

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Special Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2014

### Minutes

**Attendance:** President White, Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Cruz, and Commissioner Evans; Deputy Superintendent Beverly Burrell-Moore; Chief of Schools Amy Schiavi, Executive Director of School Innovation Caterina Leone-Mannino, Principal Anibal Soler, and Board Clerk Shanai Lee.

**I.** President White convened the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

President White stated that the Board has convened this meeting to review and discuss the School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) for East High School for 2014-15. He noted that school Comprehensive Education Plans are required to be submitted to the New York State Education Department for approval for every priority and focus school in the State. The 2014-15 SCEP plan for East High School is due by July 31, 2014.

He also stated that the partnership with the University of Rochester for East High School is to begin in the 2015-16 school year, and is separate from the 2014-15 SCEP plan for the school. The final proposal from the University of Rochester is due to be submitted to the New York State Education Department for approval by December 31, 2014.

**II. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** None.

**III. Resolutions**

Resolution No. 2014-15: 77: **Motion to remove Resolution No. 2014-15: 77 from the table** made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Vice President Elliott adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Adams, Campos and Powell absent.

In discussing the resolution, Vice President Elliott questioned the accountability metrics that will be implemented to assure that the plan will be monitored, managed, and implemented. Principal Soler noted that the school staff will be held accountable for all of the metrics articulated in the plan. President White commented on the importance of accountability, highlighting the shortcomings of past years. Principal Soler stated that the enhanced plan for the 2014-15 year will be used to guide all of the activities in the building. Ms. Leone-Mannino added that the District will begin to utilize the SCEPs as strategic guides for all schools, rather than simple compliance mechanisms. In doing so, she stated the District is taking steps to review the plans closely with all building leaders.

Ms. Schiavi added that stability among teachers and other support staff is an issue, and mentioned that a majority of itinerant staff transfer school assignments annually. She also spoke about the overwhelming amount of teacher transfer requests annually.

President White asked the Administrators present information on the metrics detailed in the plan, and questioned why weren't these elements, which should be essential to all schools, previously incorporated in the strategic plan or prior SCEPs of the school.

Principal Soler added that during 2014-15 the school will implement the following:

- Master Scheduling at the building level,
- Extended day (i.e. 1.5 hours beyond the school day to earn additional credits),
- Common plan time for all instructors,
- Enhanced courses,
- Additional social workers to better support student needs, and
- BOCES opportunities (including transportation)

He also stated that biweekly meetings with the Chief of Schools and the Office of School Innovation will also be scheduled to assist in the close monitoring of the implementation of the enhanced plan.

President White concluded the meeting by stating that the abovementioned elements and others related to the enhancement of parental involvement efforts including the addition of parent advocates and school liaisons should be incorporated into the SCEP for East High School prior to Board consideration.

**Motion to table Resolution No. 2014-15: 77** made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Vice President Elliott adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Adams, Campos and Powell absent.

- IV.** Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Cruz. Seconded by Commissioner Evans at 7:15 p.m. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Adams, Campos and Powell absent.