

**Rochester Board of Education  
Board Governance Committee  
September 26, 2006  
Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Commissioners Henley and Elliott, and Powell; Board Staff Ms. Lee and Ms. Dunsmoor; District Staff Ms. Dyce-Faucette. (Commissioner Powell arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Chairman Henley convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1: Approve August Committee Minutes**

Motion to approve the August minutes by Commissioner Elliott, second by Chairman Henley. Adopted 2-0 with Commissioner Powell absent.

**Agenda Item 2: Personnel Committee**

Chairman Henley asked Commissioner Elliott to open the discussion.

Commissioner Elliott presented mission and vision statements detailing the proposed Personnel Committee. She stated that she is a proponent of diversity and the statements presented reflect her desire to develop policies for the District that promote diversity. She said that her rationale for reinstating a Personnel Committee would be to create a formal entity for considering the District's personnel issues and policies. She asked that the commissioners review the documents and be prepared for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

**Agenda Item 3: Board Self Evaluation**

Chairman Henley asked Ms. Dunsmoor to open the discussion.

Ms. Dunsmoor presented the 2005-06 Board of Education Self-Evaluation Tool. She said the tool is administered by the Board Clerk and the purpose of the tool is to provide Board members with information about their performance, and identify areas which require improvement or enhancement to strengthen the Board and its operation. She said that the results of last year's evaluation indicated the need for a retreat, which was held in May to improve the operations of the Board. Chairman Henley asked that the commissioners review the documents and be prepared for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

**ACTION:** Ms. Dunsmoor will distribute a summary document of all the flip charts identifying ideas, decisions and follow-up items recorded at the May 2006 Board retreat to the committee for review.

**Other Discussion Items**

Discussion moved to changing the date of the Business Meeting. Commissioner Elliott asked for a status of the action item to change the business meeting date. Commissioner Powell said that she spoke with Commissioner Brennan and the decision was made to wait until the next member is seated before making a decision on the date change. Commissioner Elliott stated that she would like to further discuss the date change because it would afford commissioners additional time to review resolutions. She said that she would ask President Garcia to add the item to the October business meeting agenda.

**DRAFT NOT APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

**ACTION:** Commissioner Elliott will speak with President Garcia about adding a discussion item to address changing the business meeting date to the October Business Meeting agenda.

Discussion moved to the issue of police presence at the September business meeting. Commissioner Elliott stated that the presence of police at the meeting communicated the wrong message to the audience that was in attendance only to engage in discussion about what affects their community. Chairman Henley suggested that he and Commissioner Elliott have a discussion with President Garcia about police presence at meetings.

**ACTION:** Chairman Henley and Commissioner Elliott will address the issue of police presence at Board meetings with President Garcia.

**Agenda Item 4: Next Meeting**

The committee will schedule the next meeting at a later date.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Powell, second by Chairman Henley. Adopted 3-0 at 6:35 p.m.