

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Excellence in Student Achievement Committee Meeting**  
**July 14, 2015**  
**5:30PM**

Attending: Commissioners: Malik Evans (Chair), Mary Adams. District Staff: Michele Alberti, Adele Bovard, Christiana Otuwa, Ray DiMartino.

Motion made by Commissioner Adams to approve the June 16, 2015 minutes from the Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting. Committee meeting started at 5:38pm.

Ms. Bovard and Dr. Otuwa reviewed requirements and changes to the School Comprehensive Educational Plans (SCEPs) and the list of RCSD schools required to have a SCEP for 2015-16.

A review of the priority schools that have improvement plans in place and have already been approved by NYSED under their School Improvement Grants (SIG) for 2015-16. These schools do not need a separate School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP): School No. 3, 17, 45, Monroe High School, NW College Preparatory Academy and Wilson Commencement Academy.

A review of the RCSD priority schools are currently applying for School Improvement Grants (SIG) and have received extensions from NYSED pending approval of the grants. These schools may not need a SCEP if NYSED approves SIG grants for each of these schools: School No. 8, 41, 44, NE College Preparatory Academy.

A review of the schools that have approved improvement plans through NYSED under a School Improvement Fund (SIF) grant and do not require a separate SCEP: School No. 9 and 22.

A review of the schools that need SCEPS for 2015 - 2016 school year: School No. 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 39, 42, 43, 46, 50, 54, 57, 58, Wilson Foundation Academy, School of the Arts, and Integrated Arts & Technology High School. All SCEPs are made available to the entire Board via link to DropBox.

The committee received a review of the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) and the brief discussion of the tenets outlined in the Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness (i.e. student outcomes) and continued with a review of the tenets 1 through 6.

Commissioner Evans questioned if SCEP for receivership year 1 or 2 are needed. Ms. Bovard response was based on the information above. Commissioner Evans discussed the timeline constraints and suggested that the Committee recommends to the Board that the Board President send a letter to NYSED addressing the concerns of RCSD Board of Education. The letter to include the fact that NYSED's deadlines for low-performing schools to return the SCEPs are not realistic and leaves little time for the district to create an effective plan that addresses the real needs of the schools.

Commissioner Adams addressed several concerns: Lack of community engagement involvement in the plan, process needs to be simpler, receivership requirements are vague and unclear regarding the need for SCEPs, contradictions to the deadlines SCEPs are due to NYSED, current resolution to approve the SCEPs does not correctly state which SCEPs are needed. Action item for correction to be made to Resolution No. 2015 -16: 94.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Adams at 6:37 p.m.; adopted 2-0.