

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: February 3, 2020
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: First Floor Conference Room
TIME: 5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. ROLE CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raiko Knight, Ross O'Connor, Penny Butler-Schillinger,
Caryn Sipersten Klein, Vivian Koppelman, Barbara Stark,
Eric Camacho

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sarah Hough, Cathy Reynolds, Cheryl Haywood, Alison
Kaufman

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

A. Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2020 were before the Board for consideration. Ms. Koppelman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting which were seconded by Mr. Camacho and passed unanimously by the Board.

IV. PRESENTATIONS:

A. School District – Proposed Education Legislation

Kae Jonsons explained the Chamber of Commerce Advocacy committee had a meeting where School Board member, Eric Whitfield presented the School Board's positions on proposed Education Legislative Bills. She asked for Chamber support of the School Board's recommendations. Ms. Jonsons felt it was advantageous to have the Education Board's input as well on the proposed legislation and that a joint recommendation from the City (Education Board and Chamber of Commerce) be forwarded to Tallahassee. She introduced Jay Boggess from the School District to present the information and explain the legislative bills.

Mr. Boggess, explained there are 12 proposed education legislative bills and the School Districts stance on each item. After a short discussion the Board agreed with the School District positions. In addition, they requested that the appropriation request for the African American History Museum at Historic Roosevelt High school (HB3781) be amended to include \$410,000 for a similar facility to be located at the Village Center African American History Museum. The Board unanimously approved the

recommendations. The Chamber of Commerce will provide a response to the State Legislature on the City's behalf.

B. Early Childhood Presentation - ACCF

Lee Tirpak from the Achievement Center (ACCF) provided a PowerPoint presentation. She applauded the Board for focusing on early childhood initiatives. The Center services approximately 150 children ages 1 to 5 years of age and most are from low income families. They have 6 Toddler classrooms and 2 Head Start/VPK classrooms that are 3-4 year old's. They use the Creative Curriculum that is vetted by the Early Learning Coalition. They have 21 teachers and work with the CDA Strong minds program through the CSC which allows the teachers to go back to school to get their Bachelor's degree while working. ACCF feels this is important and they work around their staff's schedules and is the reason why they have a large staff.

ACCF partnered with the School District this year and instead of sending their students on a buss for programming, the teachers are now coming to the schools so the children don't have to be on the busses for 45 minutes or more. They are working with their students on computers to get familiar with the headphones and mouse which will prepare the children to take the Kindergarten Readiness test. Many of their students test low, but not because they are not "ready" but there are barriers such as language and the use of the computer. Many children are familiar with a touch screen and not a computer with a mouse.

Ms. Tirpak suggested that the City do some simple things to help raise awareness around early childhood such as a Proclamation, encourage kindergarten transition to school, and at bus stops and parks provide learning tools for early childhood. She also suggested that more early childhood programs be provided at the City parks and that the City help to promote and market VPK and that its free programming. Currently, they have openings and sign-up is on a rolling basis.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Early Childhood Memo:** Ms. Meeks thanked Ms. Butler-Schillinger for her help and providing the talking points. She handed out a memo in Draft form. It was noted that recommendations from Ms. Tirpak be incorporated into the memo prior to it being transmitted. This item will be back at next month's meeting.
- B. Black History Month:** Ms. Meeks handed out a flyer that listed all the events that will be hosted during the month of February for Black History Month and encouraged the Board members to participate in the events. Each school -5th grade classes will be receiving the book "Moses when Harriett Tubman lead her people to freedom" which is a Caldecott honor book. The students will read the book and the District is asking that the students write an essay on the meaning of Black History Month. A juried essay contest will be hosted at each of the schools and First, Second and Third place ribbons will be provided to the students that win the contest. This is the first year that the City has supported activities for Black History Month and if it goes well, consideration will be given to expand the programming for next year!

VI. SAC Reports: NONE

- Ms. Koppleman – stated that Orchard View sign is not visible from the street and there is not any flashing lights for warnings and there is speeding cars. They would like to see if the sign can be relocated.
- Ms. Knight S.D. Spady just celebrated literacy week and started a program Books and Buddies and they are working on I-Ready scores.

VII. COMMENTS BY STAFF: NONE

VIII. COMMENTS BY BOARD: NONE

IX. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC: NONE

X. ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:56.

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 January 6, 2020 meeting, which was formally adopted and approved by the Board on February 3, 2020.

Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator