

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
February 24, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioner Campos, Chair; Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Elliott, Thomas Petronio, Linda Dunsmoor; Board Staff: Hazel Washington

Commissioner Campos called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

I. Minutes

Motion to approve the November Minutes (with amendment) was made by Commissioner Brennan; Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Commissioner Elliott voted “No” due to absence from this meeting. **Adopted 2-1**

II. Update on Facilities Modernization Program

Linda Dunsmoor gave an update on the program and described how members of the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (RJSCB) are appointed (3 by the Superintendent; 3 by the Mayor; and 1 mutually agreed upon member). The next meeting of the RJSCB will be held on March 9th. The agenda for that meeting is expected to include a review of a draft RFP for a program manager, legal counsel, and independent compliance officer; and a vote on the Board’s bylaws. The RJSCB will use a committee system, which may include community members. There will be three standing committees: Policy, Finance, and Service Procurement/MWBE. The Board has adopted its first resolution which requests an inter-municipal agreement between the City of Rochester and the Rochester City School District. The RJSCB would like one or two Board Members to attend a future meeting. The Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board is following District procedures because finances are funneled through the District. Commissioner Elliott wants to make sure that the legislation is followed and that the Board is independent of the City or Rochester and the Rochester City School District.

The goal for construction is 2011.

III. Legislative Agenda

Commissioner Elliott would like a statewide (long-term) increase in the dropout age from 17 to 18. At a recent conference she attended, she found out that Rochester can be handled as an exception; increasing the dropout age from 17 to 18 (short-term).

Approved By Committee

Reviewed legislative agenda suggestions from the Big 5. Commissioner Elliott would like to have feedback from two of our state delegates. Commissioner Elliott suggested that the model with No. 17 School and Unity be duplicated. Review; find other partners (hospitals).

All Commissioners agreed that we continue to collaborate with the City and potential shared services.

Action Items:

Superintendent Brizard: Explain the rationale for recommendation (sent e-mail on 3/6/09)

Send e-mail to Chuck Johnson on M/WBE on verbiage at the Policy Committee Meeting (sent e-mail on 3/6/09)

Hazel Washington:

- Provide an updated copy of Legislative Agenda
- Send copies of tenure policy (new)
- Amend November Minutes
- Make copies of letter for Commissioners Brennan and Elliott
- Feedback from the Superintendent on dialog with unions

Community Conversations, an item on the agenda, will be added to the Committee's meeting agenda for May.

Note: Commissioner Campos will be sure that we are on the radar when the Mayor brings the Secretary of Education.

Future Meeting Dates: March 19th @ 5:00 p.m. (Legislative Agenda)
May 12th @ 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner Brennan. Seconded by Commissioner Elliott. **Adopted 3-0**