

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting September 22, 2011

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

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

I. Commissioner Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the August 25th Business Meeting made by Commissioner Powell seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Campos, White and Williams absent.

Commissioner White arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Commissioner Williams arrived at 6:55 p.m.

III. Student Recognition: The Board recognized members of the RCSD Crisis Team for their ongoing support to students, families and staff of the RCSD relating to issues of grief and loss.

IV. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item: None.

V. Superintendent's Report: Interim Superintendent Dr. Vargas spoke about recent outreach events he and members of the District's administrative Leadership Team held to engage students, parents and community stakeholders.

VI. President's Report: President Evans announced the Trent Jackson Athletic Complex Dedication Ceremony. He noted that the dedication ceremony will be held on October 8, 2011 at halftime of the Franklin High School Homecoming Football Game. President Evans also noted that since Jackson's death in March of 2007, his widow, Pamela Jackson-Yelder and his children have worked closely with the Rochester City School District to come up with a way that his name and efforts at Benjamin Franklin High School and in the Rochester community could be honored. President Evans stated that Trent Jackson is a hometown hero, and it is a pleasure to celebrate his legacy.

VII. Board Reports:

Audit Committee

Chair Allen Williams: The Audit Committee did not meet as a Committee in September. The next committee meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Finance Committee

Chair Willa Powell: The Finance Committee met on Thursday, September 15th to consider resolutions 226 through 255: The Committee recommends approval of the August 2011 Financial Report, the Year-End Financial Report, and the Quarterly Student Activity Funds Report. Motion to accept the above named reports made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Vice President Cruz. Reports were accepted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent. The Committee recommends the

following reviewed resolutions to the Board for approval: Resolutions 226 through 228 for Procurement & Supply; Resolution 229 for Other; and Resolutions 230 through 255 for Educational Facilities.

In addition, the members of the Finance Committee discussed mechanisms for tracking District property and possible changes to the Financial Reporting & Resolutions policy regarding the types of resolutions to be reviewed by the Committee. The next regular Finance Committee meeting will be held on October 20th, immediately following the Audit Committee meeting.

Excellence in Student Achievement Committee

Chair Van Henri White: The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee met on Monday, September 12th, to receive an activity report from the Department of African/African- American Studies, and to continue the discussion on Special Education (Specialized Services) from the Department of Teaching and Learning. The Director of African/African-American Studies provided an update on the activities of the department which included: creation of a web page for the department that is updated monthly; creation of a Cultural Response Team to review the Rochester Curriculum; professional development for teaching and support staff on culturally relevant teaching, visitation of 37 elementary schools (as a result of these visits 25 5th grade classes were introduced to Jamaican culture through a book written by Jamaican Olympic Bobsledder, Devon Harris); location of legislation which mandates, that the state or school district must African American Studies History a part of the curriculum; and creation of a video presentation for teachers to view on Superintendents conference day entitled "Student Voices" (the Board Members will receive a copy of the video)

The committee continued its discussion on Special Education from the July meeting regarding the review process that is used to determine whether or not a student is in need of specialized services. The committee received further data regarding students who are receiving specialized services and are on target for graduation in 2012. 230 students have been identified for graduation. The Department of Specialized Services will be monitoring these students to try to ensure their graduation and will provide a copy of the plans to the committee.

The next Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m. The committee will receive an update on the portfolio of schools at this meeting.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Chair Cynthia Elliott: The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee did not meet this month due to a lack of a quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Policy Committee

Chair Jose Cruz: The Policy Committee met on Thursday, September 15th to discuss a number of proposed policies and related processes, including the Parent Involvement policy and regulation, the development of a policy and regulation related to reproductive health education, student placement data and process, proposed Employee Residency policy, proposed changes to Transportation policy and mandates related to Special Education. The next Policy Committee Meeting will be held on October 20, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Governance Committee

Chair Melisza Campos: The Board Governance Committee did not meet in September. The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

Diversity Committee (ad hoc)

Chair Van Henri White: The Diversity Committee met on Monday, September 12th at 5:00 p.m. At that meeting, the Committee discussed the proposed Hiring and Recruitment Policy, reviewed data on the District’s diversity staffing levels, and begin discussing the Board’s Vendor Relations Policy (No. 6750) as it relates to M/WBE contractors participating in the District’s public works projects. The next Committee meeting has tentatively been scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th at 5:00 p.m. The agenda for that meeting includes: a final discussion of the proposed Hiring and Recruitment Policy, discussion of the Board’s Vendor Relations Policy (No. 6750) as it relates to M/WBE contractors participating in the District’s public works projects, discussion of Florida Statute 1003.42 (2)(h), development of an “Opportunity Fair” (HCI Outreach Opportunity) to introduce the community to requirements for working in the RCSD, and discussion of Senator Flanagan’s S3501B-2011: relating to retaining quality teachers when teaching positions are eliminated in city school districts in cities with a population of one million or more (<http://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/bill/S3501B-2011>).

Student Representative Report: None.

Commissioner Williams left at 8:00 p.m.

VIII. Resolutions

2011-12: 202-205: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 206-212: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 213-220: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 221-225: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 226-228: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 229: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 230-259: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 260: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioner Elliott abstaining and Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 261-264: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 265: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 266-268: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 269-274: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 275-279: Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

2011-12: 280: Motion to waive the requirement that written materials must be delivered to each Board member no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to consideration made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Vice President Cruz. Motion carries 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent. Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent.

IX. Unfinished Business: None.

X. New Business: None.

XI. Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item: None.

XII. President Evans announced that the next Business Meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m.

XIII. President Evans requested a **motion to enter into executive session** to discuss personnel matters related to a specific individual. Motion to enter into Executive Session made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell, adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent at 8:50 p.m.

Motion to enter into open session made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White, adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent at 9:00 p.m.

XIV. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Vice President Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners Campos and Williams absent at 9:00 p.m.