



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Lake Wales High School (Auditorium)

5:30pm

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Those Present: Danny Gill, Chair, David Fisher, Vice-Chair, Paul Gerrard, Dr. Lori Hutto, Andy Blair, Melanie Burrows, Tonya Stewart, Rusty Ingley, Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Alricky Smith, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Anuj Saran, Donna Drisdorn, Damian Rosado, Blake Fann, Anna Barcenas, Kim Griffiths, Rebecca Thomas, Jennifer Barrow, David Waldrop, Gary Laspina, Stacie Padgett, June Ullman, Andrew Smith, Dr. Julio Acevedo, Angela Heyward, Brittany Alexander, Mellissa Ard

I. CALL TO ORDER

Danny Gill, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation and Pledge was led by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto.

III. SCHEDULED PERSON'S ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

(3 minutes please) None

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES on January 23, 2023

Request Board of Trustees approval as discussed in our Board of Trustees Work Session & Finance Meeting on February 21, 2023. Motion to approve was done by Trustee Paul Gerrard and seconded by Trustee Rusty Ingley. Motion approved unanimously.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

Alricky Smith, CFO

A. LWCS Amended Budget 2022-2023

Request Board approval of the Amended Budget 2022-2023 as discussed at the February 21, 2023 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was done by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto and seconded by Trustee Tonya Stewart. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Monthly Financials (January 2023)

Request Board approval of the Financial Report as discussed at the February 21, 2023 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was done by Trustee Andy Blair and seconded by Trustee Rusty Ingley. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Personnel Changes (January 2023)

Request Board approval of the Personnel Changes as discussed at the February 21, 2023 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was done by Trustee Rusty Ingley and seconded by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Superintendent

A. LWCS MECHANIC POSITION DESCRIPTION

Request Board approval as discussed at the February 21, 2023 Work Session. Motion to approve was done by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto and seconded by Trustee Tonya Stewart. Motion approved unanimously.

B. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

- Advertised open enrollment for all schools – newsletters produced for this process. We will do a video in the future.
- Stacie Padgett – FAST review – progress monitoring model for students. This year is a test for everyone for proficiency only. Computer based test. Writing is back in again for this test.
- Friday update every Friday (31,000 words so far); 57 literacy business partners (Read 20); handwritten notes – thank you; 512 home visits; Lake Wales Lead - 61 published newsletters; Highlander Pathways – working on this. Literacy volunteers – 32; Strategic Plan update – in progress; We've completed four Charter Renewals; Dare Greatly is our weekly email for employees. We've weathered through two hurricanes.
- We will do a special board meeting in March to discuss the 1919 building – possibly March 6, if there are no conflicts.
- We will make some adjustments for transportation routes and possibly school start and end times in the future.

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

No scheduled meeting in March. Our April 2023 Board of Trustees Work Session (4:30pm) and Board Meeting (5:30pm) - Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Lake Wales High School (Auditorium). March 6, 2023 Special Board meeting added for next month to discuss the 1919 Building.

VII. SCHEDULED PERSON'S ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3 minutes please)

June Ullman – bus driver shortage; substitute shortage; nomination for vacant board seat; Thanks to Dr. Rodolfich for his leadership and visiting the high school; need new strong dean of discipline (9th grade center); Thanks to Vice-Chair David Fisher for serving on the Board & attending our SAC; academic calendar need to get out earlier next year.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Danny Gill, Chair

Principals – SAC nominees for board position – 3 seats; David Fisher, Rusty Ingley, Andy Blair.

IX. TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee Melanie Burrows: Teacher concern regarding pay for new teacher compared to tenured teachers for CFO Smith. CFO Smith: As I stated before this is the Governors bill and they are negotiating statewide. Governor & Legislature need to work this out before we go in and make any changes. We'll have a better picture in the future. We can come back to the board for the veteran teacher salary in the future, once they have settled the negotiations.

Trustee Andy Blair: Excited about the work that I have seen so far at Janie Howard.

Trustee Tonya Stewart: Spoke with Janie Howard 5th Graders last week – good experience. **Trustee Rusty Ingley:** Thank Babson Park Mrs. Jacobs for inviting me out to read to the students. I had a great time in Mrs. Johnson’s class.

Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto – Read at Babson Park & Polk Avenue – great time. Polk Avenue class transformation based on Jurassic Park. March 9th Leadership Day – amazing things to be seen. Proud of First Baptist host Tim Tebow’s night for young adults with disabilities. It was an amazing experience. SAC at Polk Avenue talked about the process for vetting books HB1467 – gave me a new insight. Media releases for all schools has been great to see on a regular basis.

Vice-Chair David Fisher: Encourage going to the SAC meeting – great insight.

X. OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE None

XI. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary

Board Approved: _____