

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting
February 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioner Cynthia Elliott (Chair), and Commissioner Allen Williams; Parent Representative: Felix Jacobs, Board Staff: Jacqueline Morgan

Absent: Commissioner Melisza Campos

Commissioner Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

I. Agenda Amendment

Motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion on the February 7, 2011 article in the New York Times on college/career readiness was made by Commissioner Elliott; seconded by Commissioner Williams. **Adopted 2-0; with Commissioner Campos absent.**

II. Minutes

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

III. College/Career Readiness

Commissioner Elliott began the discussion on college/career readiness with wanting to determine what role the CIGR Committee should take in helping the Board realize that more needs to be done to impact college/career readiness for the District students. She noted that the Board needs to have a plan to address this problem.

Commissioner Elliott noted that she invited the Mr. Brizard to attend this meeting, but he was not available to do so.

Commissioner Williams noted that he would like to receive from the Administration preliminary data for the class of 2010. He noted that the data should include how many of our students made the cut into the 75% on the English Regents and the 80% on the Math Regents.

Commissioner Elliott asked how as a committee the committee could impact college/career readiness by partnering with other entities that may have some oversight. Mr. Jacobs, Parent Representative, stated that the committee should begin by finding out what options are being presented to districts to improve things.

Commissioner Williams suggested inviting Dr. Merryl Tisch, New York Regents Chancellor, and Regents Cofield, Norwood and Steiner to come to Rochester or to have the committee go to Albany to have a discussion with them concerning the topic and to gather suggestions on how to proceed with fixing the problem that we are facing at this time.

Mr. Jacobs stated that he feels that this is an issue that is beyond the Board, and suggested including the mayor, local legislators and the business community in for a forum to discuss options to aid students in becoming college/career ready. Mr. Jacobs also noted that students are not basically equipped to attend college or to go into the workforce.

Commissioner Elliott agreed that other stakeholders should be invited; but that the Board should initiate the conversation with the State.

Motion to invite Dr. Merryl Tisch and Regents Cofield, Norwood and Steiner to Rochester made by Commissioner Williams; seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Mr. Jacobs agreed with the motion. **Adopted 2-0; with Commissioner Campos absent.**

IV. Student Health Forum

The committee agreed to host a community forum relating the District's responsibility to dispense condoms in its high schools. The forum will be held on the date of the committee's next scheduled meeting which is Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a press release announcing the forum along with paid print advertisements in the Minority Reporter and City Newspapers, along with audio advertisements on WDKX radio station.

Action Item:

Ms. Morgan will request preliminary data from the administration for cut scores for Regents English and Math for the 2010 and 2011 cohorts.

Action Item:

Invite Dr. Meryll Tisch and Regents Cofield, Norwood and Steiner to Rochester for a community forum.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was moved by Commissioner Elliott seconded by Commissioner Williams. **Adopted 2-0.**

The next meeting of the Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.**