



Racine Unified School District  
3109 Mt. Pleasant Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53404

## Board of Education

### BOARD OF EDUCATION GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE September 18, 2017

#### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

The Racine Unified School District Board of Education Governance Committee meeting of Monday, September 18, 2017, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Ms. Tobias. The following Committee members were present: Matthew Hanser, Brian O'Connell, Dennis Wisner and Robert Wittke, Jr. Others present included Eric Gallien, Deputy Superintendent; Mike Frontier; John Heckenlively; Julie McKenna; Lolli Haws, Superintendent; and Elizabeth Tobias, Executive Assistant.

2. **Approval of Governance Committee Minutes of July 10, 2017**

Mr. Wisner moved, Mr. O'Connell seconded, to approve minutes of the July 10 Governance Committee meeting. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

3. **Review of Referrals from Previous Board of Education Meetings**

a. **Referral #05-2017 (Moving Policy Items from Instruction to Operations)**

Mr. Wisner moved, Mr. O'Connell seconded, to recommend the adoption. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The referral will be placed on the September 25 Business Meeting agenda.

b. **Referral #06-2017 (Agenda Amendments)**

Discussion regarding the referral and implications of moving to five or more Board members needed to add an agenda item. This referral also needs to take into consideration the time needed for staff to prepare for an agenda item.

Discussion on amending the referral to maintain the three Board members required to add agenda items, but keep modified language of submitting the request one week prior to the scheduled meeting. There should be due diligence in order for something to be placed on the business meeting agenda, particularly what may be the impact of the agenda item be – this is why the referral suggested changing it from three to five Board members required to add an agenda item. The five doesn't violate the open meeting law because creating agenda items is not subject to the open meeting law. Business items cannot be discussed by email the way agenda items are discussed. It is important that the Board be made knowledgeable about an item via a work session before it is brought forward for a vote.

Mr. O'Connell moved, Mr. Wisner seconded, to recommend to the Board the approval of the referral with the change from five back to three or maintaining the three persons needed to make an agenda item request. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Wisner pointed out that according to policy GC-4 (7), the Board President sets the agenda in concert with the Superintendent. Should we use the same language and be consistent? Mr. O'Connell has accepted this as a friendly amendment to the motion.

**4. Review of Safe Zones Resolution Proposal**

At the September 11 Work Session, the Board was given information on the emergency notification protocol, which is used should the removal of a child occur within the school district. This protocol has addressed some of the items within the Safe Zones resolution proposal.

Mr. O'Connell shared with the Committee a draft resolution that is more closely tailored to the situation within the district. It restates what the district is currently doing and what is already in place. Discussion regarding the proposed resolution and developing a resolution in support of changing the law or supporting DACA students. Concern with the Board getting into how work is done as laid out in the resolution; this should be up to administration and not under the Board's purview.

Mr. O'Connell moved the Committee recommend to the full Board the substitute resolution as prepared. There was no second, the motion failed.

Mr. Wisner moved, Mr. O'Connell seconded, to have administration draft a letter to our members of Congress urging a quick and humane replacement for the DACA program. All were in favor. The motion passed. This letter will only be reviewed by the Board prior to its release.

Mr. Wisner moved to receive and file the resolution based on the fact that the administration, acting under existing Board policy, is currently delivering these services appropriately. There was no second. Two members were in favor; one opposed. The motion passed.

Ms. Valeria Ruiz Lira addressed the Committee briefly in regards to the Safe Zones resolution, Operation Mega and the six month timeframe for a replacement (clean Dream Act) of the DACA program.

**5. 2017-18 Annual Work Plan and Monitoring Calendar Draft**

Discussion of the draft annual work plan and monitoring calendar. Upon Committee approval, this plan will be on the September 25 Business meeting agenda for Board approval.

Mr. Wisner moved, Mr. O'Connell seconded, to recommend the 2017-18 work plan and monitoring calendar as presented. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**6. Review Remaining Governance Culture Policy Revisions from Previous Board Professional Development Work Session**

Reviewed the multiple changes to the Governance Culture policies made with Mr. Cheesebrow during a previous professional development work session. Since these changes have all been discussed by the Board, the Committee should make a recommendation to approve the edits as presented. Under policy GC-2E (J), move to adopt the referral modifying the language.

Mr. Wisner moved, Mr. O'Connell seconded, to present the edits to the full Board for approval. All were in favor. The motion passed.

When the Board adopts referral #06-2017, should make reference that the new language supersedes the language in the Cheesebrow edits.

**7. Set Next Meeting Date and Agenda**

The next Committee meeting will take place prior to the next professional development work session with Mr. Cheesebrow.

Potential topics for future Governance Committee meetings are:

- Possible referrals
- OE-6 Review with Mr. Duff
- Discussion on progress monitoring on strategic plan and goals

8. **Adjourn**

Mr. Wisner moved, Mr. O'Connell seconded, to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Matt Hanser, Chair

Dennis Wisner

Brian O'Connell

Robert Wittke, Jr., Ex Officio