

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community and Intergovernmental Relations
Committee Meeting
May 14, 2013 at 6: 00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioner Cynthia Elliott (Chair), Commissioners Mary Adams and Melisza Campos; District Staff: Patricia Malgieri; Parent Representative: Felix Jacobs; Board Staff: Shanai Lee and Jacqueline Morgan

Commissioner Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

I. Minutes

Motion to approve the March, 2013 Minutes was made by Commissioner Elliott; seconded by Commissioner Adams; with some revisions made.

II. 3-on-3 City/Board Meetings

A presentation was received from Board staff updating the Committee on the 3-on-3 Taskforce meetings with the Board and the City. The Taskforce is comprised of three councilmembers, three Board members. The members are Councilmembers Matt Haag, Loretta Scott and Adam McFadden; Commissioners Malik Evans, Van White and Cynthia Elliott. There is also administrative support from both the City and the District that includes the budget directors from both entities, the chief financial officers, City Council Chief of Staff and the Board's Special Assistant.

The Taskforce meets quarterly to address issues that relative to the education and educational services that relate to the residents of the City of Rochester. The Taskforce also searches out areas where the City of Rochester and the Board of Education can work together to improve efficiencies.

The Taskforce has addressed the following issues at its meetings:

- Truancy,
- Capital Improvement Program,
- Facilities Master Plan,
- Library Services,

- Maintenance of Effort Legislation,
- RCSD and Pathways to Peace Partnership,
- Shared Services and
- Transportation.

The Taskforce is currently exploring ways to effectively partner with Pathways to Peace to better the school culture for students. The Taskforce also discussed partnering for items such as fleet maintenance, legal services and trash collection.

Mr. Jacobs noted that he had a meeting with Councilmember Scott and Mr. Norman Jones relating to the Facilities Master Plan (FMP). He stated that he understood that part-time positions were created in order to employ ROAR graduates that were not absorbed into the FMP Program.

Ms. Malgieri stated that the District is looking to hire some young adults from the city to paint some of the District facilities; and that ROAR graduates will be considered for this employment.

Commissioner Elliott asked if other jobs like this can be anticipated or projected. Ms. Malgieri stated that fleet maintenance is always a good area for this type of public works activity; as there is always a need in that area.

III. Transportation Legislation Update

The Administration gave an update on the transportation legislation. The purpose of the legislation is to try to encourage state to allow students who are between .5 miles and 1.5 miles from their neighborhood schools to get their transportation funded. The legislation is now working its way through the Assembly and the Senate with the expectation of having it passed by June 30th.

Commissioner Elliott stated that there was concern in the Assembly that the transportation funding is not cost neutral. Ms. Malgieri stated that the transportation proposed is to take effect in the 2013-14 school year. The Placement Office will encourage parents to register their students in their neighborhood schools to ensure that funding the transportation will be cost neutral.

IV. 2013 Board Legislative Agenda

The Committee continued its discussion of the 2013 Legislative Agenda; and is the process of finalizing the draft for approval by the Board.

Commissioner Elliott requested that palatable food items be brought up for discussion at another time as a possible Legislative Agenda item on the federal side. Commissioner Adams requested that local school board control also be addressed at another time as a possible Legislative Agenda item on the state side.

V. **Common Core Community forum**

The Committee is moving forward with planning for a community forum in the Southwest and Northeast to inform parents, students and the community of what the Common Core is and how it will affect students academically.

Action Items:

1. Mr. Jacobs will provide the committee with correspondence from Councilmember Scott relating to the employment of ROAR graduates.
2. Ms. Malgieri will provide rationale for increasing the school year from 180 days to 200 days as opposed to another number of days; why 200 days.
3. Ms. Malgieri will look into whether or the funding for transportation is cost neutral and report back to the committee.
4. Ms. Morgan will provide the federal Food Service regulation to the committee.
5. Ms. Morgan will provide suggested dates for the upcoming Legislative Breakfast.
6. Ms. Morgan will invite Ms. Murphy and Mr. Ansbro to a future committee meeting to discuss hybrid kitchens.
7. Ms. Morgan will invite the administration to a planning meeting for the Common Core forums.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Campos at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Adams.

The next meeting of the Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013.