

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Code of Conduct Public Hearing
October 11, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: President Evans, Vice President Cruz, and Commissioners Campos and Elliott and Powell; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans opened the hearing at 5:35 p.m.

President Evans stated that the District is conducting this public hearing regarding the recently amended Code of Conduct which includes language that addresses the Dignity for All Students Act (Dignity Act). The intent of the Dignity Act is to provide all public school students with an environment free from discrimination and harassment, as well as to foster civility in public schools. The Dignity Act also focuses on prevention of harassment and discriminatory behaviors through the promotion of educational measures meant to positively impact school culture and climate.

Among the Dignity Act's provisions, is the requirement that all public school districts include provisions in their Codes of Conduct prohibiting the discrimination and harassment against students by students and/or school employees on school property or at a school function, as well as provisions for responding to acts of discrimination and harassment against students by students and/or school employees on school property or at a school function.

President Evans then requested public input and questions regarding the District's Contract for Excellence.

No speakers were present.

President Evans concluded the hearing at 5:40 p.m.