

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Excellence in Student Achievement Committee of the Whole**  
**August 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Attendance: Commissioner Van White (Chair), Commissioner Mary Adams; District Staff: Mary Aronson, Michael LeGault, Eric Leroy, James Lukens, Steve Soprano; Wegmans Representatives: Ty Kelly and Paul Speranza; Jacqueline Morgan (Board Staff)

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

Commissioner White called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

I. **Minutes**

**Motion** to approve the July 18, 2012 minutes was made by Commissioner Adams; seconded by Commissioner White.

II. **Northeast College Preparatory High School Extended Day Initiative**

Mary Aronson, principal of Northeast College Preparatory (NECP) High School, along with members of her staff and Wegmans representatives, presented the committee with an update on the Wegmans extended day initiative at Northeast College Preparatory High school that will begin in the Fall of 2012.

Administrators from NECP gave an update regarding how technology will be utilized at the school. NECP will ensure that every parent has access to Parent Connect, the RCSD website, NECP website and teacher websites by having open lab hours for parents at NECP. NECP will maintain a well-developed website for the dissemination of information, updates, calendar, school-wide news for support of students, their families, other staff members as well as their volunteers.

Teachers will continually update their district based website by uploading relevant lesson plans, student handouts and other resources that support learning in the classroom. Teachers have, and will continue to participate in district-wide PD offering continued support for the use of technology in the classroom.

Technology will continue to be used by students to increase engagement, demystify the classroom experience, and to more closely connect them with the learning process.

The NECP administration talked about what would be offered before 8:20 a.m. and after 3:10 p.m. on Saturdays as part of the Learning Longer Program. Students will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as academic enrichment, literacy and numeracy support, credit retrieval, SAT prep, employment opportunities and sports to name a few.

### **III. Proposed Resolutions**

Commissioner White introduced a proposed resolution for the process of closing schools for discussion. The committee discussed whether not the school closings resolution should be presented as a Board policy or if the resolution should be presented as a Superintendent regulation. It was decided that that after the Administration had an opportunity to review the proposed resolution with the Law Department a decision would be made as to whether or not the resolution would be presented as a policy or a regulation.

The committee also discussed the status of two proposed resolutions: Standardized Testing and School Closings. It was suggested that the a draft of the Standardized Testing resolution be forwarded to the full Board for comments and/or suggestions; followed up with discussion at this evening's Business Meeting.

The draft School Closings resolution is be reviewed by the administration with hopes to have the resolution prepared for discussion and review at the September Business Meeting.

#### **Action Items:**

Ms. Moore will have a discussion with the Superintendent to determine his view on whether the proposal on school closings should be a Board policy or a Superintendent regulation.

Ms. Morgan will schedule a time for Ms. Moore to report back to the committee with the progress of the draft school closing and the draft standardized testing resolutions.

Ms. Morgan will provide a copy of the proposed resolution to Mr. Johnson for review to determine if the resolution can be included in the August resolution packet as it does not require any action from the Administration or the Board.

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Adams at 6:52 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner White.

The next meeting of the Excellence in Student Achievement Committee will be held on **Monday, August 13, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.**