

Rochester Board of Education
Board Governance Committee
February 26, 2007
Minutes

Attendance:

Commissioners Elliott and Powell; Board Staff Ms. Lee and Ms. Dunsmoor; District Staff Dr. Dyce-Faucette.

Chairman Elliott convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approve January Committee Minutes

Motion to approve the January minutes by Commissioner Powell, second by Chairman Elliott. Adopted 3-0.

Agenda Item 2: Board Retreat

Chairman Elliott opened the discussion stating that the annual Board retreat is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 31st; she asked Ms. Lee to confirm the availability of the other commissioners and send out a tentative agenda for feedback. Chairman Elliott said that she chose Dr. Ruth Scott to facilitate the event because Dr. Scott is familiar with the Rochester community.

Commissioner Powell expressed concern that the 2006-07 Board of Education Self Evaluation Tool was not completed by all of the commissioners. She stated that the tool is useful and could be a valuable resource in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the Board. Chairman Elliott agreed and asked Ms. Dunsmoor to contact those commissioners who had not yet completed the tool and ask that they do so. Commissioner White asked that he be allowed to complete the tool even though he recently joined the Board. The Committee agreed.

Consensus reached that Dr. Scott facilitate the Board retreat scheduled on Saturday, March 31st.

ACTION: Ms. Lee will confirm that all commissioners are available to attend the retreat scheduled on Saturday, March 31st, and send a tentative agenda to the commissioners for feedback.

ACTION: Ms. Dunsmoor will request that all of the commissioners complete the 2006-07 Board of Education Self Evaluation Tool.

Agenda Item 3: Date Change for Board Meetings

Chairman Elliott opened the discussion asking for the Committee's opinion on changing the business meeting date from the third Thursday of each month to the fourth Thursday of each month.

Commissioner Powell agreed with the proposed change and stated that the proposed amendment should be forwarded to the Policy Committee. She said the change of date would allow for more time to consider Board resolutions and financial reports as well as allow for the Division of Business Services to better perform month end closings.

ACTION: Commissioner Powell will complete the necessary documentation to submit the proposed policy change of the Board Bylaws (Policy No. 2300) to the Policy Committee.

Agenda Item 4: Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Powell, second by Commissioner White. Adopted 3-0.