

Rochester Board of Education
Minutes
January 22, 2009

Attendance: President Evans, Commissioners Brennan, Elliott, Powell, White and Williams; Student Representative: S. DeLaus; Superintendent Brizard; Board Clerk: H. Washington

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

- I. Superintendent Brizard led the Act of Reverence and Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Motion to accept minutes of November 25th** was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting due to her absence at the November meeting and Commissioner Campos absent**

Motion to accept minutes of December 18th was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent**

Motion to accept minutes of December 29th was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting due to her absence at the December meeting and Commissioner Campos absent**

Motion to accept minutes of January 2nd was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Brennan dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent**

Motion to accept minutes of January 6th was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent**
- III. **Student Recognition:** There was a presentation given by the Great Debaters from School #44.

The following teachers were recognized for achieving their National Board Certification; Melissa Anzalone-Haywood, fifth grade teacher at School #28; Kyle Crandall, mathematics teacher at East High School; Elizabeth Foran, Social Studies teacher at Monroe High School; Miriam Santana Valadez was a math teacher at Monroe High School and Jennifer Tomm DiPasquale, teacher at School 39 was recertified.
- IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** There were no speakers.
- V. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Brizard thanked National Board Certified teachers and the Great Debaters from School #44. J. Scanlan gave the Board update on transportation for the District and pointed out that the contract is being rebid for the first time in 24 years. The District will have approximately 5 million dollars in savings and achieve a higher level of service, which includes cameras on buses and GPS monitors. They will also be reducing the number of routes. Superintendent Brizard thanked the staff for the work done on this effort.
- VI. **Board Reports:**

Approved by Board

Student Representative

Ms. DeLaus: The Student Leadership Congress met on January 21st. Ms. DeLaus thanked Superintendent Brizard for joining the students and talking with them about the Budget and our schools. On February 11th, they will be going to Blessed Sacrament to serve meals and they also will be volunteering on February 25th at Wilson Commencement Park. They will also be planning a college tour. The next meeting will be on February 25th.

Audit Committee

Chair Allen Williams: The Audit Committee did not meet in January, but will meet on February 3rd. The Audit Committee is asking for up to two volunteers to serve on the Committee. Commissioner Williams asked that recommendations/resumes be sent to the Auditor General. This will be discussed further at the next Audit Committee meeting and the full Board will be asked to vote on this recommendation at the next Board meeting.

Finance Committee

Chair Willa Powell: The Finance Committee met on Thursday, January 15th to review the December 2008 Financial Reports and resolutions 552 through 562 and resolution 575. Commissioner Powell moved for approval of the December 2008 Financial Reports. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 6-0.** The Committee recommends the following reviewed resolutions to the Board for approval: resolutions 552 through 562 and resolution 575. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on February 19th @ 5:30 p.m.

Excellence in Student Achievement Committee

Chair Van White: The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee will be meeting on Thursday, January 29th @ 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Redesign Plans for Jefferson and Monroe. Next month's Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12th @ 5:30 p.m.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Chair Melisza Campos: A joint session was held with City Council and the Board on January 12th @ 5:30 p.m., here at the District. The Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee will be meeting on Thursday, February 5th@ 5:30 p.m. to discuss the legislative agenda.

Policy Committee

Chair Cynthia Elliott: The Policy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 27th @ 6:30 p.m. to discuss the military recruiting policy, Board goals, the 2009 Policy goals, the review of the policy manual and the policy manual consultants. The February Policy Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th @ 6:30 p.m.

Board Governance Committee

Chair Thomas Brennan: The Board Governance Committee did not meet during the month of January.

President's Report

President Evans: President Evans noted that the Board will be having a special meeting and work session in February. He reminded each Committee Chair that they should have provided the clerk with their standard meeting dates for the rest of the year.

Approved by Board

VII. Resolutions

President Evans noted for the record a correction to resolution #536; the year should be 2009 instead of 2008.

Motion to extend the meeting past **8:30 p.m.** was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. **Adopted 6-0**

Human Resources:

2008-09: 515 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	No
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 516 - 520 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 521 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	No
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

Approved by Board

2008-09: 522 - 523 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

Motion to separate resolution 525 into 525A and 525B was made by Commissioner Elliott. Seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Powell dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent**

2008-09: 524 – 525A – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	No
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 525B – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 526 - 527 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes

Approved by Board

Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 528 - 530 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote	
Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	No
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 531 - 533 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote	
Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 534 - 546 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote	
Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	No
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 547 - 551 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Approved by Board

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

Educational Facilities:

2008-09: 552 - 553 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 554 - 556 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	No
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Williams dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent.

2008-09: 557 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	No
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes

Approved by Board

President Evans Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent

Procurement and Supply:

Motion to separate resolution 558 was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan Yes
Commissioner Elliott Yes
Commissioner Powell Yes
Commissioner White Yes
Commissioner Williams Yes
President Evans Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 558 - Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan Yes
Commissioner Elliott No
Commissioner Powell Yes
Commissioner White Yes
Commissioner Williams No
President Evans Yes

Adopted 4-2 with Commissioners Elliott and Williams dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 559-560- Motion to adopt by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott.

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent

Information Technology:

2008-09: 561- Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan Yes
Commissioner Elliott No
Commissioner Powell Yes
Commissioner White Yes
Commissioner Williams Yes
President Evans Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 562- Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner White. Seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Approved by Board

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent

Other:

2008-09: 563 – Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Abstain
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Elliott abstaining due to professional relationship and Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 564 – 569 - Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with and Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 570 - Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	No
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Approved by Board

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 571 – 574 - Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 575 - Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	No
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 576 – 579 - Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes
Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent

2008-09: 507 - Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner White.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Brennan	Yes
Commissioner Elliott	Yes
Commissioner Powell	Yes

Approved by Board

Commissioner White	Yes
Commissioner Williams	Yes
President Evans	Yes

Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Campos absent

VIII) **Unfinished business:** None

IX) **New Business:** None

Miscellaneous: Commissioner Brennan expressed a concern regarding the details captured in the minutes. President Evans recommended that the Board Governance Committee address the issue.

Commissioner Elliott recommended that M/WBE be reviewed by the Policy Committee. Commissioner Williams recommended that the Policy Committee review the new teacher tenure regulation that was passed by New York State.

X) **Speakers on Other Than Agenda Items:** There were no speakers.

XI) **Motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried **6-0** at **9:22 p.m.**