



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2024
Lake Wales High School (Auditorium)
Agenda - 5:30pm

Livestream Link:

<https://youtube.com/live/6B7uVs9RStc?feature=share>

Those Present: Danny Gill - Chair, Paul Gerrard, Vice-Chair, Dr. Lori Hutto, Nicole Sealey, Brian Marbutt, Rafael Unzueta, Tonya Stewart, Andy Blair, Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Alricky Smith, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Robin Gibson, Denise Moss, Anna Barcenas, Anuj Saran, Rebecca Thomas, Kim Griffiths, Toyaleta Speed, April Barnhardt, Jennifer Barrow, Angela Heyward, Gary Laspina, June Ullman, Marcia Rose, Stacie Padgett, Morgan Willis, Dr. Julio Acevedo, Stacie Padgett, Mellissa Ard, LaQuanda Burroughs, Jasmine Ansley, Brittany Alexander, Brandi Kehres, Tashawn Williams, State Cheerleading Champions, Girls District Weightlifting Champions

Guests: Officer Hernandez, Sheriff Grady Judd, Mark Parlier

I. CALL TO ORDER

Danny Gill, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation and pledge was led by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto.

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Danny Gill, Chair / Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Supt.

Sheriff Grady Judd

Sheriff Judd was recognized for all his support of the LWCS and our community.

LW High School Competitive Cheerleading

Our Competitive Cheerleading squad was recognized for being State Champions for the first time in the history of LW cheerleading.

LW High School Girls Weightlifting

Our Girls Weightlifting was recognized for being District Champions for the 5th time in a row this year. The girls State Champions were also recognized.

IV. SCHEDULED PERSON/S ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 minutes each please)

None

V. BOARD SEAT POSITIONS FOR 2024-2024

Seat #1 – Teacher Representative – LW High School

The High School will provide the Teacher Representative name next week.

Seat #4 – Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto – up for 2nd Term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027

Motion to approve was made by Trustee Andy Blair and seconded by Trustee Brian Marbutt. Motion approved unanimously.

Seat #5 – Trustee Tonya Stewart – up for 2nd Term – July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027

Request Board of Trustees approval as discussed in our Board of Trustees Work Session on February 26, 2024. Motion to approve was made by Vice-Chair Paul Gerrard and seconded by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION & BOARD MEETING MINUTES (January 22, 2024)

Request Board of Trustees approval as discussed in our Board of Trustees Work Session on February 26, 2024. Motion to approve the Work Session and Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto and seconded by Trustee Rafael Unzueta. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. REVISED BUDGET 2023-2024

Request Board of Trustees approval as discussed in our Board of Trustees Work Session on February 26, 2024. Motion to approve was made by Vice-Chair Paul Gerrard and seconded by Trustee Brian Marbutt. Motion approved unanimously.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT (January 2024)

Request Board approval of the Financial Reports as discussed at the February January 26, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Andy Blair and seconded by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto. Motion approved unanimously.

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT (January 2024)

Request Board approval of the Personnel Changes as discussed at the February 26, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Andy Blair and seconded by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto. Motion approved unanimously.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Superintendent
A. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

- Met with City Manager James Slayton and Brenda Torres at the City Hall to discuss future career opportunities for our graduates. We are partnering with the City and a consulting firm on this project.
- Arts Festival was this weekend – we provided about 100 Early Childhood Development packets that was given out at this event.
- We've made 900 literacy home visits.
- We have completed 936 classroom visits.
- Wednesday – Madison Mississippi visits LWCS (Principal & Superintendent).
- Amelia Russo from Scholastics will be here on Thursday to discuss summer reading packets.
- LW Police Advisory Board meeting tonight with Principal Griffiths to discuss traffic pattern at JHW.
- Met with the new pipe plant representatives and discussed career pathways in this area.
- Still working with the ACT Work Ready community regarding earning their distinction. This is still work in progress at this time.
- Met with Skip Alford from the Chamber to discuss career pathways and vocational opportunities for our students.
- Quarterly Newsletters will be released shortly from HR, ESOL, ESE and Health Services.

- Met with FLDOE Early Childhood Chancellor Kerry Miller – met with some of our PreK and Kindergarten teachers.
- Provide our architect an opportunity for a Bok North update:
Mark Parlier: Temporary fence up, windows being replaced, structural tubing in progress, elevator shaft work being done, received permit from the City of LW and also approval from the State Historical Society, working on roofing package – Semco & I are working on new drawings, we are still looking at an eleven-month construction time, working with Semco on a schedule to be able to share in the future.
Trustee Andy Blair: I want to see a weekly report on the progress moving forward. Trustee Blair asked to be included in future meetings.
Mark Parlier: We can provide an architectural supervisory report weekly. We will send the invite to meetings with Semco & also update to Marie (requested by Superintendent Rodolfich).
- Talking with our Board Chair, our Attorney & Mr. Smith regarding the potential of an advance from the State of FL through Polk County Schools of an adjusted incremental increase in funding for our two middle schools. Our CFO is researching to see if we can receive this. We can use the capital to take care of our schools in the amount of about \$800,000 to \$900,000. We are not ready to come to the Board yet, we are still in discussing at this time. We can talk about this in our next Board meeting.

B. LWCS POLICIES

1. EDUCATORS MISCONDUCT POLICY

Request Board approval as discussed at the February 26, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto and seconded by Trustee Tonya Stewart. Motion approved unanimously.

2. SELF REPORTING OF CRIMINAL CHARGES AND TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Request Board approval as discussed at the February 26, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Paul Gerrard and seconded by Trustee Brian Marbutt. Motion approved unanimously.

3. EMPLOYMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Request Board approval as discussed at the February 26, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Tonya Stewart and seconded by Trustee Andy Blair. Motion approved unanimously.

4. COMPENSATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Request Board approval as discussed at the February 26, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Tonya Stewart and seconded by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto. Motion approved unanimously.

5. APPOINTMENT, ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER AND PROMOTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Request Board approval as discussed at the February 26, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Tonya Stewart and seconded by Trustee Andy Blair. Motion approved unanimously.

6. FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)

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