

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Excellence in Student Achievement Committee of the Whole**  
**June 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Attendance: Commissioner Van White (Chair), Commissioner Willa Powell; District Staff: Lori Baldwin, Beth Mascitti-Miller, Dr. Kim Dyce Faucette, Carleen Meers; Jodie Maurer (Parent Representative); Jacqueline Morgan (Board Staff)

Absent: Commissioner Cynthia Elliott

Commissioner White called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

**I. Minutes**

**Motion** to approve May minutes was made by Commissioner Powell; seconded by Commissioner White.

**II. In-School Suspension Update**

The committee was presented with data that showed how alternatives to suspension are being utilized in the District schools. Ms. Beth Mascitti-Miller noted how the data showed a decline in student arrests for disorderly conduct since the alternatives to suspension has been implemented. It was also noted that since the initiative has been in place the number of long-term suspensions have also declined.

Ms. Lori Baldwin updated the committee on the proactive approach taken to meet the needs of the schools and the students in regards to suspensions and arrests. She noted that she meet with School Resource Officers (SRO) in the Rochester Police Department to talk about collaborating on ways to reduce student arrests by the administration and SROs working together in order to have a positive outcome.

The committee was updated on the long-term suspension review process which includes documentation of the use of interventions and progressive discipline prior to approval of students being long-term suspended.

Because, Dr. Kim Dyce does a thorough review on each request for long-term suspension from principals and has institutional knowledge

regarding the suspension process, the committee recommended that the person who will replace her in this capacity be carefully selected.

Dr. Dyce noted that there are plans to provide professional development covering long-term suspensions to vice principals during the summer to ensure that that process is known.

Ms. Mascitti-Miller noted that violent and disruptive acts against teachers are considerably down as evidenced by the decrease in assault pay for teachers – 2007-08 **\$245,736.84**; 2008-09 **\$195,969.22**; 2009-10 **\$77,917.22**; 2010-present **\$13,697.96**.

Mrs. Jodi Maurer, the parent representative to the Excellence in Student Achievement, was presented with a certificate from the committee in appreciation of the time that she spent serving on the committee. Mrs. Maurer served from 2010-2011.

**Action Item:**

Dr. Silvers will provide the Violent and Disruptive Incident Report.

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Powell at 7:45 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner White.

The next meeting date of the Excellence in Student Achievement Committee is to be determined.