



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

**Monday, August 23, 2021 – Lake Wales High School (Media Center)
3:00pm**

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Meeting ID: 818 0161 0050

Passcode: J3n06A

- I. CALL TO ORDER** **Dr. Andy Oguntola, Chair**
The meeting began at 3:27pm (technical difficulties)
- II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **Dr. Greg Hall, Trustee**
The Invocation and Pledge were led by Dr. Hall.
- III. SCHEDULED PERSON’S ADDRESSING THE BOARD** None
- IV. Revised LWCS BYLAWS 8-19-21** **Dr. Andy Oguntola, Chair**
Request approval of the Updated LWCS Bylaws as presented to the Board on August 23, 2021. Superintendent Smith: We’ll touch base with Robin, he made a few editorial changes that’s why you have two versions in front of you today. The first version with an M is what the Board indicated and the other version was made by Robin. David Fisher: I reviewed Robin’s changes and they were legal terminology and looks good to me. Chair Oguntola: Looking at Robin’s, the only question I have is the terms in office – there it is. I agree with Trustee Fisher. I think #6 captures what #4 is saying in laymen’s terms. Motion to approve was made by Trustee David Fisher and seconded by Trustee Paul Gerrard. Motion approved unanimously.
- V. INTERIM PRINCIPAL - BOK SOUTH** **Alricky Smith, Superintendent**
Request approval of the Interim Principal Appointment for Bok South as presented to the Board at the August 23, 2021 Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee David Fisher and seconded by Trustee Marcus Kirby. Motion approved unanimously.
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT** **Alricky Smith, Superintendent/CFO**

 - A. Monthly Financials**
Request approval of the Monthly Financials as presented to the Board on August 19, 2021. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Paul Gerrard and seconded by Trustee Greg Hall. Motion approved unanimously.
 - B. Personnel Changes**
Request approval of the Personnel Changes as presented to the Board on August 19, 2021. Motion to approve was made by Trustee David Fisher and seconded by Trustee Marcus Kirby. Motion approved unanimously.
- VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** **Alricky Smith, Superintendent**

 - A. MINUTES: July 22, 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION AND MEETING July 26, 2021**
Request Board approval for the Board of Trustees Work Session and Meeting Minutes as presented at the August 19, 2021 Board Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Trustee David Fisher and seconded by Trustee Marcus Kirby. Motion approved unanimously.

B. NEXT BOARD WORK SESSION/FINANCE MEETING AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The September Board of Trustee Work Session/Finance Meeting is **Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Lake Wales High School at 8:00am**. The September Board of Trustees Meeting will be on **Monday, September 20, 2021 at Lake Wales High School at 3:00pm**.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Andy Oguntola, Chair

Our last Board meeting that was presented regarding the budget we've put together a committee to look at possible allocations for the Superintendent's Discretionary Policy to help low-performing schools and athletics. This was something in my conversation with Vice Chair who also said let's put this together as soon as possible. I, as the Chairman, would like to put together a five-person committee that would consist of one board member. The Board member I thought to select for this process is Mrs. Tonya Stewart and Mrs. Kim Griffith, Mrs. Angela Heyward, Mr. Tavaris Johnson and Mr. Mike Settle. They'll get together and develop a policy, hopefully by next month to present to the Board regarding what that policy should look like and what the Superintendent can do in assisting low-performing schools and athletics as a whole.

IX. TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Hall – This Thursday the forums will be hosted by the search committee for students (2:00pm), faculty and staff (4:00pm) and the community (6:00pm). FSBA will be conducting the meeting and we want everybody's input.

X. OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Superintendent Smith: Covid Protocols – The last meeting we talked about the data and today I want to let the Board know we are revising the policy slightly. Once exposed we move to participate with a mask. We are looking at the data and how we keep the schools operational. Some are concerned with once quarantined what type of lessons students will receive. The virus is difficult to track. Please bear with us and we will have something for the Board at our next meeting. I would like for you guys to give us feedback on the policy. Trustee Kirby: I have students in the system and I received a callout from the HS and it had 35 rooms involved. What is the point of the shutdown? Is this in place? Superintendent Smith: It would be the 10% of the positivity rate (Our number is now 96 people, including students and staff). The exposure is 200-250. We will keep monitoring this. Chair Oguntola: If we have to do a quick meeting, we will call it to make sure our students are safe. Before we have these courageous conversations, it has to be at least 10%. I would advise all Trustees to watch the State Board of Education meeting and we will do what's best for our students and staff. We do not have the flexibility of online learning this year. As we move forward, let's look at all details, doing what's right and make sure everyone is healthy across the board. If we get to the 10% rate please email the Trustees and if we have to meet we will. Trustee Stewart: We want to review this policy as frequently as possible because these numbers are going up. We want to make sure parents, students and staff are doing what is best to make it as safe as possible. Chair Oguntola: Please email the Trustees the report every week with the Covid rate. Nurse Rose: I will do that. The rate across the state is up. However, it is 28.9% for Polk County.

XI. ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary