Rochester Board of Education
Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting
April 13, 2006
5:30 p.m.

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Present: Chairman Malik Evans and Commissioners Thompson and Brennan; Board Staff Linda Dunsmoor; District Staff Richard Hannon and Barbara Jarzyniecki. Commissioner Henley joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Chairman Evans convened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and asked Mr. Hannon to update the committee on the Facilities Modernization Project.

Key points:

- Dr. Rivera and Rochester Mayor Robert Duffy met this week; the Facilities Modernization Project was part of their discussion. The Mayor's reaction to the "work in progress" was positive.

- There is a meeting April 25, 2006 of the Facilities Modernization Board for a project update.

- The Internal Project Team continues to meet with key state officials in Albany regarding the project and the draft Facilities Modernization Legislation.
    - The legislation remains in draft form and still needs revisions
    - The legislation should be familiar to Legislators as they recently approved a similar measure for Syracuse City Schools

Member Discussion:

A meeting should be set up for the Rochester City Council, pertinent NYS officials, the Board of Education and Administration to continue communication and augment engagement.

Council is a key partner.

Member Questions:

Commissioner Evans asked if the "RCS Board" mentioned in the Legislation is a requirement or an option. Mr. Hannon said it is an option; any such board would be an instrument of the District and Board of Education; it would not supersede the RCSD Board's oversight authority.

Commissioner Evans asked about the public hearings discussed in the legislation. Mr. Hannon said the Department of Governmental Relations and Special Project, the Communications Department, and the Board of Education communications staff would work together on these hearings. They will be conducted at various times as individual projects within the larger Facilities Modernization Project become site specific.

Commissioner Evans asked what role the Monroe County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) would play in the project, as it is discussed in the legislation. Mr. Hannon said the IDA could be involved as the bond-seller so that the City's debt burden is not affected by the project.

Commissioner Thompson noted that City Council must be kept apprised of the project. The other Commissioners and Mr. Hannon agreed.

Commissioner Evans asked about the timeline for the draft legislation. Mr. Hannon said the bill can go to the floor this session; the Legislature is not expected to adjourn until mid-June.

Adjournment:
Moved by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Brennan at 6:20 p.m. Approved 3-0.

Action Item:

Set up meeting for Board of Education, Administration, City Council and NYS officials.