

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION BOARD
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

R E G U L A R M E E T I N G

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2019
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
TIME: 5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Waldo Called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Staff liaison Mrs. Meeks took Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raiko Knight, Sarah Hough, Laurent Kushneriva, Ross O'Connor Alison Kaufman, Cheryl Haywood, Marjorie Waldo, Kae Jonsons Penny Butler-Schillinger Edward Whalen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Stark, Eric Camacho, Hope Sargent

Chairman Waldo requested the Agenda be amended to add Roberts Rules of Order as Item 2.C; Public Comment as Item 6, and reorder Adjournment to Item 7. Dr. Knight made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. O'Connor. Motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

- A. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2018 were before the Board for consideration. Penny Butler-Schillinger stated she was present for the meeting but marked absent. Approval of minutes postponed to next regularly scheduled meeting for correction to be made.
- B. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2019 were before the Board for consideration. Mr. Walen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Hough. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Chairman Waldo stated that the City wishes to formalize the procedures of the Advisory Boards. Moving forward we will be using Roberts Rules of Order. She will provide a summary of those procedures for the Board to review and to be discussed at the next meeting. In addition, the City Attorney's office created an Advisory Board Manual which will be provided to each Board member and reviewed at the next meeting. The Manual provides specific information on the Sunshine Laws and the Board was reminded that there should be no communications including e-mails between Board members.

III. PRESENTATION FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT:

- A. Erica Whitfield, introduced herself as School Board member from District 4. She went over the School Districts diagnostic tests for Delray Beach Schools. These diagnostic tests are a measurement from the fall to mid-year to look at FSA trends. Overall the schools in Delray Beach are in good shape. SD Spady scores dropped but that is not unusual based on the school using a Montessori program. Banyan Creek Elementary School saw a drop in Science scores and Pine Grove was doing great but is lacking in reading scores. They have made a significant increase in learning gains overall. Carver, Atlantic and Village is strong on their scores no setbacks noted. The City should be proud of Orchard View Elementary school as they increased their school grade to a B. She noted that school grades are tricky and take a lot into consideration.

IV. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. **Family Engagement Projects:** Chairman Waldo stated that Items IV. A and B were approved at the last meeting, and that it was not the role of the Board to approve money for projects under the new guidelines. Spady, Banyan and Space of Mind should contact staff for billing information.
- B. **Update Parent Resource Center:** This item was discussed under Item IV. A above.
- C. **Summer Reading Program:** The City hosted a summer reading meeting with the partners implementing the Journey's reading program along with School District staff. At the meeting it was noted that the programs collectively made significant reading gains over the summer. There was a concern noted that the training sessions were too broad for the different levels of councilors. It was suggested that the District split the group into beginners and advanced training sessions. They also discussed the need for oversight of the program such as a certified teacher which might be funded through roots and wings. This program has a big impact on the kids during the summer.

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. **Review of Education Board Code of Ordinances and Rules.** The City attorney created new By-Laws for the Advisory Board which will be discussed at the next meeting with proposed changes to the Code of Ordinances.
- B. **Earth Day Project:** The City will be hosting an event for Earth Day. The Theme this year is Endangered Species. The students will be preparing origami animals to reflect on the animals that are endangered in Florida and the Atlantic High School students will be displaying the art work at the Green Market on April 20th. Ms. Waldo asked that every board member ask their schools if they wished to participate. There was a short discussion on Board assignments

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

VII. ADJOURN: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

The undersigned is the Secretary of the Education Board, and the information provided herein constitutes the Minutes of the Meeting of said body, for which Board on March 4, 2019 was formally adopted and approved by the Board on April 1, 2019.


Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator