

Rochester Board of Education
Board Governance Committee
September 13, 2016
Minutes

Attendance:

Chairwoman Hallmark, Vice President Elliott, Commissioner Powell; Chief of Staff Fatimat Reid; and Board Staff Mia Johnson.

Commissioner Hallmark convened the meeting at 5:42PM.

Agenda Item I: Acceptance of Minutes

Commissioner Hallmark requested a motion to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2016 Governance Committee Meetings. A motion for the acceptance of the minutes was made by Commissioner Powell. The minutes were accepted by a 3-0 vote.

Agenda Item II: Review of Board Orientation Packet

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Board Orientation Packet. The following suggested additions were made:

- Commissioner Hallmark inquired about how poverty is defined and determined. Vice President Elliott suggested including both the poverty rate and the free and reduced lunch rate.
- Ms. Reid suggested adding a category for the three year old student population.
- Commissioner Hallmark suggested adding the top three languages spoken among students in the District.
- Vice President Elliott suggested changing the Board Business meeting time to 6PM to include the Cookies and Commissioners session.
- The Committee agreed to include the number of students attending charter schools.

Commissioner Hallmark inquired if there was a more recent District action plan to include in the Board Orientation Packet. Commissioner Powell responded that a multi-year plan was developed by Dr. Vargas, but the new Superintendent may want to develop a new action plan. Commissioner Powell also stated that she would find and bring a past Board orientation packet she received.

Commissioner Hallmark inquired about the Board's self-assessment. Vice President Elliott suggested that the Board conduct a self-assessment on an annual basis. Commissioner Powell stated that the Board self-assessment has been infrequent and had previously suggested conducting an evaluation after every meeting.

Commissioner Hallmark asked when the Superintendent and Board staff evaluations are completed. Commissioner Powell responded that the Superintendent's evaluation depends on the contract and Board staff can be determined by the timestamp of past evaluations.

Agenda Item III: Review of Board Governance Goals

Commissioner Hallmark stated that there is a need to update the District's instructional goals and its associated policy. She stated that there needs to be more Board work and study sessions with clear goals.

Action Item: Review the District's instructional goals and brainstorm ideas.

The next meeting of the Committee is Tuesday, October 11th at 6PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04PM.