

# Rochester Board of Education Policy Committee

June 7, 2006  
Minutes

**Attendance:** Commissioners Brennan and Powell; Board staff Linda Dunsmoor; District staff Michael Looby, Jana Carlisle, Robert Ulliman, Donna Hill, Marjorie Lefler. Commissioner Henley absent.

Commissioner Brennan convened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

## **I) Local Wellness Policy**

Robert Ulliman of the Office of Strategic Planning used a slide presentation to discuss the proposed Local Wellness Policy designed to meet the new federal mandate imposed by public law 108-265, the "Child Nutrition & WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004." The federal statute prescribes a number of issue areas that must be addressed by every school district in the United States before the start of the 2006-07 school year.

More than 100 people had input into the policy. The next steps, following recommendation of Policy Committee for adoption by the Board of Education, will include developing the administrative guidelines for implementation. A team of internal and external partners will work on the administrative guidelines, which will also be discussed at the August 2006 Principals Meeting.

Commissioner Brennan asked whether parent/community member participation in development of the policy was meaningful. Mr. Ulliman said it was and that communications regarding the policy were provided to all committee members whether they had participated or not. Commissioner Powell, who participated on the committee, said that many people are interested in helping to develop the administrative guidelines. She said there was some initial confusion as to whether people were left out of the committee or simply that it hadn't met yet, but that the confusion was eventually cleared up.

Commissioner Powell moved to approve the policy and advance to the full Board; second by Commissioner Brennan, carried.

## **II) Transfer dates, Parent Preference/Managed Choice Policy**

Commissioner Powell noted that Sept. 30 is the deadline for transfer options but that she was aware that administration had used different deadlines at least in 2005-06, contrary to existing policy. Commissioners Powell and Brennan agreed that they must hear a compelling argument to use transfer deadlines other than Sept. 30 (a proximate substitute for BEDS day) options, but are willing to listen. If no changes are made, the transfer deadline will remain Sept. 30 and must be implemented as such. The District's Chief of Operations, C. Michael Robinson, will be invited to the July 12 Policy Committee meeting to discuss the deadline.

## **III) Minutes of June 7, 2006 meeting**

Commissioner Powell moved to approve; second by Commissioner Brennan, carries.

## **IV) Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, July 12, 6 p.m.

C. Michael Robinson to be invited to discuss transfer deadline of Parent Preference/Managed Choice Policy.

**Commissioner Powell motioned to adjourn, second by Commissioner Brennan, approved at 6:31 p.m.**