing to participate via Zoom may provide comments in writing. They will be posted to the District web site. This list reflects the names of anyone who is speaking/submitted comments.

For tonight's meeting, thirteen (13) individuals submitted written comments to be read into the public record by the District Clerk.

Consideration of Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2019-20: 783: Motion to adopt was made by Member of the Board Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner LeBron dissenting and Vice President Elliott absent.

Resolution No. 2019-20: 798: Motion to adopt was made by Member of the Board Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Member of the Board Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner LeBron dissenting and Vice President Elliott absent.

II. Board Professional Development: 21st Century Boardcraft

General Counsel Karl Kristoff facilitated and presented this Board Professional Development Session that focused on the art and science of Board authority and the following topics: some legal truisms on Board authority, good Board meetings, Board/superintendent relations, Employee Relations, Labor Relations, leading constitutional issues, ethics policy issues, litigation, media relations, and the General Counsel.

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Vice President Elliott arrived at 6:56 p.m.

III. **New Business**

National School Boards Association - Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Elections – Commissioner Powell requested to be able to vote on behalf of the Rochester Board of Education the elections of the National School Boards Association CUBE Committee. By consensus, the Commissioners have agreed to have Commissioner Powell represent the RCSD.

Comments from Governor Cuomo regarding Covid-19 Funding – Commissioner Powell would like to advance the development of a written statement to the Governor indicating that Education funding should be held harmless throughout this pandemic. After some discussion, the consensus was to hold off on developing anything in writing until there is a better sense of the Governor's actions regarding funding cuts due to the pandemic.

- IV. Motion to enter into **Executive Session** to discuss a specific individual under contract by the District made by Commissioner LeBron moved at 8:47 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Commissioner LeBron at 10:29 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 7-0.

- V. Motion to **Adjourn** made by Vice President Elliott at 10:29 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Maloy. Motion carries 7-0