

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, 1, 2021
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: Virtual Meeting - Teams
TIME: 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Penny Butler-Schillinger, Kae Jonsons, Ross O'Connor, Rebecca Andre, Debbie Tanner, Barbara Stark, Kristen Cairns,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Caryn Siperstein-Klein, Cathy Reynolds

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 4, 2021 were before the Board for consideration. Ms. Andre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Tanner. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATION:

Tara O'campo, Principal of Atlantic High School presented to the Board a PowerPoint with the following information:

- 96.8% of her kids graduated last year
- 105 students received an IB diploma; and 21 IB Certificates, the IB program is in its 29th year at Atlantic. Next year they will have a celebration.
- She highlighted several of students and their accomplishments this last year
- They conducted a live zoom with Garth Brooks
- 9th Grade has well exceeded their community service hours even during COVID
- IB juniors filmed "Hidden Wild" which was aired on TV
- Eagle Nest program has been delayed due to COVID, but they have started up again and conducting Soil Borings to start their 4th home

Ms. Stark asked about attendance and how many students are back on campus. There is only about 20% of the students on campus, however that number will increase as kids who are struggling are being called back to school second quarter. However, she has a lot of IB students that live a far distance from school and love virtual as they don't have to get up early to drive to the school, so she does expect them to come back.

Mr. O'Connor asked how the IB program was marketed and funded? The cost is free to the students but it costs about \$4000 more per student to run the program. Currently 30% of her students are IB and 70% non-IB students. A student is accepted through the lottery system and

the principal can select an additional 10%. Atlantic also has additional choice programs such as culinary, ROTC, Construction academy, criminal Justice so students have choices.

Ms. O'campo thanked the City for all their support and she was lucky as a principal to have that kind of support from the community.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Social Media Platform:** Ms. Meeks has a meeting scheduled with the Interim City Manager later this week to get her approval for the Education Board social media platform. The logo has been created and a banner so as soon as she approves pushing out information under the Education banner we will start posting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Education Task Force:** Ms. Butler informed the Board of the items that the Task Force was working on which include Wi-Fi communication, using music and art for students to learn, and develop ways for children to learn over the summer. Ms. Warren felt it may not be appropriate for the Chair to provide this information to the Board given Sunshine Laws and that Staff should present in the future.

B. **Education Speaker Series:** Ms. Meeks stated that she would like to investigate the possibility of creating a Speakers Series. Topics could include how to help your child transition back to brick and mortar in the fall, helping your child with transitioning into college and workforce post pandemic. She is open suggestions on the platform (in person or virtual), audience, and topics.

VII. COMMENTS BY STAFF: NONE

VIII. **COMMENTS BY BOARD:** Ms. Jonsons stated that the library received a new grant to purchase a golf cart to take services into the neighborhood which is a modern twist to the traditional book mobile. They will be focusing on pre-k through 5th Grade. And she also stated that they provided a lunch during the summer and asked Ms. O'campo if she knew if the District would be offering this service again. They currently offer free lunches 2 times a week but there is no word on how they will be providing food for summer programs.

IX. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC: NONE

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.