

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community and Intergovernmental Relations
Committee Meeting
February 17, 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: Jacqueline Morgan

Commissioner Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. **Motion** to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Elliott; seconded by Commissioner Campos.

II. **Minutes**

Motion to approve the December 11, 2012 Minutes was made by Commissioner Elliott; seconded by Commissioner Adams.

III. **Discussion of October 16, 2012 Minutes**

The committee revisited the recommendation of having a discussion with local legislators to develop legislation around a regional legislative approach for direct entry into trade unions for students who have completed all academic and trade requirements graduating from the Robert Brown High School of Construction and Design.

Commissioner Elliott suggested that the District look into finding ways to help students find employment with non-union companies who are looking for the skills that these students have acquired to assist them in gaining the experience that unions require.

The committee recommended that a meeting be scheduled with Robert Brown, Ken Warner and Ed Lopez to discuss direct access into unions for students upon graduation with all academic and trade requirements met.

Mr. Jacobs recommended that the commissioners have a discussion with the City Council to establish a process for graduates of the ROAR Program who are not employed by the RCSD FMP project to be referred to the City of Rochester's PRIME Program.

IV. 2013 Legislative Agenda

The committee is beginning work on the 2013 Legislative Agenda and plans to have a draft crafted in the near future for the Board's review. The committee will be working jointly with the Superintendent to ensure that the district's legislative concerns are being considered and included.

V. FMP Reports

The committee reviewed and discussed the Facilities Modernization Reports that were provided by Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (RJSCB) that detailed total hours worked by the minority and women workforce, professional and construction services and the workforce participation goals. Because these reports did not provide data that was included in reports that were provided at the December meeting, the committee will request that the same data be provided for all of the schools that are included in phase one of the program. The committee will also request that other relevant data be included in the report such as the number of total city residents working on the project and the number of people hired from the ROHR program and the City of Rochester's workforce participation.

VI. Food Service

The committee revisited the problems regarding food service. Meetings with the Food Service Department will be reconvening to discuss the concerns of all stakeholders. Some of the concerns regarding food service is that there the District does not have a nutritionist working with Aramark to ensure that the meals that are prepared for student have the best nutritional value. There was also concern that the equipment in the buildings is not adequate.

There was concern expressed that many of the food service workers are not capable of reading the equipment correctly; and as a result food is not properly prepared.

Action Items:

1. Schedule a meeting with Robert Brown, Ken Warner and Ed Lopez to discuss direct access into unions for students upon graduation with all academic and trade requirements met. (Commissioner Campos will invite Mr. Warner.)

2. Invite David Grant, principal of the Robert Brown School of Construction and Design; Beverly Gushue, Director of Career and Technical Education; and Ken Warner to March CIGR Committee Meeting to discuss the core curriculum and program catalog, and to describe how the school's partnership with Unicon is being executed. (Commissioner Campos will invite Ken Warner.)
3. Request that data be provided for all of the schools that are included in phase one of the program from the Rochester Joint School Construction Board, including the number of total city residents working on the project and the number of people hired from the ROHR program and the City of Rochester's workforce participation.
4. Patricia Malgieri will provide the committee with the Monroe County School Boards Association's agenda items.
5. Commissioner Adams will provide a copy of APPR renegotiation information.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Elliott at 6:45 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Campos

The next Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting will be held on April 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.