

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Excellence in Student Achievement Committee Meeting
June 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioner Van White (Chair), Commissioners Mary Adams and Cynthia Elliott; District Staff: Beverly Burrell-Moore, Beverly Burrell-Moore, Linda Johnson, Cheryl Moss, Anita Murphy, Brenda Pacheco, Juliette Pennyman; Monarch Representatives: Terry Murphy and Joanne Rowe; Jacqueline Morgan (Board Staff)

Absent: Commissioner Cynthia Elliott, Dr. Craig Cypher (Parent Representative)

I. Minutes

Motion to approve May, 2013 minutes was made by Commissioner White; seconded by Commissioner Adams.

II. Monarch (vizZle) Presentation

The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee received a presentation from representatives from Monarch Teaching Technologies, Inc. Their presentation focused on their vizZle Program which is a web-based program that includes an online library of interactive lessons created specifically for students with special needs that is aligned to Common Core Standards. The program creates cooperative social networks at home and school.

One of themes in the program is visual learning, the other is teacher collaboration. vizZle has over 8,000 activities in its shared library built by teachers. vizZle can be run on a smart board, desktop, laptop, an iPad and android tablets making it universally accessible. Also in the program is a district dashboard there is an ability to see and evaluate the overall progress of the staff using vizZle.

The Monarch presentation was for informational purposes only. The presentation, in no way, was intended to indicate that the Board or the District had an interest in purchasing licenses for the program at this time.

The Committee will have a discussion at a future meeting to determine if there is a need to look further into the possibility of utilizing the vizZle Program.

III. All City High Presentation

The Committee also received an update for All City High School (ACH). The presentation outlined the current All City High enrollment by grade, attendance by grade level and the number of students by cohort year and grade. As of, June 6, 2013, ACH had a total of 871 students enrolled: 371 students in grade 12, 178 in grade 11, 207 in grade 10 and 207 in grade 9.

All City High will be staffed the same as all other schools in the district in 2013-14. This year it was it was staffed at lower class ratios.

The presentation also included credit accrual and Regents results, GPA and student enrollment by cohort; and the January 2013 Regents comparisons.

Action Items:

1. The Committee will have a discussion at a future meeting to determine if there is a need to look further into the possibility of utilizing the vizZle Program.
2. Ms. Murphy will verify discipline suspension data to confirm accuracy.
3. Ms. Murphy will provide a report listing the enrollment of students who withdrew/dropped from ACH.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Elliott at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Adams.