

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Business Meeting

April 26, 2018

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President Willa Powell, Commissioner Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Melanie Funchess, Commissioner Elizabeth Hallmark, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, and Commissioner Natalie Sheppard.

**Board Members Excused:** None.

**Administration and Board Officers in Attendance:** Deputy Superintendent Lawrence Wright, EPO Superintendent Shaun Nelms, and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

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

**I.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a young audience member.

**II. Acceptance of Minutes:**

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 29<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting. Motion carries 5-0 with Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Sheppard absent.

Commissioner Sheppard arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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

**IV. Speakers Not Addressing an Agenda Item:** Community member Peter Burkin spoke about his work to address bullying.

**V.** Commissioner Elliott arrived at 7:00 p.m.

**VI. Superintendents Reports:** Dr. Nelms delivered a presentation highlighting cohort data, particularly student attendance, behavioral and school climate indicators and recent student achievements and events highlighting the school's progress. He concluded the presentation by discussing the Center for Urban Education Success (CUES) Spring Symposium, and urged Board members and administrators to consider attending.

Deputy Superintendent Lawrence Wright delivered a detailed presentation on the various options of the Path Forward initiative.

**VII. Board Reports:**

**Student Leadership Congress Report**

*Genesis Silva:* None.

**Audit Committee**

**Chair Beatriz LeBron:** The Audit Committee did not meet in the month of April. The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. At that meeting, we will be meeting with Freed Maxick, the External Auditor, to review the Audit Plan for the June 30, 2018 Independent Audit. All Board members are encouraged to attend. In addition the Board will receive a status update from members of the Finance organization and Human Resources on the status on the Office of the State Comptrollers recommendations that are due to be completed by June 30, 2018.

### **Finance Committee**

**Chair Willa Powell:** The Finance Committee convened on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss the East EPO and District February 2018 Financial Reports, as well as the Quarterly Change Order Report for January to March 2018. The Committee also discussed the School Climate Advisory Committee's recommendations for the 2018-19 budget. Lastly, the Committee considered Resolution Nos. 2017-18: 790 through 808, 811, 813, and 817. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the District March 2018 Financial Report. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the East EPO March 2018 Financial Report. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the Quarterly Change Order Report for January-March 2018. Motion to accept the reports was made by Vice President Powell and seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Motion carries 7-0.

The following resolutions were reviewed by the Finance Committee, and are advanced to the Board with recommendation: Budget Resolution 790; Resolutions 792-808 for Educational Facilities; and Resolution 811, 813 and 817 classified under the Other category. The following resolution was reviewed and advanced to the Board without recommendation Resolutions 791 for Procurement and Supply. The Committee required additional clarifying information regarding this resolution at the time of the meeting. However, this information has subsequently been provided and Board Members are asked to take these updates into consideration.

### **Excellence in Student Achievement Committee**

**Chair Natalie Sheppard:** The Excellence in Student Achievement Committee conducted a Meeting of the Whole on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, to discuss student academic achievement after the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period, expanded learning programs and providers, and progress with regard to the diversity hiring initiative. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

### **Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (CIGR)**

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

### **Policy Committee**

**Chair Melanie Funchess:** No report submitted.

### **Board Governance Committee**

**Chair Elizabeth Hallmark:** On April 12<sup>th</sup> the Board held a Special Meeting which was convened as a Governance Committee of the Whole. At the meeting, the Board discussed the Committee's purpose, the evaluation schedule of the Superintendent, General Counsel and members of the Board's staff; the Committee's structure and schedule; proposed professional development topics; a proposed retreat facilitator for the summer retreat; communication protocols; and the Board's responsibility in informing parents of their rights as related to participation in assessments.

In addition to the scheduled topics of discussion, the Board discussed the possibility of reinstated the Human Resources Committee. Commissioner Hallmark asked General Counsel Karl Kristoff to draft a purpose for the proposed Human Resources Committee that would reflect norms used elsewhere in

similar committees and that would reflect the discussion and concerns noted above. The next meeting of the Governance Committee is scheduled on Thursday, June 7, 2018.

### **President's Report**

**Board President Van Henri White:** President White spoke about recent school visits and his participation at events held throughout the District.

## **VIII. Resolutions**

**2017-18: 758:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 7-0

**2017-18: 760:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner LeBron absent

**2017-18: 762:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent

**2017-18: 767:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent

**2017-18: 770-773:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent

**2017-18: 774:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Sheppard dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent

**2017-18: 775-777:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Hallmark. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner LeBron absent

**2017-18: 784-790:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 5-1 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting and Commissioner LeBron absent.

**2017-18: 791-809:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 810:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 811:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Elliott dissenting due to professional relationship.

**2017-18: 812-819:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

**2017-18: 820:** Motion to adopt was made by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Funchess. Adopted 5-2 with Commissioner Elliott and Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

**2017-18: 821:** Motion to adopt was made by Vice President Powell. Seconded by Commissioner Hallmark. Adopted 7-0.

**IX. Unfinished Business:** None.

**X. New Business:** A proposed Sexual Harassment Policy No. 0110 was presented as an Discussion Item.

**Motion to enter into executive session** to discuss matters related to the employment of particular persons and other matters with the General Counsel was made by Commissioner Sheppard and seconded by Commissioner Funchess at 8:45 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

**Motion to reconvene into open session** made by Commissioner LeBron and seconded by Commissioner Hallmark at 10:00 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

**XI. Motion to adjourn** made by Commissioner Hallmark at 10:00 p.m. Seconded by Vice President Powell. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Elliott absent.