

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 15, 2013

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A Retreat, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Thursday, August 15, 2013, at The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, Rochester, Michigan. President Beth Talbert called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Beth Talbert, Lisa Nowak, Jennifer Berwick, Chuck Coutteau, Jane Pierobon, Michael Zabat

Members Absent: Pat Piskulich with notice

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Marlene Davis, Christine Keener and 1 visitor.

RETREAT

Dr. Marlene Davis, facilitator, shared that retreats are an opportunity for Board members to have a qualitatively different kind of exchange with each other. Our job is in the collective – it is to provide the direction and support for solid and better instructional practice in Rochester. It is about teaching and learning and maximizing environments for achievement for all students in Rochester Community Schools. The Board is responsible for the “what” of it and the Superintendent and staff are responsible for the “how” to make it happen. Highly effective Boards make their thinking visible to each other and to the community.

The group reflected on the past year, reasons for serving, successes, strengths, and highly effective Boardsmanship. The importance of a having courage and an open mind. The group discussed highly effective Board meetings, being prepared, having the information to be an advocate for the district and being provided the information to make a decision, context, spotlight on success, and situational awareness.

A future discussion will expand on student achievement including what this looks like and how to measure students’ educational experiences, content vs. instruction.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Berwick
Supported by: Ms. Nowak
Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Beth Talbert
Secretary, Board of Education