

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes
Community and Intergovernmental Relations (CIGR) Committee of the Whole
Via Zoom Video Conferencing
April 21, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: President White, Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Sheppard, Commissioner Maloy, Commissioner Powell, Commissioner LeBron, Commissioner Adams

Board Members Excused: N/A

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Superintendent, Terry Dade, Deputy Superintendent, Lynda Quick; Chief of Staff, Annemarie Lehner; General Counsel, Karl Kristoff; Deputy General Counsel, Steve Carling; District CFO, Robert Franklin; East EPO Superintendent, Shaun Nelms; Executive Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, Carlos Cotto; District Clerk, Marisol Ramos-Lopez; Board Staff, Kallia Wade

President White convened the Special Meeting at 5:35 p.m.

I. Speakers: No speakers.

II. Special Meeting Discussion Items

Review of the Proposed 2020-21 Board Meeting Calendar

District Clerk, Marisol Ramos-Lopez advised the Board about the 2020-21 Board Meeting Calendar and shared a draft of the meeting schedule. No Board questions were submitted in response.

2020-21 BOE Department Budget Changes

District Clerk Ramos-Lopez shared the Board's Departmental Budget and indicated where potential changes could be applied. Commissioner LeBron noted that she does not agree with the Board keeping open the open position listed and indicated that she hoped the Board would consider eliminating it. Commissioner Sheppard shared that she had several questions regarding Board departmental positions. President White indicated that this could be taken up in Executive Session and noted that he would call for such a motion after the CIGR COW meeting.

III. Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Whole Meeting:

Commissioner Adams convened the CIGR Committee of the Whole at 5:47 p.m.

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Motion by Commissioner Powell to table the consideration of the previous CIGR Minutes to the April 23, 2020 Business Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. **Motion passes 7-0.**

Follow-up on Parent Rep Recruitment

Commissioner Adams highlighted the application process for parents interested in becoming representatives to Board Committees. He also called attention to the website where both English and Spanish versions of the application can be accessed, as well as the deadlines for recruitment.

Update on Board Recognitions

Commissioner Adams highlighted the fact that given the Covid-19 pandemic and the shifting of the Board calendar, there would be no volunteer or parent recognition programs held for the current school year.

Commissioner Adams welcomed Executive Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, Carlos Cotto to address the Committee regarding the potential for hosting Student Athlete Recognitions. Mr. Cotto proposed that the Board and Athletics Department work together to host a virtual student scholar athlete recognition program. He noted that he would be working closely with each of the schools' Athletic Directors to ensure that students were provided their plaques and that alongside the Communications team, the District could showcase the students' successes via a Zoom program.

Discuss Community Forum Topics for Fall 2020 "Family Engagement Day"

Commissioner Adams called for the Committee to suggest ideas for the Fall Forum workshop sessions. Vice President Elliott suggested reaching out to the various parent groups to get their input, and also suggested a workshop session on the family experience and how the District can better engage families during crisis (i.e. Covid-19). Commissioner LeBron suggested a workshop on fiscal understanding and the District deficit. Commissioner Sheppard suggested a session on student extracurricular involvement. Commissioner Powell suggested that the Family Engagement Day be organized with multiple breakout sessions at different times.

Question submitted to the Board Question Log: What is the role of the Office of Parent Engagement (OPE) at this time?

CIGR Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:05pm. and the Special Meeting reconvened.

Motion by Commissioner Maloy to adjourn the Special Meeting and reconvene in Executive Session to receive legal advice from General Counsel regarding the terms and conditions of a certain individual 6:09p.m., seconded by Commissioner LeBron. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Motion by Commissioner Maloy to reconvene into open session at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Vice President Elliott. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Motion by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:21 p.m., seconded by
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Vice President Elliott. **Motion carries 7-0.**

Next monthly CIGR Committee Meeting of the Whole: June 23, 2020

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