

# ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

## BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MEETING

Friday, August 16, 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 Friday, August 16, 2013, at The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, Rochester, Michigan. President Beth Talbert called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Kay Cornell, Christine Keener, and 1 visitor.

#### RETREAT

Dr. Shaner, Superintendent, recapped the August 15, 2013 Retreat and introduced Kay Cornell, Strategic Planning Consultant. Mrs. Cornell lead the group through a process of thinking about their hopes/dreams, fears and commitments. By creating a culture that is connected, caring, and nurturing one can deal with just about any situation. She stated it is important to have the courage to do the right thing and to be true to what you believe. The group identified their commitments as a Board, including strengths, challenges, conflicts, trust, focus on results and accountability.

Strategic Plan discussion included having a kick-off community event in October and developing the structure of the committee.

Mrs. Talbert led the discussion regarding Study Sessions. This discussion included: what a good study session will look like, changing the name from Study Session to Work Session, sessions allow the Board and the Administrators the opportunity to discuss topics freely and exchange information, and to have these Work Sessions rotate to different school buildings in the district.

Informational items discussed included the Annual Board Calendar, the Superintendent Evaluation Process, Board Self-Assessment, Board Goals, and Work Session topics.

Dr. Shaner led the discussion on Student Achievement and shared a video clip on Will Richardson. What does student achievement look like and how do we measure it? The video clips' point is to figure out what our business is and do it well. Discussion included reaching out to our graduates to see where they are in 1 – 5 years after graduation and establish a RCS Dashboard.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Pierobon

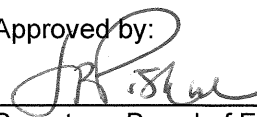
Supported by: Mr. Zabat

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
Secretary, Board of Education