

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Excellence in Student Achievement Committee Meeting**  
**February 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Attending: Commissioners:** Malik Evans (Chair), Mary Adams, Cynthia Elliott (Vice President). **District Staff:** Keith Babuszcak, Adele Bovard, Christiana Otuwa, Chris Suriano. **Parent Representative:** Toyin Anderson.

Commissioner Evans called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm: motioned to approve the January 2015 minutes: seconded by Mary Adams.

The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, February 17. The Committee received a the following presentations:

***Chris Suriano, Executive Director of Specialized Services: Special Education Redesign*** presentation described accomplishments of the programs, graduation rates, and established goals. The purpose of the redesign is to better serve students by offering a continuum of services, develop high quality IEPs and provide access to CTE programming. The Committee considered the redesign of special education and will continue to monitor the progress, anticipating it will improve the graduation outcomes for students. Commissioner Elliott voiced concerns regarding strategic follow-thru with proposed plans to ensure the services were to be executed on the school level. She stated that there have been plans in the past that were not successfully implemented.

***Christiana Otuwa, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning: Suspension and Discipline Audit Updates*** on the 31 areas that were part of the audit finding. The presentation discussed:

- District Wide Policies and Procedures and the development of the Student Behavior Resource Manual that standardized the process, procedures and forms .
- Long Term Hearing Office compliance with State regulated guidelines.
- Timeliness of suspensions and disciplines with Deputy Superintendent included in the daily process.
- Monitoring of suspensions and disciplines accurate data driving decisions.

The Committee also received a report that provided an updates. This report is available on Board Docs.

***Keith Babuszcak, Chief of Schools: Edison Redesign*** and the proposed structure of the Edison Campus offering 4 pathways that will offer opportunities for students to graduate and successfully gain employment. The new pathways include Construction/Architecture, Advanced Manufacturing, Digital Media and Computer Science/Data management. The ESA Committee has considered this new design and will be voted: **Resolution No. 2014-15: 480**. Commissioner Adams expressed a concern about establishing math proficiency among the freshman P-Tech class. Will integrating math into project based learning and CTE courses offer a formal process for tracking proficiencies in fundamental math and literacy as students' progress through the new CTE programs?