

Rochester Board of Education
Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
January 22, 2008
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: Commissioners Campos, Brennan, Williams and Elliott. President Malik Evans. Board Staff L. Dunsmoor, District Staff T. Petronio, J. Fenton.

Chairwoman Campos convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and asked if there were additional agenda items. Being none, she asked that Item 3 be moved to the top of the agenda. Consensus.

3) Facilities Modernization Program

Project Director James Fenton walked members through an update of the Facilities Modernization Program. Immediate next steps are creation of the Rochester School Construction Board, a project management team, legislative amendments, and development of a master plan for the project.

Expanding on his presentation and in response to commissioners, Mr. Fenton said:

- The legislative amendments will improve the project but are not required
- He has met with various stakeholders over the past few months to gain input
- He would provide additional information on derivatives to the committee
- The lowest cost of bonds would likely be through the dormitory authority or the county IDA
- Additional public input will be sought over the course of the project
- He does not have the latest information regarding M\WBE provisions and the status of apprenticeship programs

Action items

J. Fenton to provide:

Additional information on derivatives (completed)

The technical amendments to be sought for the enabling legislation (completed)

Suggestions on how to obtain M\WBE project status (completed)

1) Meeting Norms

Following a brief discussion, committee members determined that materials should be provided electronically and on paper; that meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m., and that draft minutes will be approved preliminarily by the Chair and finally by the full committee at its subsequent meeting.

2) Apprenticeship Program

Ken Warner of Unicon Rochester discussed a proposed partnership between the District and Unicon to foster a pre-apprentice program for students at the School of Applied Technology at Edison. The committee informally endorsed the idea and identified next steps as:

Mr. Warner meeting with Superintendent Jean-Claude Brizard

Consideration of visit to similar program at Newburgh City Schools

Action items

Mr. Warner will follow up with committee re: meeting with Mr. Brizard (meeting held 2/6)
Chairwoman Campos to contact Mr. Brizard regarding how program may or may not fit into his vision for secondary school improvement (completed)

4) 2008 Legislative Agenda

After some discussion, Commissioners agreed to provide any additional suggestions for the agenda to L. Dunsmoor by Jan. 30 so a draft document could be provided to the other commissioners for input. Commissioners agreed to add language on maintaining the Board in its entirety as a publicly elected body.

Action items

Members to provide input for L. Dunsmoor (completed)
L. Dunsmoor to provide draft to full Board with memo from Chairwoman Campos (completed)

5) Next Meeting Date

February 13, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

6) No Name Calling Week

Members agreed that Chairwoman Campos would offer a motion from the floor as part of the Committee report that would designate January 21-27 as No Name Calling Week in the Rochester City School District.

7) Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner White, second by Chairwoman Campos. Approved at 6:47 p.m.