

Rochester Board of Education
Board Governance Committee
February 19, 2015
Minutes

Attendance:

Chairwoman Campos, Commissioner Cruz, and Commissioner Powell; Board Staff Shanai Lee.

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Item I: Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the January 2015 Governance Committee meeting was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Adopted 3-0.

Agenda Item II: Discussion of the Proposed Reorganization of the Board's Administrative Team

Given the fiscal state of our District and the needs of our students and families, the Committee discussed a plan to reorganize and reduce the resources needed to fulfill the Board's responsibilities. In doing so, the Committee discussed the a proposal to reorganize the Board's Administrative team to better support the Board in or endeavors to elevate District-wide social justice, equity and diversity goals and priorities and developing strategic planning to advance innovative, effective and authentic instruction. The new structure is proposed in effort to better support the Board and the students, families and staff of the Rochester City School District.

A motion to forward the proposal to the full Board for consideration at the February Business Meeting was made by Commissioner Cruz, seconded by Commissioner Powell. Motion carries 3-0

ACTION: Chairwoman Campos asked that the proposal be forwarded to the entire Board for review and consideration.

Agenda Item III: Discussion of the Board's Governing Bylaws Policy No. 2300

The Board has expressed an interest in revisiting this policy in effort to better align our governance structure and strategies. The Committee discussed the existing bylaws, Board Bylaws Policy No. 2300, that was amended in July 28, 2011 pursuant to Resolution No. 2011-12: 102. In discussing the Bylaws Policy, the Committee reviewed the existing policy in comparison to those of school boards throughout New York to identify areas of opportunity. The Committee will continue discussion of the Bylaws at our March meeting, in hopes of proposing revisions to the Policy Committee (or full Board) in April.

ACTION: Chairwoman Campos asked Ms. Lee to draft a revision to the Board's existing Bylaws Policy No. 2300 based on the policies referenced above.

Agenda Item IV: Next Meeting

The Committee will continue the discussion of the Board's Bylaws Policy No. 2300 at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th at 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.