

## ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting

April 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

#### MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioner Cynthia Elliott (Chair), and Commissioner Allen Williams, Board Staff: Jacqueline Morgan

Absent: Commissioner Melisza Campos

Commissioner Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

#### I. **Minutes**

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

#### II. **Mayoral Control Presentation**

Board Staff, Jacqueline Morgan, gave a presentation outlining the pros and cons of mayoral control governance. Proponents of mayoral control state the following:

- Mayors have substantial political influence.
- Mayors provide stable leadership and accountability.
- Mayors are in a better position to align resources.
- Higher voter turnout for mayoral races than for school board races.

The following statements are arguments against mayoral control:

- Mayoral control imposes disenfranchisement of city residents.
- Mayoral control will under represent minority students.
- With mayoral control there is lack of accessibility.
- There is loss of transparency with mayoral control.
- There are low performing districts with mayoral control as well as those without this form of governance.

### III. **Legislative Agenda and Committee Goals**

It was agreed that the committee would formulate a 2010 Legislative Agenda including meetings with the mayor, the City Council, and the City Council's Ad Hoc Committee regarding mayoral control. The Legislative Agenda would also include meetings with members of the Board of Regents.

### IV. **Standing Meeting Date**

The Committee established the third Tuesday of each month as its standing meeting date.

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. was moved by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Elliott. **Adopted 2-0 with Commissioners Campos absent.**