

# ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2018

## Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** President Van Henri White, Vice President 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 Elizabeth Mascitti-Miller, Deputy Superintendent Cecilia Golden, General Counsel Karl Kristoff, Distinguished Educator Jaime Aquino, and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

**I.** President White convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Consideration of Resolutions**

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-19: 477 was made by Commissioner Funchess, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 4-0 with Commissioners Hallmark, LeBron and Sheppard absent.

Commissioner Hallmark arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-19: 478 was made by Commissioner Funchess, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Adopted 5-0 with Commissioners LeBron and Sheppard absent.

Commissioner LeBron and Commissioner Sheppard arrived at 6:10 p.m.

**III. Executive Session**

Motion to go into executive session to discuss matters related to the employment of a particular person was made by Vice President Powell and seconded by Commissioner Funchess at 6:10 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Motion to reconvene in open session made by Commissioner Funchess and seconded by Commissioner Elliott at 7:30 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Commissioner LeBron and Commissioner Sheppard left at 7:30 p.m.

**IV. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item:** Parent Howard Eagle spoke about the proposed superintendent search and selection process.

Commissioner LeBron arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Commissioner Sheppard arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Vice President Powell left at 7:50 p.m.

**V. Discussion of Proposal to Restructure Standing Committees of the Board**

President White opened discussion of the topic by introducing Commissioner Sheppard who presented a proposal for addressing the structure of the Board's standing committees. Members of the Board discussed various options to align the Board's committee structure to the strategic direction and needs of the District's academic and operational functional departments.

There was consensus around an option to allow for two regularly scheduled monthly meetings where topics that are typically addressed in the Board's current Excellence in Student Achievement and Finance and Resource Allocation committees can be presented for discussion. The proposal also called for the Board holding two committee meetings per month to address necessary policy revisions and adoptions and governance issues of concern to the full Board. Commissioner Sheppard noted that the Board would have to maintain a quarterly schedule (or four meetings per year) of Audit Committee meetings since the organization is mandated by State legislation to do so.

**ACTION:** President White asked Commissioner Sheppard to prepare a formal proposal and resolution for consideration at the December 20, 2018 Business Meeting.

**VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**