

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2018

Minutes

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

Board Members Excused: Commissioner Melanie Funchess

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Superintendent Barbara Deane-Williams, General Counsel Karl Kristoff and District Clerk Shanai Lee.

President White convened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Board of Education's operational budget including travel expenses and the facilitation and coordination of an upcoming retreat.

Commissioner Elliott arrived at 6:40 p.m.

I. Speakers Addressing an Agenda Item: No speakers were present

II. Consideration of Resolutions

Resolution No. 2018-19: 3 was withdrawn from consideration. No other resolutions were presented.

III. Discussion of Upcoming Retreat

Commissioner Hallmark spoke in detail about her efforts to coordinate the retreat and arrange facilitation of the retreat. She added that though the Board's portion of the Superintendent and Board retreat is postponed until August the Board is expected to participate in a session led by the Superintendent and members of Cabinet to discuss the goals and elements of the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) for the coming year.

Commissioner Sheppard recognized the efforts put forth by Commissioner Hallmark and noted that she and Commissioner LeBron provided input in the retreat format and agenda several months ago. District Clerk Lee spoke of involvement in the coordination of the annual retreat.

Superintendent Deane-Williams spoke her experiences in holding annual retreats with school boards in other districts. Highlighting that the leadership teams would work to analyze progress against the District's goals for the previous year and consider goals for the coming year, Superintendent Deane-Williams noted that she and her are prepared to

unveil a data dashboard that will allow for the presentation of data related to the District's operations and academic performance.

Commissioner Elliott arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Commissioner Elliott urged the Board to hold an informal session to learn about the individual philosophies of Board members.

President White concluded the discussion by noting that the retreat was postponed because the Board was not able to engage a facilitator. He added that a retreat should be scheduled in the near future to address Board dynamics.

ACTION: President White asked the Board members for suggestions for facilitators for the retreat.

IV. Discussion of the Board's Operational Budget

The Commissioners discussed past and upcoming conference and professional development travel requests. Commissioner Elliott noted that participation in local, state, and national conferences allows Board members, particularly newly elected (or appointed) members, to receive professional development. It was also noted that the September and October Business Meetings may have to be rescheduled to accommodate the Board's travel requests.

There was agreement that further discussion of the topic is needed.

ACTION: President White asked Dr. Lee to price the current conference and professional development travel requests for discussion at the July 26, 2018 Business Meeting.

ACTION: President White asked Dr. Lee to confirm Superintendent Deane-Williams availability for the possible rescheduling of the September 27, 2018 Business Meeting.

V. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.