



**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
EDUCATION BOARD MINUTES
DRAFT**

100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL
33444

Monday, May 6th, 2024,

5:30 p.m.

City Hall, 100 NW 1st Avenue

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Dr. Raiko Knight, at 5:32 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Angelica Nevin (**absent**)
Anitra Grant-Straughn
Anneze Barthelemy
Barbara Stark (**absent**)
Joan Dorow
Kae Jonsons
Kendra Williams
Marjorie Waldo (**absent**)
Raiko Knight

Staff present:

Janai Bowens, Education and Workforce Coordinator / Board Liaison
Lawonda Warren, Assistant City Attorney

Roll was called and quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by **Kae Jonson** for approval of the agenda & **seconded by Kendra Williams**. All in favor – none opposed, **motion passed unanimously**.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 4th, 2024)

Motion made by **Kae Jonsons** for approval of March minutes and **seconded by Anneze Barthelemy**. All in favor – none opposed, **motion passed unanimously**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 1st, 2024)

Motion made by **Kae Jonsons** for approval of April minutes and **seconded by Anitra Grant-Straughn**. All in favor – none opposed, **motion passed unanimously**.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA & NON-AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

6. PRESENTATIONS

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATES

Joan Dorow- Banyan Creek meeting had breakout groups for Math, Science and Reading. The school indicated the need for teacher aides and personnel to support lead teachers with small group interventions. School also indicated the need for Haitian-Kreyol and Spanish interpreters. Ready Tech Go Grant presentation which empowers parents to determine if their children are ready for a cellphone. **Joan** also attended Carver Middle's SAC meeting. School reviewed test taking strategies, test structure and question types to prepare students and parents for the administering of benchmark and end of the year assessments.

Anitra Grant- Straughn- Atlantic will no longer receive Title I funds. Saturday school has concluded for the preparation for end of year exams. The school also discussed End-of Course exam incentives to increase pass-rates and proficiency.

Kae Jonsons- Plumosa is trying to reignite their foundation which supports arts enhancement. School expressed the need for teacher aides, volunteers, and qualified help to support school initiatives. They are actively working to build their audience and community networks to support upcoming events and performances. Roots and Wings was highlighted for their literacy interventions at Plumosa.

Raiko Knight- Spady is currently in testing season. Roots and Wing and traditional tutoring are done for the year.

Kendra Williams- Village Academy is currently in testing season; actively working to encourage testing incentives to increase pass rates and proficiency. Launched an on-time attendance policy. The meeting also discussed Kindergarten readiness skills and the need for parental awareness on early learning.

7. OLD BUSINES

2024 EDUCATION BOARD PROPOSED INITIATIVES DRAFT

Janai Bowens expressed that the attached proposed initiatives document was initially drafted by **Marjorie Waldo** to compile the priorities of the Education Board outlined in the April 1st, 2024, Workshop Meeting. **Janai** also clarified that a streamlined version with objectives was included in a Commission Information Letter by the City Manager to create awareness of the actions that the Education Board was taking. **Janai** indicated that the streamlined version would be sent to the

Education Board for review and feedback prior to the June 3rd meeting. **Kae** questioned the goals within the document and what the Board should advocate for. **Raiko** indicated that this item was added back to the agenda to receive further feedback from the Board.

Kae provided feedback to add an overarching goal of increasing student proficiency and academic outcomes. **Raiko** discussed adding language to the proposed document in support of the initiatives from the School District of Palm Beach County.

The Board discussed uncovering the root cause of student proficiency in Delray and how tax dollars are used to support education in the City.

Raiko stated for each Board member to report any additional feedback to the Education Board during the June 3rd meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

JUNE 4TH EDUCATION BOARD PRESENTATION DISCUSSION

Janai discussed the collaboration between herself and Raiko for the June 4th City of Delray Beach Commission meeting. Janai indicated the format of the presentation which includes student performance data, implications and the Education Board proposed goals and priorities. **Janai** introduced City of Delray Beach non-profit partnerships that the City already supports, including The Achievement Center for Families, Sandoway Discovery Center, Delray Boys and Girls Club, and Spady Museum. The purpose of introducing this information is to discuss how the Education Board can maximize these partnerships to support proposed initiatives.

Kae asked for clarification on where the funding is allocated in terms of maintaining operations and programs.

9.COMMENTS

Board Comments

Kae requested clarification on the City of Delray Beach Education Grant and the use of Caron Foundation funds to support the grant. **Janai** indicated that use of funds from the Caron Foundation went through an extensive legal review to determine if the allocation can be used as a funding source. **Janai** also indicated that Delray Beach schools will lose supplemental funds that provided allocations for additional reading personnel, supplemental reading and math programs, reading curriculum, and small-group interventions. **Janai** indicated that funds from the grant will be used to support Delray Beach schools with maintaining literacy and math initiatives to promote student achievement.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made **by Anneze Barthelemy, seconded by Kendra Williams.**

All in favor – none oppose – motion passed unanimously. meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Board Liaison

Date

Board Chair

Date