

**Rochester Board of Education  
Policy Committee  
May 1, 2007  
Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Commissioners Brennan and Powell; Board Staff Ms. Lee; District Staff Mr. Robinson, Ms. Cottrell and Ms. Vaid (Commissioner Elliott absent).

Chairman Brennan convened the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1: Approve Committee Minutes**

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

**Agenda Item 2: Discuss Proposed Cell Phone Policy**

Chairman Brennan asked Ms. Cottrell to open the discussion. Ms. Cottrell explained that the policy is needed to better administer the distribution of cell phones to District staff. Mr. Robinson said that cell phones are typically distributed to school principals, athletic directors, and emergency personnel so that they can be reached at any point in the case of an emergency. Ms. Cottrell said that timing is an issue and she would like to see the policy established by July 2007. Ms. Vaid stated that the Law Department would like a chance to respond to the policy; particularly the Department would like to see a more complete definition of cell phones and have a better understanding of the types of employees that will be affected by the policy. Commissioner Powell agreed and asked that a revised policy be drafted with the input of the Law Department and forwarded to the Committee along with proposed guidelines and regulations. Mr. Robinson said that the Superintendent's Cabinet has reviewed the policy.

**ACTION:** Mr. Robinson and Ms. Cottrell will revise the policy with input from the Law Department and forward the new proposed policy along with guidelines and regulations to the Committee in time for consideration at the next meeting.

**Agenda Item 3: Discuss Proposed Conflict of Interest Policy**

Commissioner Brennan stated that Dr. Cala has expressed an interest in the policy and would like to have input into the policy. Ms. Cottrell said that she spoke with Dr. Cala and he agreed to meet with her to further discuss the similarities and differences between the proposed Conflict of Interest Policy and the existing School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics Policy (Policy No. 2160). She said that Dr. Cala would like to advance a policy to the Committee that contains aspects of the proposed and existing policies. The Committee will further discuss the policy at a later date.

**Agenda Item 4: Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Powell, second by Chairman Brennan. Adopted 2-0 at 6:31 p.m.