

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Excellence in Student Achievement Committee Meeting
November 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

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Attending: Commissioners: Malik Evans (Chair), Mary Adams, Cynthia Elliott (Vice President). **District Staff:** Caterina Leone-Mannino, Adele Bovard, Beverly Burrell-Moore, Ray Giamartino, Christiana Otuwa, Amy Schiavi. **Parent Representative:** Toyin Anderson.

Commissioner Evans called the meeting to order at 6:06p; he made a motion to approve the October 2014 minutes: seconded by Mary Adams.

The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee received a presentation from the Administration on the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) and School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) for Schools #8, 9, 22 and 34. These plans were excluded from the approval process in August, 2014. All documents are part of Resolution No. 2014-15:320 considered at the Business meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014. Copies of all plans are included in this packet. Many SCEPS were approved on August 21, 2104. There are additional questions on submissions to NYSED of the four SCEPS above (#8, 9, 22 and 34) and the DCIP plan. Dr. Christiana Otuwa, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning provided answers to the questions below.

1) Were the four SCEPs updated/changed since they were approved on 8/21/14?

The SCEPs for Schools 8, 9, 22, and 34 were not approved on the August resolution. These schools were all recipients of School Innovation Fund (SIF) grants that are under current approval by NYSED. They were prepared with schools, but were originally thought to be exempt from formal submission due to guidance on state website that indicated:

“A24: Only schools that have been identified as either a Focus or Priority School must submit a SCEP. Schools that have not been identified as a Focus or Priority School are not required to submit a SCEP. Priority Schools that are currently receiving 1003G funding also do not have to submit a SCEP document because their approved 1003G plan substitutes for the SCEP.”

2) Why are the SCEPs being submitted now after being approved in August? The original guidance from NYSED indicated that schools with currently approved funded through 1003 g funds were exempt from submission. However, this guidance was then specified to indicate only schools with approved School Improvement Grants (SIG) were exempt. The following response was received from NYSED on 10/9/14: “Following up on the status of the SCEPs for the SIF schools, as they are not exempt from the requirement at this time. Only 1003(G) recipients were exempted.”

3) What is the date due to NYSED of all documents (SCEP and DCIP plan)? Due date was July 30, 2014. Extension has already been granted. Release of 1003a and

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Title I funds is contingent upon NYSED receipt and approval of all remaining required improvement plans.

4) **Could there be an extension on the due date in #3?** Further extension will further delay financial award of pending Title I and 1003a.

The Committee reviewed the plans and asked the following questions and comments about the plans.

1. How the Administration would ensure that the plans were implemented with fidelity? The Administration plans to strengthen and empower the leadership at the school level and empower teachers and staff in their building.
2. Request to have Principals be present at meetings when the SCEPs are presented.
3. PAC, Parent Council to be involved in the review process of SCEPS.