

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community and Intergovernmental Relations
Committee Meeting
June 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioner Cynthia Elliott (Chair), Commissioner Mary Adams; District Staff: Cherri Hawkins, Patricia Malgieri, Abby Martino-Walker, Willie Robinson, Timothy Schmadt; Parent Representative: Felix Jacobs; Board Staff: Jacqueline Morgan

Absent: Commissioner Melisza Campos

Commissioner Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. Minutes

Motion to approve the May 14, 2013 Minutes was made by Commissioner Elliott; seconded by Commissioner Adams.

The Committee reviewed the Action Items from the May 14th, 2013 meeting for completion.

II. Common Core Community Forum

The Committee invited staff from the Office of Parent Engagement (OPE) to discuss its plans for hosting a forum for parents that includes providing information on the Common Core Standards.

The OPE staff outlined how they will incorporate the Common Core Standards into the parent/community event that they are hosting in August. In addition to other activities, the event will include an introduction to the Common Core Standards that will explain what Common Core Standards mean for parents and students.

The Committee decided that because the Office of Parent Engagement has already begun planning for this event, the CIGR Committee will collaborate with them on this effort instead of moving forward with its own plans to host forums as previously planned.

III. Transportation Legislation Update

The Administration presented an update on the transportation legislation in regards to the legislation being cost neutral between the State and the Rochester City School District by reducing the number of routes.

The presentation outlined how the legislation would be cost neutral if it is parlayed with a push to utilize neighborhood schools. The Administration illustrated how a change in policy with the proposed legislation would increase ridership, but significantly reduce the miles traveled which would result in a significant reduction in the number of buses needed and the cost per trip.

IV. 2013 Board Legislative Agenda

The Committee further discussed the Draft 2013 Legislative Agenda and continued to refine it. Commissioner Adams requested that the National School Boards Association's (NSBA) Bill on Local School Board Governance and Flexibility Act, H.R. 1386 be reviewed to determine if the Committee wanted to advocate for it at the Board level by including it in the draft 2013 Legislative Agenda.

The Office of Parent Engagement will promote this event through churches, community centers, media, WDKX, internal and external parents groups, blogs and other established connections.

Also with regards to the 2013 Legislative Agenda, the Committee discussed October 5th, 12th and 25th as possible dates to host the Legislative Breakfast. Representatives from the federal, state and city governments will be invited to attend.

Action Items:

1. Include discussion of Federal Food Service Regulations on the August agenda.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Campos at 7:41 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Adams.