

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community and Intergovernmental Relations
Committee Meeting
October 18, 2011 at 6: 00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioner Cynthia Elliott (Chair), Commissioner Melisza Campos; Lori Baldwin; Parent Representative: Felix Jacobs, Board Staff: Jacqueline Morgan

Absent: Commissioner Allen Williams

Commissioner Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:56 p.m.

I. **Minutes**

Motion to approve the August Minutes was made by Commissioner Elliott; seconded by Commissioner Campos. **Adopted 2-0; with Commissioner Williams absent.**

II. **2011-12 Legislative Agenda Discussion**

Commissioner Elliott suggested that a Board Retreat be held to address the 2011-12 Legislative Agenda to ensure that the Full Board has input into what should be included in the Legislative Agenda around the Board's priorities.

Commissioner Campos noted that she has had conversations with the Board President about holding a Board Retreat as there is one more retreat left with New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) on the contract. Commissioner Campos will follow up with President Evans.

In addition to the 2011-12 Legislative Agenda Board Retreat, Commissioner Elliott would like to hold another retreat to discuss other issues that she feels the District needs to address.

Legislative Agenda Suggestions:

- Increase funding for early childhood programs
- Extension of school year

- Increase funding for summer school programs
- Mutual collaboration with the City on initiatives and opportunities for shared services
- Collaborate with City in providing funding for Pathways to Peace
- Eliminate the Triborough Amendment to the Taylor Law including tenure and the LIFO Bill
- Obtain statutory authority to extend tenure beyond three years
- Obtain funding to modernize Central Kitchen

Motion by Commissioner Campos to have CIGR Committee staff coordinate a legislative trip to Albany for the Board, Board's Parent Representatives and the District's Parent Council to have discussions with State officials concerning areas of District support at the State level.
Adopted 2-0; with Commissioner Williams absent.

In regards to shared services, Mr. Jacobs suggested that these services be identified. Commissioner Elliott noted that in the 3-on-3 meetings there has been some conversation around transportation and that there will be more discussion around more opportunities for shared services as they continue to meet.

Mr. Jacobs further noted that the District is dwindling in population and that the District needs to determine the building capacity it will need in regards to the Facilities Modernization Plan. Commissioner Elliott noted that the Districts has to ensure that it is conforming to the needs that exist now and to keep in mind that the X factor is unknown in regards to future needs.

Commissioner Campos suggested that this is a good time to plan a meeting to be presented with the status of the FMP Plan.

III. **Miscellaneous**

Pockets of Violence in the City

Commissioner Elliott noted that she had a conversation with Police Chief Sheppard about co-sponsoring a forum on violence; but needs to determine the anticipated outcome of the forum. Commissioner Elliott does not want to have a forum for the sake of having a forum, but wants to be able to offer something to the youth. She suggested that there first be conversations about how the District and the City collaborate on holding the forum.

Ms. Baldwin noted that every Wednesday morning she attends meetings at the Police Department where they discuss neighborhood crime, things

that are happening around the schools and how the District can partner with them.

She also noted that truancy has been expanded this year with two truancy vans out per day staffed with a police and school safety officer in the van. She provides them with names and address of students so that they can go to those homes and find the students.

Ms. Baldwin also attends an SRO meeting monthly with the RPD and the Fire Department.

Ms. Baldwin noted that the change in bus passes have somewhat alleviated problems downtown.

Commissioner Elliott asked the time of day altercations are taking place. Ms. Baldwin stated that most of the events happen at schools during transition times (in between classes) and at dismissal.

Commissioner Elliott noted that it seems that the violence has been somewhat contained in the downtown area, but wanted to know it can be contained during class transition in school and at dismissal. Mr. Jacobs suggested identifying the leaders of the altercations.

Commissioner Campos noted that bullying needs to continue to be addressed and suggested that the District adopt a social media policy or regulation.

The next Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting will be held on December 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.