

ROCHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – Committee of the Whole
Governance Committee Meeting
August 11, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: President, Van White, Vice President Cynthia Elliott, Commissioner Amy Maloy, Commissioner Ricardo Adams, Commissioner Beatriz LeBron, Commissioner Willa Powell, Commissioner Natalie Sheppard

Board Members Excused: N/A

Administration and Board Officers in Attendance: Superintendent Lesli Myers-Small, Superintendent Shaun Nelms, State Monitor Shelley Jallow and other Cabinet members, General Counsel Karl Kristoff and District Clerk Marisol Ramos-Lopez.

- I. President White called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m.
- II. **Speakers Addressing the Board of Education:** Susan Rebecca Boyd, Staff played the Violin; Kristen French, Staff, Reopening of Schools.

III. **Special Meeting Discussion Items:**

- Consideration of Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2020-21: 88: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 91: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 93: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 97: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 98: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 99: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 100: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 6-1 with Commissioner Sheppard dissenting.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 103: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Maloy. Seconded by

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Commissioner Adams. Adopted 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 105: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

Resolution No. 2020-21: 106: Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Powell. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Adopted 7-0.

- Governor Cuomo mandate for public hearings on school reopening plan – Dr. Myers-Small discussed the expectations relative to what schools need to do prior to opening: 1. Post the District plan on the web page, and that has been done; 2. Testing and contact tracing information posted on the web, and that has been done; 3. That the District hold 5 public engagement sessions with parents and 1 with teachers and staff. Those have been scheduled and posted on the web and social media.

President White handed over the gavel to Commissioner Maloy for the commencement of the Governance Committee Meeting.

IV. Governance Committee Discussion Items

- A. Commissioner Maloy reviewed the purpose of the Governance Committee for transparency and educational purposes.
- B. **Approve Minutes** from March 10 and June 16, 2020 Governance Committee Meeting moved by Commissioner LeBron. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Adopted 7-0.
- C. **Board Committee Structure/ Committee on Student Achievement** –Dr. Jallow presented recommendations to And the School Board Bylaws. She provided an overview of her duties as State Monitor. She asked that the Board consider the reinstatement of the Excellence in Student Achievement committee that meets monthly and be dedicated to all things teaching and learning and supporting student achievement. At this time, there is no committee that addresses these issues and Dr. Jallow believes it to be extremely important that the board focus on these issues.

The committee's charge will be:

- To monitor progress of the implementation recommendations in the area of academics from the Distinguished Educator's report.
- To monitor progress of the implementation of the academic plan submitted to the New York State Education Commissioner, Regents, State Legislature and Governor.
- To monitor progress on leading and lagging indicators of student performance.

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- To collaborate with the Assistant Superintendent, the Teaching and Learning Team, and others - as required - to ensure that curriculum, instruction, professional development and assessments support desired student outcomes.
- To evaluate processes, policies and long-range planning needs vs. desired student outcomes and deliver recommendations - in support of the Strategic Roadmap - to the Superintendent and School Board for action.
- To establish and communicate high expectations for student support beyond our classrooms to parents, staff and the greater community – with the goal of driving deeper student engagement and academic achievement
- To review and report evidence of student performance over time in order to measure learning.
- To analyze learning and student engagement metrics to highlight critical areas in need of improvement as well as to promote better alignment of district resources to critical student outcomes.

D. **DE Reporting – Update** – Dr. Myers-Small discussed the district’s reporting of the Distinguished Educator’s report. She provided an overview of the management system the district uses and the mechanism for reporting to the State on the progress of the 10 areas outlined in the report.

E. **Board Retreat – Superintendent/Board Goals** – Commissioner Maloy discussed the future board retreat with a deadline of September 1st. Board Staff will work to find a date that works for all Commissioners.

V. **New Business:** Superintendent Myers-Small and the Board extended their congratulations to Chancellor Betty Rosa who is the incoming Interim Commissioner of Education for the State of New York. President White will be drafting a congratulatory letter for the board to approve.

VI. **Motion to enter into Executive Session** to discuss a matter related to a personnel issue with Counsel was made by Commissioner LeBron and seconded by Commissioner Maloy at 6:57 p.m. Motion carries 7-0.

Commissioner Sheppard left the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Motion to end Executive session at 8:08 p.m. was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

VII. **Motion to adjourn** made by Commissioner Maloy at 8:09 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner LeBron. Motion carries 6-0 with Commissioner Sheppard absent.

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