

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting

August 19, 2013

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President White and Commissioners Adams, Cruz, Elliott and Powell; Superintendent Bolgen Vargas; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

- I. Commissioner Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the July 25th Business Meeting, August 7th Special Meeting and August 12th Special Meeting made by Vice President White and seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Elliott absent.
- III. **Recognition:** None.
- IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** None.
- V. **Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** Parents Hyon-Chu Chong and Victoria Robertson spoke about the importance of Music programming for students. Community member Cuevas Walker spoke about the need for enhanced student support services. Staff members Alicia Messenger and Lilith Hart spoke the importance of Music programming for students.
- VI. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Vargas briefed the Board on the Summer Reading Initiatives aimed at reducing summer learning loss and promoting reading as a fun activity. He estimated that as many as 10,000 students participated in the programming with support from City libraries and recreation centers, Center for Youth and Writers & Books. Dr. Vargas also recognized several community partners for their continued support of the District's initiatives including Abbott's, Barnes & Noble, City of Rochester, M&T Bank, Rochester Area Community Foundation, Rochester Business Alliance, Rochester Public Libraries, Rochester Red Wings, RocRead, United Way of Greater Rochester, and Wegmans.
- VII. **Board Reports:**
 - Audit Committee**
Chair Mary Adams: No report.
 - Finance Committee**
Chair Willa Powell:
The Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 15th to consider Resolution No. 2013-14: 118 through 127. The Committee recommends approval of Budget Amendments (Resolutions 118 through 121) along with Resolution No. 2013-14: 122 for Transportation; Resolutions No. 2013-14: 123 through 125 for Procurement; and Resolutions No. 2013-14: 126 and 127 for Educational Facilities. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 5:30p.m.
 - Excellence in Student Achievement Committee**
Chair Van Henri White: The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee met on Monday, August 12th. Anita Murphy, Deputy Superintendent of Administration and Susan Hasenauer-Curtis, Executive

Director of School Innovation provided the Committee with an overview of the process used to create the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) and Schools Comprehensive Education Plans (SCEP). Commissioner White voiced concerned about the plans not being received by this committee prior to the meeting, noting that it does not allow the committee adequate time for review and feedback.

Ms. Murphy and Ms. Curtis explained that the new templates required by New York State and the delay in the availability of training, also from the State, caused delays in the process. In addition, the process involved bringing together stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, parents, RCSD cabinet members, principals and Office of Parent Engagement key staff. This also created many delays. The Schools Comprehensive Plans were made available to the Board on Monday, August 12th are currently available on BoardDocs. The next Excellence in Student Achievement Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Chair Cynthia Elliott: The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Tuesday, August 13th. Willie Robinson, District Coordinator of the Office of Parent Engagement presented to the committee, an overview of the New Wave Common Core Parent Conference event, held on Saturday, August 10th. Mr. Robinson stated the event was a success and it offered workshops to parents in areas such as ELL, Common Core and Special Education. Mr. Felix Jacobs, CIGR Parent Representative, also attended the event and informed the committee that parents had many concerns about Special Education, specifically, the name change, low graduation rates and academic intervention opportunities. Mr. Ed Lopez addressed some of Mr. Jacobs's concerns and offered to have more dialogue in the future. As a result of the presentation the committee suggested that the Office of Parent Engagement reach out to the community more by using media, such as WDKX radio station, to offer more dialogue with parents and reinforce Common Core standards. The Committee suggested, using the students who were in the 5% that passed the NYS exam, as speakers at this event. This may provide information and encouragement to other students on successful test-taking strategies and overall academic achievement. The Committee approved to advance a draft of the 2013 Legislative Agenda to the Board. This item is due for consideration at the September 26, 2013 Board Meeting.

Policy Committee

Chair Jose Cruz: The Policy Committee did not meet in August, but a few items were presented for Board consideration. For Discussion, proposed revisions of the Evaluation of Teaching Staff policy (0330) along with a proposed revision of the Wellness policy (5405) are presented to the full Board. In addition, the Policy Committee is planning to rescind a number of policies that either reiterate provisions already in law or regulation, or will be consolidated to eliminate redundancies, including, Arts Education (4320), Health Education (4315), AIDS Instruction (4315.1), Family Life Education (4312.1), and Physical Education (4316). Each of these policies is posted online on the District website.

Board Governance Committee

Chair Melisza Campos: No report.

Student Leadership Congress

Student Representative Sophie Gallivan: No report.

Parent Advisory Council

Parent Representative Candice Lucas: No report.

VIII. Resolutions

2013-14: 92: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 93: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 94: No resolutions submitted for August.

Motion to separate Resolution No. 2013-14: 95 into Resolution No. 2013-14: 95a and Resolution No. 2013-14: 95b made by Commissioner Elliott and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

2013-14: 95a: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 95b: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Cruz. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 96: No resolutions submitted for August.

2013-14: 97-103: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 104: No resolutions submitted for August.

2013-14: 105: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 106-109: No resolutions submitted for August.

2013-14: 110-112: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 113: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 114: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 4-1 with Vice President White abstaining due to familial relationship, Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2013-14: 115: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 4-1 with President Evans abstaining due to familial relationship, Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2013-14: 116-117: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 118-121: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 122-127: Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 128-130: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 131: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with President Evans abstaining due to familial and professional relationship and Commissioner Campos absent.

Motion to table Resolution No. 2013-14: 132 made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carries 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2013-14: 133-135: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 136: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2013-14: 137-140: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 141-142: Resolution pulled.

2013-14: 143-145: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.

2013-14: 146: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Elliott, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Rejected 1-5 with President Evans, Vice President White, Commissioner Adams, Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Powell dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

Motion to remove Resolution No. 2013-14: 68 from the table made by Commissioner White and seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

Motion to refer Resolution No. 2013-14: 68 to the Finance Committee for further review made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by President Evans. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

IX. Unfinished Business: None.

X. New Business: Commissioner Cruz presented the following items as Discussion Items: proposed revision of the Evaluation of Teaching Staff policy (0330) that addresses the evaluation of all District staff, and provides the flexibility needed to comply with APPR requirements. Commissioner Cruz also presented a proposed revision of the Wellness policy (5405) that incorporates a number of individual

related policies into one coherent and comprehensive whole.

XI. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual made by Vice President White at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

Motion to enter into open session made by Commissioner Cruz at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

2013-14: 91: Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cruz at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.