



## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 22, 2024**

**Lake Wales High School (Auditorium)**

**5:30pm**

**Livestream Link:**

**<https://youtube.com/live/pELuDfl0zgU?feature=share>**

**Those Present:** Danny Gill - Chair, Dr. Lori Hutto, Nicole Sealey, Brian Marbutt, Rafael Unzueta, Tonya Stewart, Andy Blair, Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Alricky Smith, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Robin Gibson, Blake Fann, Anna Barcnas, Anuj Saran, Rebecca Thomas, Kim Griffiths, Donna Drisdorn, April Barnhardt, Jennifer Barrow, Angela Heyward, Gary Laspina, June Ullman, Marcia Rose, Stacie Padgett, Morgan Willis, Dr. Julio Acevedo

**Guests:** Officer Hernandez

- 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. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS** **Danny Gill, Chair / Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Supt.**  
Done in the Work Session.
- IV. SCHEDULED PERSON/S ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 minutes each please)** None
- V. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION & BOARD MEETING MINUTES (November 28, 2023)**  
Request Board of Trustees approval as discussed in our Board of Trustees Work Session on January 22, 2024. Motion to approve the Work Session and Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto and seconded by Trustee Brian Marbutt. Motion approved unanimously.
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT (November 2023 / December 2023)**  
Request Board approval of the Financial Reports as discussed at the January 22, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve the Financial Reports was made by Trustee Brian Marbutt and seconded by Trustee Andy Blair. Motion approved unanimously.
- VII. PERSONNEL REPORT (November 2023 / December 2023)**  
Request Board approval of the Personnel Changes as discussed at the January 22, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve the Personnel Report was made by Trustee Andy Blair and seconded by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto. Motion approved unanimously.
- VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** **Dr. Wayne Rodolfich, Superintendent**

## A. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Reviewing our testing we are struggling in areas such as ESE & ESOL. We are providing continuous training for our teachers in these areas.
- We have instructional protocols for ESOL along with the ESOL endorsements for this area.
- Budget analysis being done. We are constantly working on our budgets. We are also working with PCSB in some areas that we might be able to get advance funding. There will be a hit for the federal funding that we have been receiving if/when the budget is reduced. Please make plans for this financial shortfall. The Covid funds will go away. Cleaning contract funds that were used previously will no longer be there, so we will have to make budget adjustments to absorb these costs.
- Strategic plan goals have been updated. We shared this in a newsletter last week for all 7 of our schools. They are located on our website. We'll visit these again this summer during our administrators training.
- We have had 744 reading home visits so far this year. We are trying to get as many as possible prior to testing.
- Classroom visits are going well so far this year. We have a seven-day rotation for each school. We have completed 619 eight-minute classroom visits to date.
- Upcoming Mountain Lake visit with Mr. Saran and myself to share information with them about our schools.
- ACT Work-Ready Community – we are working on this. If we accomplish this we will be the first one in the state of Florida. We will be doing the ACT Work Keys.
- Friday updates sent to you weekly. Any Trustee that I have not met with we will work on this as we move forward. I want to hear from the entire board so everyone is included in our decision making for the future.
- Upcoming policy adoptions – several for next month. We will make adjustment to some of the policies that we already have, and also create new ones as needed. We will go through our attorney to get feedback on these policies.
- Mardi Gras is coming up and we look forward to participating in the parade. We will be giving out books, beads, candy etc.
- I had a meeting today with a perspective state legislature and we visited a few of our schools and I also share information about all of our schools.
- Teacher pay raise is an issue and we are waiting on the state approval to release the funds.
- We are also waiting on our auditors to complete our current audits.
- I will be meeting with Mr. Gill to discuss our district strategic plan.

**Chair Gill:** Have we done an RFP for a new auditor? **Trustee Unzueta:** We have finalized the auditor decision with the committee, and we will wait until the following school year to make any adjustments.

**Superintendent Rodolfich:** We are working hard on the 1919 Building fundraising. We are hopeful that we can pay off the building and have no debt, and also pay off Bok South balance.

## B. LWCS SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

Request Board approval as discussed at the January 22, 2024 Work Session & Finance Meeting. Motion to approve the LWCS School Calendar 2024-2025 was made by Trustee Dr. Lori Hutto and seconded by Trustee Rafael Unzueta. Motion approved unanimously.

**C. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**Board of Trustees Work Session (4:00pm) and Meeting (5:30pm) – Monday, February 26, 2024 at the Lake Wales High School (Auditorium).**

**IX. SCHEDULED PERSON/S ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3 minutes each please)**

None

**X. CHAIRMAN’S AND TRUSTEES REPORT**

**Danny Gill, Chair**

**Trustee Hutto:** The IB Pinning ceremony at the high school was excellent and inspiring.

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE**

None

**XII. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary

Board Approved: \_\_\_\_\_