

UPrep names Ed Cavalier as its interim president

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University Preparatory Charter School for Young Men, seeking stability after the abrupt dismissal of founder Joe Munno, has named veteran school leader Ed Cavalier its interim president.

Munno was forced into retirement after he denied valedictorian Jaisaan Lovett the chance to speak at graduation. While the reason for that decision remains unclear, Mayor Lovely Warren jumped behind Lovett and helped turn a school-level squabble into national news.

The board announced its choice for interim leader Tuesday.

“(Cavalier’s) experience with charter schools and his commitment to this city will serve UPrep well as we maintain a strong and consistent learning environment for our students during the search for a permanent new leader,” board President Edward Yansen said in a statement.

Since retiring as longtime principal in the Rochester City School District, Cavalier has entered into a peripatetic second phase of his career in the charter sector. He was principal at Urban Choice for several years then served as interim leader at Young Women’s College Prep.

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