MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION BOARD CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

REGULAR MEETING

MEETING DATE:

June 3, 2019

TYPE OF MEETING: LOCATION:

Regular Meeting
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall

TIME:

5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Waldo called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. She stated that this would be her last meeting as she would be out of town for the July meeting. She did not request to be considered for a second term, but noted she enjoyed her time on the Board.

Staff liaison Mrs. Meeks took Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Raiko Knight, Laurent Kushneriva, Ross O'Connor, Marjorie

Waldo, Eric Camacho, Alison Kaufman, Kae Jonsons,

Cheryl Haywood,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sarah Hough, Hope Sargent, Penny Butler-Schillinger

Barbara Stark

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

A. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2019 were before the Board for consideration. Mr. Camacho made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Stark. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PRESENTATION: Plumosa School of the Arts

Cathy Reynolds, Principal of Plumosa School of Arts stated that the School District will be breaking ground on the middle school of the arts in 2021 with the opening anticipated 2022. The middle school will have a capacity for 450 students. The fifth-grade class will be able to attend the middle school which will leave approximately 100 seats per grade open. How the additional seats are allocated has not yet been determined.

Principal Reynolds provided the following statistics on FSA scores for 3rd grade reading proficiency trended from 2018 to 2019. It was noted that these were "raw" numbers and had not been adjusted.

Village Academy increased from 14% to 22% Orchard View increased from 30% to 38% SD Spady increased from 63% to 65% Morikami stayed the same 95% to 95%

Pine Grove decreased from 39% to 38% PSOA decreased from 49% to 47% Banyan Creek decreased from 65% to 59%

School grades will come out sometime in June or early July.

IV. SAC Reports: None

V. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Review of Duties and Responsibilities:

This item was continued from the previous meeting. Ms. Waldo opened the item for Board comments on the proposed changes to Section 32.29 of the Code of Ordnances for the Delray Beach Education Board. The Board had a short discussion and made minor changes. The following language is proposed:

The Education Board will:

- Attend monthly School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings at their assigned school and provide a summary report at the Education Board meeting.
- Review and advocate for education related Goals and Policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan and provide advice and guidance for implementation as needed.
- 3. Support and advocate for the Campaign for Grade Level Reading Initiative to help increase 3rd grade reading proficiency both at the City level and within the community.
- 4. Offer an open platform at their meetings for community organizations to share their education initiatives.
- 5. Prepare a "State of Education" report and present it to the City Commission annually. The report shall be informational and include but not limited to such items as: School Board policies that affect Delray Beach Schools, updates on the Education Master Plan, progress on the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, partnership programs with non-profits and/or our schools, and any other type of education program that could be of interest to the City Commission.

Mr. Camacho made a motion to approve the Duties and Responsibilities as amended by the Board. Ms. Haywood seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the revised language. The By-Laws and the changes to the Duties and Responsibilities will be scheduled for final approval by the City Commission at one of their upcoming meetings.

B. Update on Delray Full Service:

Ms. Waldo stated that a compromise to salvage 3 buildings on the campus was made prior to the presentation by School Board Member Robinson. Ms. Waldo did

not read the letter into the record but provided a copy to the Commissioners. Everyone agreed that the project needed to move forward. There is no funding allocated in either the School Districts or City's budgets for the renovations of these salvaged buildings. The new 20,000 sq. ft. building will be built and will house technical training programs. Adult classes currently being conducted at Delray Full-Service Center will be relocated to Village Academy while the building is being constructed. This will allow for the least disruption for students to attend from the surrounding neighborhoods.

VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Banyan Creek Family Engagement Pilot Project. This item was postponed to the next meeting as Ms. Hough was not in attendance at the meeting.
- **B. Summer Schedule:** It was determined enough Board members would be in town for the July 1st meeting to have a quorum. They would discuss the schedule for the August meeting in July.

VII. COMMENTS BY STAFF:

 Ms. Meeks stated that the Area Superintendent Dr. Ian Saltzman had resigned from the District and is moving to Washington. The District has not named his replacement vet.

VIII. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

- Ms. Jonsons stated that the Library had approximately 250 people attend the Kick-Off
 to Summer Reading event on June 1st. Students registered for the summer reading
 tracking program, and they anticipate the summer lunch program will increase this
 summer. The theme this summer for the library is "Universe of Stories". There are
 currently 7 agencies that have signed up for the Spelling Bee and they are looking for
 more teams to participate.
- Mr. Camacho thanked Ms. Waldo for her time serving on the Board and felt the Board had accomplished a lot over the past several months.
- Ms. Haywood noted that the Frog Alley Event would be this Saturday from 6:00 -9:00 p.m. at the corner of West Atlantic and SW 5th Avenue. The Chamber Breakfast is being hosted on August 8th and Ms. Jonsons is heading up the Chambers Education Committee. She encouraged everyone to save the date for the breakfast.

IX. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC:

- Principal Reynolds thanked the City of the summer books. Her kids love them and the PSOA Foundation finds money to purchase books for her upper grades. It makes a difference.
- X. ADJOURN: There being no further business before the Board, Mr. O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46.

XI. The undersigned is the Secretary of the Education Board, and the information provided herein constitutes the Minutes of the Meeting of said body, for the June 3, 2019 meeting, which was formally adopted and approved by the Board on July 1, 2019.

Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator