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## **Governance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Nov 17, 2020

Attended: Albert Cousins, Diane Lyons, Steve Jenkins

Absent: Matt Van Wormer

### **Discussions**

We discussed the format and benefits for reporting out committee minutes with the same layout and the names of the committees

We discussed whether committee meetings should be in person or remote.

We discussed adding the option of live streaming the board of ed meetings. Viewers would only be able to hear and listen to the meetings, not participate in public comment.

### **Decisions**

On the format, the committee recommends three sections; Discussions, Recommendations, and Next Steps/Agenda Setting. The recommendations coming out of committees are an opportunity for the full board to engage in the discussion on the decisions.

The names of the committees:

We thought shorter names may make it easier for everyone to remember the names. We decided on Strategic Planning, Performance Monitoring, Stakeholder Relations, and Governance.

The committee thought live streaming the meetings was a good idea. Albert hopes to have that up and running in December.

We decided to meet every two months.

Rhinebeck Central School District Board of Education  
Strategic Planning Committee

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November 12, 2020  
Minutes

**Discussion**

**Curriculum**

Establishing curriculum and instructional priorities for the budget process  
For example, Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)  
The committee discussed the NGSS and the district's prior work in the area

A K-12 review of discipline/subject/area, involving teachers, principals, student work  
Internal or external review around the framework of strengths, opportunities and  
future recommendations/needs/steps

**Transition Into and Planning For 2021-2022**

- How are we assessing K-12 student progress during the pandemic with the loss of standardized assessments? Are students measuring against benchmarks?
- MAPS testing is currently in progress at CLS
- The district must establish plans for addressing any potential gaps and focus on readiness for each successive grade level

**Enrollment Projections**

- Enrollment has gone from 906 > 971 > 948
- Enrollment was 958 on BEDS day, and is 948 now
- It was noted that some students self opted to bridge
- 6th grade is projected to moved from 94 to 64 students.

**State Aid Projections**

- We have no idea what aid reductions will be
  - A lot depends on whether there is a pandemic relief bill from the Federal government.
  - We received 100% of aid for October, 80% for September. Much of this money goes straight to TRS.
- Aid reductions may be a result of cash flow issues at NYS
- Tom and Christine are working on fund balance projections and the Transparency Report.
  - It was noted that 85% of Rhinebeck's budget comes from school taxes, and 11-15% from aid. (This varies from district to district - many districts receive a much higher percentage of their budgets from aid)

**Budget Calendar**

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### Strategic Planning Committee

- The budget process will consist of different steps this year
- A staffing review will take place in December
- Budget review sessions will take place between Albert, Tom, Christine and Principals
- The BOE work session will take place without Principals. Albert will discuss narratives for each school based on what Principals provide
- Budget presentations will be done by category and not only the bottom line
- Result will be a leap forward in educating the community about the entire budget process

### Recommendations

Should the district set up a plan/schedule for examining each discipline, what might the format look like, what are models of this type of review?

Principals will be invited to report at a BOE meeting around what the next steps are for implementation of NGSS, this will include a presentation regarding the implementation timeline and our progress toward that timeline;

### Next Steps

Business Office is in the process of completing Transparency, ESSA, and projecting fund balance

Ad Hoc committee for negotiations (do we want David Shaw to meet with us?). Request for information from ANIE. The Ad Hoc Committee needs to be formed.