

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**December 16, 2004**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Commissioners Bowers, Brown, Evans, Garcia, Porter, Powell and Thompson; Superintendent Dr. Rivera

President convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.  
Act of Reverence led by Commissioner Brown.

Recognition of Board certified teachers.

**Discussion:**

Motion by Commissioner Porter to accept minutes of November 18, 2004, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 6-0 with Student Representative advisory vote of yes and Commissioner Bowers absent.

**Speakers on an Agenda Item:**

None

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Rivera's report included notification of the \$5 million eighteen month planning grant from the Gates Foundation to support secondary redesign. He also noted the annual accountability report; evaluation of school choice, diversity plan, state comptroller's report, and other items that will come to Board committees and possibly the Board in January.

Dr. Rivera asked Mr. Marini to provide a presentation on the District's Technology plan noting things the District has done and will be doing to upgrade and update its technology.

Commissioner Bowers arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Marini agreed to provide information to the Board regarding the foundation structures in terms of technology on a school by school basis.

Dr. Rivera thanked President Thompson for her leadership as President for two years.

**Committee Reports:**

Student Representative Report, Samantha Sanchez, written report submitted. She noted the participation of SLC members with the Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and members of the State Legislative delegation.

Finance Committee, Commissioner Bowers, written report submitted.

Motion to accept monthly financial reports by Commissioner Bowers, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 7-0 Advisory yes by Student representative.

Policy Committee, Commissioner Brown, no report.

Board Governance Committee, Commissioner Evans, written report submitted.

Quality Assurance Committee, Commissioner Garcia, written report submitted. The QA committee does not have recommendations for resolutions 439 and 440 because the resolutions were tabled at the committee so he is requesting the Board deal with this situation.

Commissioner Powell stated that it is her belief the committee was deadlocked due to her absence and she would like to see these resolutions acted on this evening.

Commissioner Porter noted the lowering of the flag for the passing of one of the District's teachers.

Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Commissioner Porter, written report submitted. He noted that Dr. Al Smith received Advocate of the Year award from the Monroe County Legislature.

Commissioner Porter made a motion to adopt the 2005 Legislative Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Adopted 7-0 with Student Representative Advisory vote of yes.

Commissioner Brown noted that she was funnier and more accurate in her report on the meeting with the legislators.

Vice President's report, Commissioner Powell, noted the Dual Language workgroup has been diligently meeting every two weeks. She noted there is a list of peripheral recommendations, and that the group continues to question its data and assumptions. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2005. Consensus among the group was that it is not feasible to have recommendations for the 2005-06 choice process.

President's report, Commissioner Thompson, noted her participation this afternoon on the Bob Smith show with Maria Behncke related to CFE issue. She thanked her colleagues for the relationship they have had over the past two years. She is looking forward to pursuing a more active role with some of the committees.

### **Consideration of Resolutions:**

President Thompson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-05: 397-422. Motion made by Commissioner Porter, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Adopted 7-0.

President Thompson asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-05: 423-446. Motion made by Commissioner Brown, Seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Student Rep advisory vote of yes. Adopted 7-0 except resolutions 431, 439, 440 on which Commissioner Bowers voted no.

Commissioner Bowers motioned to table resolutions 439 and 440 until the January 2005 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Porter. He explained that as Commissioner Garcia indicated, the resolutions were not properly presented to the committee last week and therefore have not been properly vetted by the committee. It is a procedural reason why he believes they should be tabled. Commissioner Garcia responded that as chair he was fully satisfied with the report the staff presented on the student support centers. The fact that the resolutions were not in final form does not mean that the resolutions should not have been recommended to the Board. The fact is that there were not enough members present at the committee level to have a vote. But he is asking the Board now to take control

of this particular agenda item and move the student support centers forward so the contracts can be finalized and implemented. Holding until January is a disservice to the students in the schools.

Roll call:

Commissioner Bowers – yes                      Commissioner Brown – no

Commissioner Powell – no                      Commissioner Evans – no

Commissioner Garcia – no                      Commissioner Porter – no

Commissioner Thompson – no

Defeated 6-1 with Commissioner Bowers dissenting

**Unfinished Business:**

Commissioner Bowers motioned to move agenda item IX up, seconded by Commissioner Porter.

Adopted 7-0.

Dr. Rivera noted again that there will be an analysis that he will share with the Board in January.

Motion into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the proposed acquisition of real property and personnel matter related to a specific individual made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 7-0 at 7:53 p.m.

**New Business:**

None.

**Speakers on Other Than an Agenda Item:**

See List.

**Adjournment:**

President Thompson called for a motion to adjourn the regular business meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Evans, Seconded by Commissioner Porter. Adopted 7-0 at 8:54 p.m.