

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Excellence in Student Achievement Committee Meeting
August 17, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioner V. White (chair) Commissioners C. Elliott and W. Powell; District Staff: Beth Mascitti-Miller; Parent Representative: Jodi Maurer; Board Staff: Jacqueline Morgan

Commissioner White called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

I. Minutes

Motion to approve July minutes was made by Commissioner Powell; seconded by Commissioner White. **Adopted 2-1; Commissioner Elliott refrained from voting because she was not present at the July meeting.**

II. Teaching and Learning Highlights

Ms. Beth Mascitti-Miller began the presentation by noting that the departments focused mostly on Goal One of the Strategic Plan relating to student achievement and academic. There is a continuum of the curriculum which is starting from UPK through 12th grade. The Division of Teaching and Learning will continue to build on the continuum; streamlining it by creating a vertical alignment of where kids need to be and ensuring that they be college-ready by the end of 12th grade.

Most of the directors of the Division presented highlights of the initiatives of their particular departments as they related to the Strategic Plan and also highlights of grants received in the departments.

Presentations were received from the following departments:

- Extended Learning and Intervention
- Instructional Technology
- Visual and Performing Arts
- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Literacy
- Social Studies
- Early Childhood
- Professional Learning
- Professional Development

It was noted that the committee expressed concerns regarding how the million dollar Teaching American History grant will be spent to address professional development. Some members of the committee expressed that there is an expectation to see emphasis on teacher training in the area of the history of people of color.

Additionally, it was expressed that it is the hope of the committee that the Department of African/African-American Studies will be fully integrated into the plans on how this training grant will be utilized.

It was concluded that the Social Studies Department will prepare a detailed report on this particular initiative to present to the Excellence in Student Achievement Committee at an upcoming meeting prior to the initiative being advanced to the Board for consideration so that it can be fully vetted by the Committee.

III. **Miscellaneous**

Commissioner Elliott requested that the committee discuss the Schott Report that speaks to the African-American male dropout rate. Ms. Mascitti-Miller indicated that she would have a conversation with Ms. Gladys Pedraza-Burgos to provide information around the report.

Action Items:

- ▶ Identify schools that had official CTE programs in 2007; and also identify schools that presently have official CTE programs along with any pending programs at an upcoming upcoming ESA Committee meeting.
- ▶ Million dollar Social Studies grant be fully vetted at an upcoming ESA Committee Meeting prior to advancing initiative to the full Board for consideration.
- ▶ Provide copy of Haberman screening tool to the ESA Committee and the Board.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. was moved by Commissioner Elliott.

The next Excellence in Student Achievement Committee is scheduled to meet on September 14, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 1E-134 (first floor conference room).