

Rochester Board of Education
Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
April 4, 2007
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: Chairman Evans, Commissioner Thompson. Commissioner Powell arrived at 5:45 p.m., Commissioner Brennan at 6 p.m., President Garcia at 6:30 p.m. Also District staff James Fenton and Board staff Linda Dunsmoor.

Chairman Evans convened the hearing at 5:32 p.m.

Chairman Evans asked Mr. Fenton to walk the committee through the draft of the enabling legislation the Board is seeking to further the Facilities Modernization Program. The proposed draft was submitted to the staffs of the local delegation. The draft includes:

- Allowance for a project labor agreement stipulating that only contractors and subcontractors who sign a pre-negotiated agreement with a labor organization can perform project work.
- Establishment of a Rochester Schools Construction Board, a joint instrumentality of the City of Rochester and the Rochester City School District, which would act for an on behalf of the City and District. The President of the Board of Education would be an ex officio member of the RSC Board and appoint three members, as would the Mayor of the City of Rochester. Other members would be appointed by mutual agreement.
- Hiring of an independent program manager to oversee implementation of the plan. The program manager would be hired by and report to the Rochester Schools Construction Board.
- Aggregate project costs not to exceed \$331,275,000 with an anticipated blended state aid rate of 95 percent.

Chairman Evans invited questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Powell asked whether the legislation has an expiration date. Mr. Fenton said it does not, but the program is not endless and is broken down into three phases tied to funding.

Chairman Evans asked about a Wick's Law exemption. Mr. Fenton said seeking an exemption would be the purview of the RSC Board.

Chairman Evans asked whether the Legislation would be approved this session; the District is up against the clock and must move quickly. Mr. Fenton said district officials (he and Chief of Intergovernmental Relations Richard Hannon) are working with the district lobbyist, staff of the local delegation, and local legislative representatives to get the legislation into final draft form and approved.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Thompson, second by Commissioner Brennan. Approved 3-0 at 6:25 p.m.