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**IOWA CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Location: Pearson**  
**2510 North Dodge St.**  
**Iowa City, IA 52245**

**11:00 A.M., FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2008**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gayle Klouda, Tim Krumm, Mike Cooper, Jan Leff

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

None

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***I. Discussion of orientation of new board members.***

It will be recommended to the Board that the Governance Committee meet with new directors following their election to discuss the role of the Board and its processes and procedures. Information to be shared could include our form of governance, board policies, MIS scheduling, superintendent evaluation, information from the IASB booklet regarding issues such as confidentiality and communication with stakeholders, and major administrative reports (the CSIP, demographic and enrollment reports, accreditation report, etc.).

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***II. Discussion of board response to the accreditation reports.***

The Board is required to demonstrate that we have reviewed our policies on at least a five year cycle. It was noted in the accreditation report that many of the board policies need review. It is our understanding that they refer to the policies listed in the Board Policy Appendix manual. The Committee will recommend that beginning in October the board put these policies on board agendas, reviewing a subsection of them at each meeting until we have walked through all needing review. The Committee will request that directors be issued updated manuals before we begin this process. In order to limit the potentially time consuming nature of this task we will recommend that the Governance Committee work with the administration to review the policies in advance of board meetings and present to the board any recommendations for needed changes to the policies to be discussed at each meeting. Additionally, we will recommend that the Board approve as we go those policies needing no or only minor changes but that we hold those needing major changes to the end of the review.

The governance committee will request that the administration send directors the document outlining the district's plan of corrections that was due to the state on August 14.

The Committee will discuss with Lane and Ross placement of an equity report on the Board's MIS schedule. The Committee will recommend that the first report center on his response to concerns listed in the Education Equity Review Report.

Finally, the Committee will discuss with Lane and the Board placing recommendations made in the accreditation reports on future board meetings. While directors recognize that some recommendations may not be pertinent for a variety of reasons, the document does give the board a format for raising and discussing several issues that may be critical to improving in our educational mission. Discussion of each recommendation will ensure the community that we have seriously considered the State's input and responded appropriately.

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***III. Discussion of the district's goal setting process***

At the request of the Board, the Committee discussed drafting a description of the goal setting process. However, after reviewing the superintendent evaluation process as outlined in the board policy manual directors felt that further description was not needed.

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***IV. Discussion of Committee goals for 2008-2009.***

Discussion of Committee goals was postponed until after the Board appoints next year's Committee members.

There being no further business, the Governance Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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*Minutes prepared by Gayle Klouda, Governance Committee Member*