

BOARD RETREAT MINUTES

February 17, 2010

Chair Ron Pagel called the Retreat of the Dover-Eyota Board of Education, District #533, to order at 6:15 PM in the Dover-Eyota High School Media Center. Board members present: Don Andring, Julie Austinson, Dan Johnson, Gene Loftus, Ron Pagel, Gary Pedersen, Molly Rieke, and Superintendent Bruce Klaehn. Absent: none. Also in attendance were Principal Todd Rowekamp, Principal Jeanne Svobodny, Curriculum Director Jane Johnson, Activities Director/Principal John Ostrowski, Custodial Director Gary Franzen, Custodial Director Wayne Ellringer, Food & Nutrition Director Carrie Frank, CE/Activity Director/Asst. Principal John Ostrowski, Technology Director Loren Kiefer, Transportation Director Dustin Pagel, Business Manager Gary Betcher and Administrative Assistant Chris Berg.

Chair Pagel recommended the following changes to the agenda:

addition of Snow Day Issues

closed session during the Superintendent Evaluation

A motion was made by Member Andring, seconded by Member Austinson and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Snow Days

The Board verified to Supt. Klaehn that a possible additional snow day would be made up on April 5th.

Mid-Year Goals Update

Each Cabinet member provided a mid-year update on their goals.

Baldrige Report Summary and Response Planning

Supt. Klaehn advised that Brian Lassiter of the Minnesota Quality Council said that our district's score was higher than the five years ago; however, the award is lower because they revised them since our first report. Mr. Klaehn indicated that the Baldrige report contains "champions" of the various categories; that is, individual groups in our district that will spearhead work on suggested opportunities for improvement in that category.

Curriculum Director Jane Johnson advised that the Continuous Improvement Committee of the Rochester Area Math Science Partnership determined that, instead of a big report every four years, each member district will do a smaller, annual report. Our district recently presented the first report to the RAMSP Board.

2010-2011 Strategic Planning

Supt. Klaehn relayed that the administration was sending a clear message that the staff will be part of developing the Strategic Plan. Also, every piece of feedback will be used and responded to, keeping in mind that all ideas will be synthesized for the best solution. He asked the Board to relay their input for the 2010-2011 Plan.

Financial Planning – Operating Referendum Renewal

Supt. Klaehn provided preliminary information on the possible renewal of the operating referendum. He will provide the Board with a listing of current per pupil unit operating referendums of area schools for comparison to our current \$126.79 per pupil unit. The Board would also like more information on the impact of the lease levy.

School Board Evaluations

The Board will review the computation of the evaluations and further discuss the item at a future meeting.

Closed Session – Superintendent Evaluations

A motion was made by Member Rieke, seconded by Member Johnson and carried unanimously to begin a closed session at 9:28 PM to discuss the Superintendent Evaluations. A motion was made by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Pedersen and carried unanimously to end the closed session at 11:12 PM.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Pedersen, seconded by Member Andring, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 PM.

Daniel A. Johnson, Clerk

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