

District Leadership Team

Minutes

District Office

October 2, 2015

1:30

Present: Patrick Bowdren, Tom Keith, Marco Lanzoni, Jay McAnney, Michele Moloney, Lori Mulford, Lois Powell, Cathy Robison.

- Michele reported on the draft of the Comptroller's Audit, which is still confidential until the Comptroller's Office releases it. The auditors focused on technology, transportation, and district reserves. We have submitted a rebuttal and are waiting for the final report. Cathy asked whether we are required to make changes based on their recommendations; we are not.
- Michele shared that the architects presented the findings of the Building Condition Survey at the Board meeting on September 29th. She will be asking the Board of Education to approve a committee charge at the next meeting and will be seeking volunteers to serve.
- Lois shared John Farrell's concern that the Board of Education understand the impact of the new APPR regulations. We discussed the possibility of Cathy and Lois doing a presentation on this topic. Cathy will speak to her Executive Board and get back to Lois.
- Lois shared the metrics she has been working on for the district objectives and asked for feedback before sharing the document with the Board of Education the following week.
- Lois asked for ideas for the budget forum to be held in February. She explained that we need new questions or tasks for community members to address so as not to continually address the same questions. While we understand the need to alter the format, we also discussed that there are limited areas in which we can save a substantial amount of money, and those are the areas we have asked the participants to focus on in the past. We discussed the request by at least one community member to give people the budget and let them come up with the reductions. We are concerned that lack of understanding of the details, laws, and requirements would make such an approach an ineffective use of people's time. Cathy suggested hosting a forum at 3:30 in the hopes of attracting a different pool of community members who might have different opinions or some creative solutions. Another suggestion was made to change BOE meeting start time to 7:00 since they have been lengthier in recent years. Such a change may encourage more people to attend as well.

- Superintendent Search Process—Tom shared that he has already spoken briefly to the other Board members about the search process and timeline. He is hoping to get the process going soon and to have someone hired by April 1st, so as not to lose the best applicants to other districts. He is also interested in having some overlap between the outgoing superintendent and the new one. Cathy shared that we are a unique district and would like the new superintendent to be approachable and accessible to staff and the community. She also shared that the Board of Education should involve the three unions in some way in the process.
- The next meeting will be held at 1:30 in District Office on Friday, December 11th.