

Agenda
Board of Education Retreat
December 12, 2014

5:00-9:00 p.m.
Manawa Masonic Lodge

Facilitator – Dorreen Dembski, CESA 6 Director of Communication and School Public Relations Services
Pre-read: *The Key Work of School Boards, NSBA*
Chapters 1 & 9

- I. 5:00 p.m. Dinner

- II. 6:00- 7:00 p.m.
 - i. Roles and responsibilities – Board of Education
 - ii. Icebreaker: What’s for breakfast?
 - iii. Review policies/guidelines that relate to Board roles and communication protocols
 - iv. “The Chain of Command” – Does it still fit?
 - v. Practice scenarios

- III. 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 - i. Decision-making and making the tough choices
 - ii. Activity: Forest and trees
 1. How do you, as an individual, make decisions?
 - iii. Dialogue
 1. What are the issues that the superintendent needs to hear about?
 2. What are ideas that the superintendent wants to share with the Board?
 3. Committee structure, long-range planning
 4. What is the decision-making role of the Board going forward? When does the Board step up and when does the Board step back?

- IV. 8:00-8:45 p.m.
 - i. Let’s do some hopeful thinking – Ideal vision of the future?
 - ii. Narrate the story
 - iii. What are the Board’s role and responsibilities in making the future ideal vision a reality?