

Board Governance Committee

Meeting of April 24, 2006

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Henley, Commissioner Elliott, Board staff Linda Dunsmoor, District staff Kim Dyce-Faucette. Commissioner Powell arrived at 6:12 p.m. Commissioner Thompson arrived at 6:25 p.m.

Chairman Henley called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL RETREAT MAY 6

Key points:

- Team-building exercises are essential for the Retreat and will help build respect and relationships; quality exercises will also foster greater understanding of common ground.
- Activities at the Retreat should focus on identifying individual strengths of members and how to build on them as a group.
- Debriefing portion at end is a critical part of the process.
- Retreat exercises should help identify goals for the Board over which members can take ownership.

Discussion:

- Commissioners Elliott and Powell noted that there is an all-day District Advisory Council Title 1 (DACT) meeting all day on May 6; both plan to attend part of that meeting.

Action item:

- Linda Dunsmoor will work with retreat facilitator to ensure quality of delivery.

BOARD VACANCIES

- Discussion was tabled until models used by other districts to replace Board members are obtained.

Action item:

- Linda Dunsmoor will distribute models as they become available.

BROADCAST OF BOARD BUSINESS MEETINGS

- Details regarding this initiative were unavailable for this meeting. Discussion will continue at the next committee meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, May 30, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 27, 6 p.m.

Key Points/Discussion:

- Board Policy Committee is expected to take up moving the date of the monthly Board Business Meeting from the third Thursday of each month to the fourth Thursday of each month. If approved, that schedule change could impact Board Governance and the other committee schedules.

OTHER

- Commissioner Powell raised the issue of committee meeting minutes being posted to the Board's website before approval by committees.
 - Commissioners agreed that the minutes of committee meetings should be consistent, timely, and approved by committee members.
 - Commissioner Powell will look into whether these ideas are best put forward as a Board Bylaw amendment or as a new communications policy of the Board. Discussion will continue May 30 with a possible referral to the Board Policy Committee.
- Commissioner Elliott reminded the Committee that re-establishing a Board Personnel Committee needs to remain a discussion/action topic.
 - Commissioners discussed the status of a proposed Bill that would reduce the Board's responsibilities regarding personnel.
 - Chairman Henley said Personnel Committee discussion will be placed on the May 30 Board Governance meeting agenda.

Action items:

- Commissioner Powell will report on minutes issue May 30.
- Linda Dunsmoor to create and distribute a status report on proposed Bill asap.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Powell. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.