

HYDE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING / BOARD RETREAT
LNSU CENTRAL OFFICE
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016

Board Members Present: Lisa Barry, Chasity Fagnant, Patti Hayford, Richard Bailey, and Raven Walters

Others Present: Catherine Gallagher, Diane Reilly

1. Call to Order

Raven Walters called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Open Public Comment

No members of the community were in attendance.

3. Policy Governance Work - Annual Board Goal Setting

—The board briefly discussed our status as a policy governance board, and the goals of today's retreat.

—Board member roles and responsibilities were reviewed and discussed by watching a brief video created by the Vermont School Boards Association, and by reviewing a related document.

—The existing superintendent policy monitoring schedule was reviewed and several adjustments were agreed upon:

- Move monitoring of Policy 2.9 to March, and delete from May and June
- Change all policy headers to note that any subset policies are by default included.
- Add an additional monitoring of Policy 2.6 in March
- Change monitoring of Policy 1.0 from April and June to May and July
- Title will be changed to "Policy Monitoring Plan" to make clearer the purpose of the document.

—Outcomes/Ends Policy Discussion

- Agreed that this policy section should be widely and frequently communicated within our educational community via the website, principal's email signature line, emphasis in the staff handbook, etc.
- Academic reporting is expected to be derived from benchmark and summative data, while social reporting will draw from SWIS and PBIS data. Board members and administrators are asked to reflect on other potential data sources and come prepared to make specific suggestions at the September meeting.
- The review schedule for Policy 1 was also discussed, and it was similarly agreed to revisit that in September before finalizing it for the coming year.

—Other

- The school board section of the website has grown considerably with all the building-related information and will now benefit from additional pages to make information easier to find.
- The school policy manual needs to be updated to reflect the minor parenthetical change approved last fall and to change ‘State Board of Education’ to ‘Agency of Education.’
- Raven and Cat will meet within the next month to discuss superintendent reporting.
- Reilly will incorporate the board policy manual into the staff manual.
- For this year only, the August policy monitoring report will be due in September.
- There was a brief discussion of the evidence to support looping, and Cat shared that there is support for it at the lower elementary grades, but no significant difference at the upper elementary level. This is consistent with what HPES currently does wherein students loop through grades 1 and 2 with one teacher and then through grades 3 and 4 with another. The model is different for our older elementary students who do not loop.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.