

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Excellence in Student Achievement Committee of the Whole**  
**May 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Attendance: Commissioner Van White (Chair), Commissioners Elliott and Powell; District Staff: Michael Allen, Bonnie Atkins, Miriam Cruz-Vazquez, Mary Doyle, Beverly Gushue, Matthew Laniak, Shaun Nelms, Dr. Jeanette Silvers; Jodie Maurer (Parent Representative); Jacqueline Morgan (Board Staff)

Commissioner White called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

I. **Minutes**

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

II. **Careers in Technical Education Presentation**

Beverly Gushue began the Careers in Technical Education (CTE) Presentation by walking the committee through a blank copy of the approval application to allow the committee to follow the application process to the New York State Education Department (SED) for Careers in Technical Education for the following programs:

- **East High School:** Academy of Finance, Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, Academy of Information Technology
- **School of Imaging & Information Technology at Edison:** Computer Technology, Print Media, Media Education, Photography and Graphic Design
- **School of Business, Finance & Entrepreneurship at Edison:** Academy of Finance

Ms. Gushue noted that SED requires approval of the CTE programs every five years in order to keep the programs updated and aligned to industry and post-secondary standards.

Ms. Gushue noted that currently the district has dual credit with Monroe Community College (MCC). This is a reduced tuition program with the students leaving their high school course with an MCC transcript that can be transferred into many colleges. She also noted that some of the

programs have articulations; which is an advanced standing allowing the student to go into college with advanced standing. Advanced standing allows students not having to take the intro courses. The district currently has articulations with Alfred State and Bryant and Stratton.

CTE programs require external review committees that meet at least two times per year to review the program to ensure that it's keeping up with industry trends and keeping aligned with industry based standards.

Following the presentation the committee had an opportunity to speak with the principals, teachers and students from each of the programs.

**Motion** to advance Resolution 833 to the full Board for consideration was made by Commissioner Powell; seconded by Commissioner Elliott.  
**Adopted 3-0.**

### III. **Portfolio Plan Part II Update**

Mary Doyle noted that Dr. Freddie Thomas High School, along with Charlotte and Jefferson High School, was identified as a consistently lowest achieving school this year. The turn-around model was selected for Charlotte. In January the Board approved the redesign of the school to a 9-12 school, rather than a 7-12 school. The staff will be refreshed by having staff reapply; with no more that 50% of the staff remaining in the building if they have been there more than three years. Ms. Doyle noted that this is a turn-around model requirement from the State and federal governments.

Dr. Freddie Thomas will utilize the transformation model. In January the Board approved Dr. Freddie Thomas to be redesigned to a K-8 model. It is currently a 7-12. The school will not enroll 9<sup>th</sup> grade this year. It will have grades 7-8 and 10-12.

The administration is recommending that the redesign of Dr. Freddie Thomas be a PreK-8 Montessori school. That would involve making the resolution a PreK-8; not just a K-8, merging the BEDS codes of Montessori Academy with Dr. Freddie Thomas High School. The last component of the resolution is the move of the Montessori Academy to the Dr. Freddie Thomas site.

The principal of the Montessori Academy, along with teachers, parents and students offered their support of the redesign of the school and their approval of the Dr. Freddie Thomas site.

**(Commissioner Elliott existed at 8:35 p.m.)**

Resolution 831 advanced to the full Board without recommendation.

#### IV. **School Naming Presentation**

Michael Allen presented the Committee with proposed names for the All-Boys School and the Newcomer School that were selected by members of the community during community forums. The names are as follows:

All-Male School

Leadership Academy for Young Men

Leadership Institute for Young Men

Newcomer School

Rochester International Academy

Rochester International Center

International Preparatory Academy

Mr. Allen noted that the Board had option to either select one of the suggested names for the schools, or to select names of their own choosing.

**Motion** to request that the Board to provide other names for consideration in addition to the names submitted by the administration prior to the May Business Meeting was made by Commissioner Powell; seconded by Commissioner White.

Resolutions 830 and 831 were advanced to the Board without recommendation.

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Powell 10:10 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner White.