



ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan

BOARD OF EDUCATION RETREAT MEETING
January 25, 2014

MINUTES

Call to Order

A Retreat Meeting, Open to the Public, of the Board of Education for the Rochester Community Schools, Rochester, Michigan was held on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at RCS Administration Center, 501 West University Drive, Rochester, Michigan 48307. President Lisa Nowak called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. Board members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Lisa Nowak, Chuck Coutteau, Jane Pierobon, Jennifer Berwick, Pat Piskulich, Beth Talbert, and Mike Zabat (arriving late with notice)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Shaner, Debi Fragomeni, Dan Romzek, Beth Davis, Carrie Lawler, Michael Behrmann, Debbi Hartman, and Anne Evans

Retreat

Mrs. Lawler, Executive Director of Secondary Education, shared Jon Gordon's Big Idea video on feeding the positive dog (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h8tBrSZxRg>). Mrs. Evans, Executive Director of Special Education, lead the group in a connector activity on 20 Tips for a Positive New Year.

A. Strategic Plan

Mr. Behrmann, Executive Director of Elementary Education, facilitated the jig saw book discussion on *A world-Class Education: Learning from International Schools of Excellence and Innovation* (Chapter 5) by Vivien Stewart. This activity included using the 4 C's Visible Think Routine (Ron Ritchhart, Harvard University) which provides learners with a structure for a text-based discussion built around making connections, asking questions, identifying key ideas, and considering application. Vivien Stewart, 2007 McGraw Prize in Education Winner video was shared (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxh7jCRGeBE>).

Mike Zabat arrived at 10:30 a.m.

The activity ended with "World-Class Education", what it means to you, and what it means to the students of Rochester Community Schools using "I used to think; Now I think" tool.

Dr. Shaner, Superintendent, shared the Strategic Planning process, the Strategic Planning Committee Goal Areas including Global Awareness, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment and Infrastructure and Technology, and the implementation process. The formal presentation will be made to the Board of Education in March.

Mrs. Hartman, Director of Community Relations and RCS Foundation, provided Board members a list of implementation suggestions that the three goal area committee members discussed. Board members then took part in a prioritization exercise ranking the list of implementation suggestions from 1 to 5 and then participated in a gallery walk and discussion.

At 11:54 a.m. the Board recessed for 50 minutes.

B. Budget

Mr. Romzek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, shared the ten-year budget history, ten-year general fund budget statistical information, four-year general fund budget summary by function, and the four-year general fund budget summary by object.

C. Curriculum

Mr. Behrmann shared information on elementary relief and maximum effects on district teacher allocation and possible outcomes. Mrs. Lawler shared information on open seats, and gave a 7th grade example. Also, she shared briefly information on exploratory classes.

D. Goals

Mrs. Nowak reviewed the Proposed Board Goals Year ending June 30, 2014. These Board Goals were approved at the September 9, 2013 Regular Board meeting. Discussion included a future book study, tailored Board training, a speaker for the Board as well as staff, school community grants, and to start thinking about the Board's goals for next year.

Adjournment

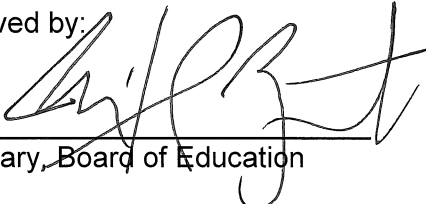
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Moved by: Mrs. Talbert
Supported by: Mr. Coutteau
Vote: 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Keener

Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Secretary, Board of Education