

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Excellence in Student Achievement Committee Meeting
March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attending: Commissioners: Malik Evans (Chair), Mary Adams, Cynthia Elliott.
District Staff: Beverly Burrell-Moore. **Parent Representative:** Craig Cypher.
Board Staff: Kimberly Turner.

I. **Motion made by Commissioner Malik Evans to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes** seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 4-0.

II. ***Today's Student Tomorrow's Teacher*** (presentation by Ms. Prudence Wilson), a community based program, provides a mentorship and scholarship program that helps prepare students for various career paths including teaching. Their model includes summer experiences and leadership training. The committee evaluated the value of this program and its similarity to Teaching and Learning Institute program at East High School. This was an information gathering presentation.

III. ***Uncommon Schools regarding Resolution #2013-14:510*** (presented by Ms. Anna Hall). The committee agreed to advance Resolution #2013-14: 510 back to the full board for consideration. There was opposing views on the approval of this resolution for Uncommon School, charter school, to provide professional development training for RCSD teachers. Several factors were discussed in making this determination. The teaching approach of Uncommon Schools may not be appropriate at RCSD. The District provides an abundance of professional development training for teachers and there is not a clear indication of how this training would be utilized any differently.

IV. ***Vision Quest – Parent-Teacher led School*** (presented by Ms. Alison Skvaria and Ms. Angela Ferris). Two RSCD teachers presented a proposal for a parent-teacher led visual and performing arts magnet school. The curriculum is teacher created, inquiry based, hands on and promotes active learning. The anticipated date of opening is in the Fall 2015. The parent-teacher collaboration is organized and continuing the next steps towards implementation. The committee is waiting for further information to evaluate this proposal.

Excellence in Student Achievement Committee members will attend the **Public Hearing on April 10th at East High School** as part of the committee's objectives and goals.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Evans at 7:40 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Adams.