

Rochester Board of Education  
Community & Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
March 10, 2008  
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: Chairwoman Campos, Commissioners Brennan and Williams; District Staff Tom Petronio; Board Staff Linda Dunsmoor; representatives of RMBDC, Inc. Commissioner Elliott arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Chairwoman Campos convened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

- 1) Motion to accept minutes of February 13, 2008 by Commissioner Brennan. Second by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 3-0.
- 2) The Parent Partnership Council representatives were unable to attend the meeting. A statement to that effect was read aloud. L. Dunsmoor to schedule group for a future meeting.
- 3) Committee name change: Motion by Commissioner Williams to change name of Committee to 'Community and Intergovernmental Partnerships' and forward to full Board in anticipation of assignment to Policy Committee for Bylaws amendment. Second by Chairwoman Campos. Adopted 2-1. Commissioner Brennan noted that he will support the recommendation at the Policy Committee as the majority of the committee wishes to change the name, and while he does not personally favor the change, he respects the right of the majority to establish the name it wishes.

Agenda addition: Commissioners discussed having Business Meetings begin with student recognitions. This would involve changing the Order of Business as stipulated in the Board ByLaws. Motion by Commissioner Brennan to recommend to the full Board that the Bylaws be amended to add 'Student Recognition' alternating elementary and secondary students monthly to the beginning of the Order of Business. Second by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 3-0.

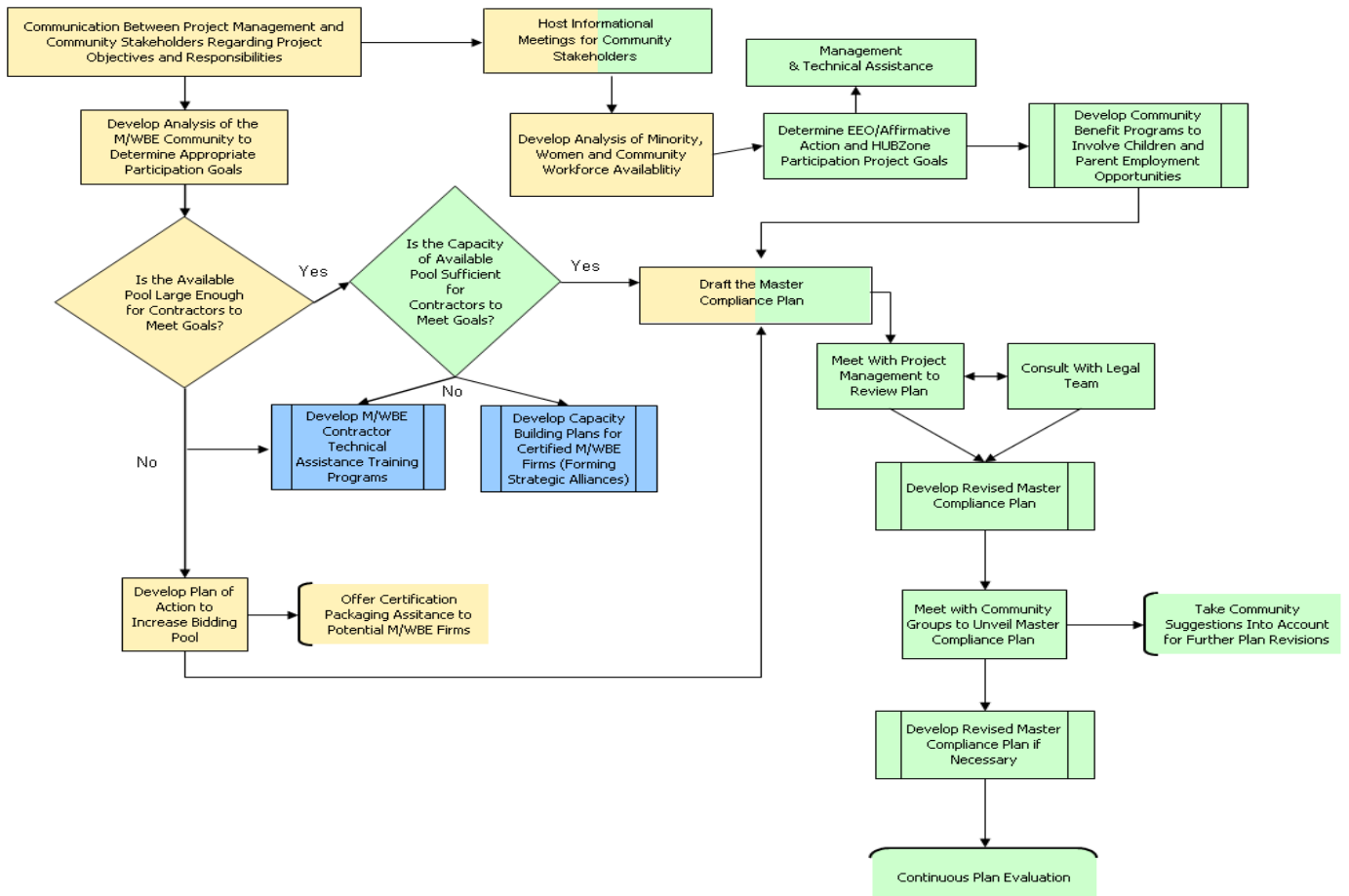
Action: L. Dunsmoor to provide specifics/process details for transmittal to full BOE prior to March 27 meeting.

As an item related to amending the Board Bylaws, Commissioners also discussed the merits of the current standing committee system vs. a study session model with only those committees required by law. While municipal governments use a committee system, most school districts do not. Motion by Commissioner Brennan to recommend to the full Board at the next Business Meeting that the Board's governance structure – committee v. full body – be examined by an ad hoc committee or a standing committee. Second by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 3-0.

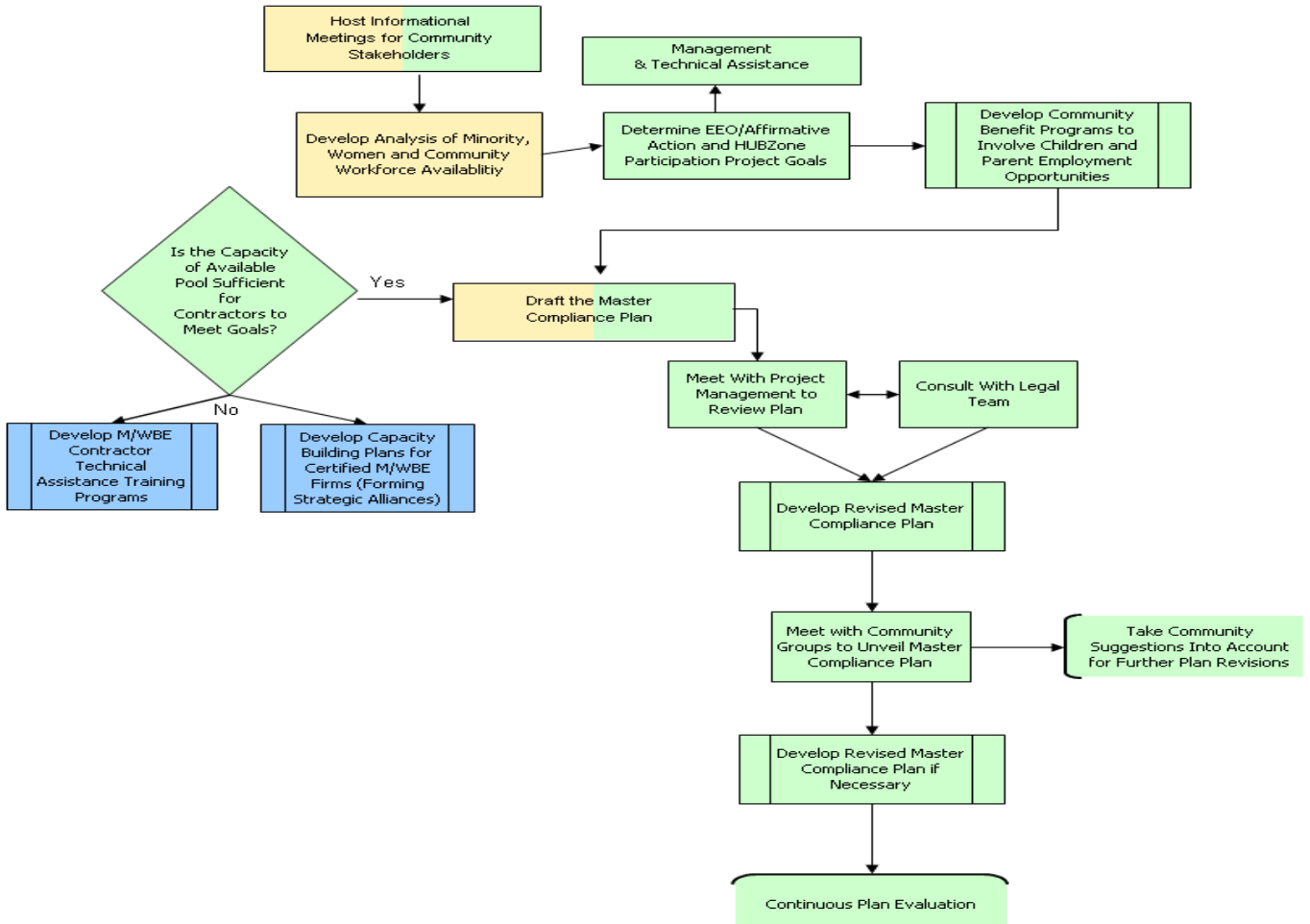
Action: L. Dunsmoor to flesh out proposal and submit to Chairwoman Campos for communication to committee chairs prior to Business Meeting.

- 4) RMBDC, Inc. Beverly Jackson of RMBDC updated Commissioners on her work with the District from April 2006 through December 2007. The flowchart was part of the presentation; Ms. Jackson explained that colors as follows: Yellow = completed; Blue = completed but will have to be updated; Green = to be completed.

Performance April 2006 – December 2007



To Be Accomplished



In response to Commissioner questions, Ms. Jackson said:

- Contractors identified as M/WBE in Board resolutions may or may not be certified by NYS.
- The ‘yes’ or ‘no’ decisions on the flowchart were made by officials of RMBDC.
- Bonding and prevailing wage issues are hurdles for contractors but are not insurmountable.
- She is most proud of the contract deliverables regarding input RMBDC had in the enabling legislation; conveying the importance of certification to local firms, some of whom are working on public projects now; and her analysis of capacity/availability.

Ms. Jackson noted that there are many other milestones yet to be accomplished.

**DRAFT: NOT APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Elliott said there may have been a misunderstanding of what the contract deliverables were and that the Board needs to look at getting the contract extended. Chairwoman Campos pointed out that School Construction Board shortly to be named by the District and City should be the one making that decision.

5) The next meeting of the Committee is Thursday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. Agenda to be determined.

Other: Chairwoman Campos noted that she had been at a meeting March 10 with representatives of Labor, Edison High School and Central Office. A work plan to get a student apprenticeship program up and running for Fall 2008 is being developed and will be discussed further in two weeks. All are optimistic that the timeline can be met.

6) Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brennan. Second by Commissioner Williams. Adopted 3-0 at 7:22 p.m.