

DELAWARE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Strategic Planning Workshop

Meeting Minutes

Collette Building, Conference Room A
35 Commerce Way
Dover, DE 19901
May 14, 2019
5:00p.m.

Members Present: Nina Lou Bunting, Vincent Lofink, Dr. Audrey Noble, Wali Rushdan II, Whitney Sweeney

Members Absent: Candice Fifer

Others Present: Jenna Ahner, SBE Executive Director; Dawn McHugh, SBE Administrative Assistant

I. Opening

A. Call to Order: Dr. Noble called the meeting to Order at 5:02p.m.

B. Roll Call

Ms. McHugh conducted roll call for the meeting with 4 members present (Bunting, Lofink, Noble, and Rushdan).

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mr. Lofink to approve the May 14, 2019 Strategic Planning Workshop agenda. *The motion carried* (4 Yes to 0 No – Bunting, Lofink, Noble, and Rushdan).

II. Welcome and Objectives

Ms. Ahner provided an overview of the agenda and goals for the meeting. She provided an update on new Board members appointed by the Governor.

Ms. Sweeney arrived and was marked present.

III. Context and FY19 Priorities Review

The Board discussed communications routines, information sharing, and the requirement for the Board to rotate meetings across the state. The Board discussed opportunities to build partnerships with education stakeholders groups and visit schools. They discussed holding workshops to have more in-depth discussions on policy topics.

Ms. Ahner reviewed the State Board of Education's FY19 priorities. The Board discussed highlights, successes, opportunities, and next steps related to each of the four priorities. The Board discussed the desire to communicate these priorities and successes through an annual report.

The Board discussed opportunities to improve online communications through newsletters and social media and develop more targeted communications materials and messaging to explain the role of the Board. They discussed the desire to expand partnerships. The Board also discussed opportunities to strengthen Board input during the regulatory process.

IV. Strategic Planning Discussion

Ms. Ahner reviewed the proposed approach for updating the State Board of Education's strategic plan. The Board discussed the development of a strategic plan (3-5 years), action plan (12-18 months), annual report, and Board survey.

Ms. Ahner reviewed the draft framing regarding the roles and responsibilities of the State Board of Education. She also reviewed the draft vision, mission, and guiding principles for the Board. Board members discussed the strengths of the proposed language and recommended wording shifts.

The Board discussed proposed approaches to the Board's priorities and proposed goals. The Board discussed potential action steps aligned with each of the proposed goals.

Ms. Ahner will make recommended updates and circulate a draft strategic plan for Board members to review. She will provide an update and seek input from new members who were recently appointed by the Governor. The Board will hold a follow-up strategic planning conversation with the goal of completing the strategic plan in the summer of 2019.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.