

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Excellence in Student Achievement Committee Meeting**  
**October 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

- I. Commissioner Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00p; he made a motion to approve the September 2014 minutes: seconded by Mary Adams.

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, the Excellence in Student Achievement Committee received a presentation from the Ad Hoc Common Core State Standards Implementation Committee. Commissioner Adams presented recommendations for the entire Board to consider.

The presentation included:

- Committee Objectives
- Recommendations to clarify and empower structures for school level educator impact on curriculum and pedagogy.
- Recommendation to evaluate the Core Instructional Program and assessed for unintended consequences on student engagement and achievement.
- Recommendation to offer a collaborative evaluative system, modeled on Rochester Early Childhood Assessment Partnership (RECAP) practices; should be considered for academic initiatives.
- Recommendation that School Board members increase their knowledge of common core standards and experts' concerns and criticisms relating to curriculum, pedagogy and the impact of "accountability" frameworks on teaching and learning

ESA Committee requested additional edits to be made to the document. The main edit will be to update the document to make certain that terms are defined for non-educators. Commissioner Adams agreed to direct the committee to provide additional edits to the document.

The ESA committee is introduced the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Common Core State Standards Implementation Committee as an information item. The entire document is currently on BoardDoc. Commissioner Adams expects edits to be presented in December, 2014.