

**ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Contract for Excellence Public Hearing**  
**September 18, 2014**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Commissioner Evans and Commissioner Powell; Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

President Evans opened the hearing at 5:30 p.m.

President Evans stated that the Contract for Excellence is based on New York State law requiring school districts to develop a plan to improve academic achievement, particularly for students with the greatest educational needs. The plan is required for school districts with at least one school identified as in corrective action, restructuring, or in need of improvement.

Any additional State funding provided for the Contract for Excellence must be used to support continuing programs or to develop new initiatives which primarily boost the achievement of students with the greatest need, such as those in poverty, with disabilities, and English-language learners. In accordance with the Contract for Excellence Plan the District is required to conduct a public hearing to gather input on the Contract for Excellence plan.

He added that the District's 2014-15 plan for the Contract for Excellence along with other details regarding comment submission can be found on the website at: <http://www.rcsdk12.org> and public comment is invited through Thursday, October 2, 2014, and will be submitted to the State in a transcript along with the plan.

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

Commissioner Powell noted that she intends to submit comments to the State for their consideration.

No speakers were present.

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