

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Business Meeting

July 25, 2013

**Attendance:** President Evans, Vice President White and Commissioners Adams, Cruz, and Powell; Deputy Superintendent of Administration Anita Murphy; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Commissioner Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes of the June 20<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting and July 15<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting made by Vice President White and seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.
- III. **Recognition:** None.
- IV. **Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** Community member Lori Thomas spoke about the proposed agreement with McKinsey and Company, Inc. Community members Sandra Fink, Michael Pierce and Dr. Paul Dumais expressed opposition to the proposed termination of an employee. Staff member Susan Pierce expressed opposition to the proposed termination of an employee.
- V. **Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** Parents Antonia Beaty and Jennifer Mohr expressed concern about the reduction of Vocal Music Instructors for the 2013-14 academic year. Parent Kerry Coleman spoke about the need for integrity in the District. Staff members Rachel Dobbs and Amy Spiess-Ki expressed concern about the reduction of Music Instructors for the 2013-14 academic year. Staff members Loretta Cross and Mark Phinney expressed concern about the reduction of Music Instructors for the 2013-14 academic year at John James Audubon, School No. 33. Staff member Alison Skvarla spoke about the need for enhanced music programming.
- VI. **Superintendent's Report:** No report.
- VII. **Board Reports:**
  - Audit Committee**

*Chair Mary Adams:* The Audit Committee met on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the 2013-14 Office of Auditor General Risk Assessment and Audit Plan. Each Board member was given an opportunity to meet individually with the Auditor General to provide input on the Risk Assessment and the plan. Several District leaders also provided input during the assessment process. The Auditor General shared the risks that were noted during the Assessment process. The Audit Plan identifies the audits that are planned by the Office of Auditor General during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. A motion to accept the Office of Auditor General 2013-14 Audit Plan was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Vice President White. The plan was accepted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent. Commissioner Adams made a motion to post summaries of the following reports on the District website: James Monroe High School Student Activity Funds Audit, James Monroe High School Cash Audit, School of the Arts Student Activity Funds Audit, Instrumental Music Review and Student Counseling Follow Up Audit; seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion carries 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.
  - Finance Committee**

***Chair Willa Powell:***

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> to consider Resolution No. 2013-14: 118 through 127. The Committee recommends approval of Budget Amendments (Resolutions 118 through 121) and the following reviewed resolutions: Resolution No. 2013-14: 122 for Transportation; Resolution No. 2013-14: 123 through 125 for Procurement; and Resolution No.2013-14: 126 and 127 for Educational Facilities. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Excellence in Student Achievement Committee**

***Chair Van Henri White:*** The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee met on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Anita Murphy, Deputy Superintendent of Administration and Beverly Burrell-Moore, Deputy Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented the District’s comprehensive plan for meeting student’s social and emotional needs. The plan implements a Student Support Team (SST) to ensure that a child in need is guided towards services that are accessible, timely, student-centered, and socially valid for fit, efficient, evidence based, monitored and measured. Next month’s Excellence in Student Achievement Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

***Chair Cynthia Elliott:*** No report.

**Policy Committee**

***Chair Jose Cruz:*** The Policy Committee met on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss: plans for revising and simplifying the Values Education policy (4315.1), a proposed revision of the Evaluation of Teaching Staff policy (0330): the revised policy will apply to all District staff, and provides the flexibility needed to comply with APPR requirements, a possible revision of School-Based Planning Team policy (2265): the Committee is looking into the leading factors at the school level that contribute to effective School-Based Planning Teams and options for supporting parent involvement, Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials policy (4010), and a proposed revision of the Wellness policy (5405) to incorporate a number of individual related policies into one coherent and comprehensive whole. Links will be created on the District website to enable readers to refer to specific subsections for ease of locating information within the proposed policy. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Board Governance Committee**

***Chair Melisza Campos:*** No report.

**Student Leadership Congress**

***Student Representative Sophie Gallivan:*** No report.

**Parent Advisory Council**

***Parent Representative Candice Lucas:*** No report.

**VIII. Resolutions**

**2013-14: 2:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Adams, Campos and Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 3:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 4-5:** No resolutions submitted for June.

**2013-14: 6-7:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 8:** No resolutions submitted for June.

**2013-14: 9-12:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 13:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Adams, Campos and Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 14:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 15:** No resolutions submitted for June.

**2013-14: 16-17:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 18-21:** No resolutions submitted for June.

**2013-14: 22-24:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 25-28:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 29:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 4-0 with Vice President White abstaining due to familial relationship and Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 30-31:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2013-14: 32 made by Commissioner Powell, and seconded by Vice President White. Motion carries 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.**

**2013-14: 33-36:** Motion to adopt made by Vice President White, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 37-58:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 59:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 4-1 with Commissioner Adams dissenting and Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 60-67:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2013-14: 68 made by Commissioner Powell, and seconded by Vice President White. Motion carries 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.**

**2013-14: 69:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 4-0 with President Evans abstaining due to familial relationship and Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 70-83:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 84:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 4-0 with President Evans abstaining due to familial relationship and Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

**2013-14: 85-89:** Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Vice President White. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent

- IX. Unfinished Business:** Commissioner Adams requested an updated Appendix A, as referenced in the Superintendent's Rules and Regulations. The document is a list of positions that are compensated by, and serve in their positions at the pleasure of the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the provisions of the SEG Rules and Regulations. Per Resolution No. 2012-13: 759, Appendix A should be reconciled to coincide with current assignments and the adopted 2013-2014 budget.
- X. New Business:** Commissioner Cruz presented the following items as Information Items: proposed revision of the Evaluation of Teaching Staff policy (0330) that addresses the evaluation of all District staff, and provides the flexibility needed to comply with APPR requirements. Commissioner Cruz also presented a proposed revision of the Wellness policy (5405) that incorporates a number of individual related policies into one coherent and comprehensive whole.
- XI. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a specific individual** made by Commissioner Cruz at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Vice President White. Motion carries 5-0 with Commissioner Campos and Commissioner Elliott absent.

Commissioner Adams left at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion to enter into open session** made by Commissioner Cruz at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 4-0 with Commissioners Adams, Campos and Elliott absent.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner Cruz at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 4-0 with Commissioners Adams, Campos and Elliott absent.