

**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:** April 5, 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 5:34 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Penny Butler-Schillinger, Kae Jonsons, Ross O'Connor, Debbie Tanner, Kristen Cairns, Caryn Siperstein-Klein, Cathy Reynolds, Barbara Stark, Donna Van Horn, Angle Nevin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUEST:** Nadia Stewart, C.Ron Allen

The Board welcomed Donna Van Horn to the Board who stated she has lived in Delray Beach for a year and was a former Superintendent. She has a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and many more credentials. She wishes to get more familiar with the Florida school system.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2021 were before the Board for consideration. Mrs. Jonsons made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Klein. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PRESENTATION:**

**A. Spady Cultural Heritage Museum:** Charlene Farrington, Executive Director of the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum presented the history of African-American education in the City of Delray Beach. Public education was established in Delray Beach in 1869. It was found that many children were not receiving an education and in 1894, Rev. James was appointed to Delray Beach to teach and came by boat from Miami down the intracoastal waterway. A School for the African-American students was built in 1895. It was a thatched building and located on NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. In 1958 a high school was built on NW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and known as Carver High School (now known as Delray Full Service Center), in 1970, the students who attended this high school were integrated into Seacrest High School, located at 2501 Seacrest Blvd). In 1979 Carver High School became the site for Carver Middle School which was eventually relocated to its current site on Barwick Road in 1992. The original Carver high school was renamed to Delray Full Service Center and currently houses an adult education program.

Ms. Farrington, stated that Spady Cultural Museum turns 20 this year. They will be celebrating in July and display a historical exhibit of black history in Delray Beach.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **Attendance:** Mrs. Meeks stated that the State of Florida GLR and State PTA were creating a 60 and 90 second PSA on attendance that they will be airing in July. It was suggested that the Education Board select 6-7 messages that can be placed on Facebook as a reminder to parents and students the importance of attending school. This would start at the end of July and continue through September. We do not need to create the images as Attendance Works has information that can be copied. She would present some of the messages at the next meeting.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Digital Inclusion Marketing:** The Wi-Fi poles are being installed in the Southwest Neighborhood and Mrs. Meeks asked advice from the Board on how to market the project. It was decided that once the poles were installed and the Wi-Fi extenders are being distributed to the students would make for the best press release and to possibly announce a ribbon cutting ceremony date. It was also explained that a production of a Video Podcast might be a good idea to explain the program to the public as it is a "closed system". The District provides the extenders to students who qualify and on the Free and Reduced lunch program. Ms. Meeks also stated that there is a possibility that the City could work to expand the program to the "yellow zones" identified by the District and provide extenders to senior citizens. A study would need to be conducted to see how many senior housing units were located in the Wi-Fi signal area to determine the demand for devices.

**VII. COMMENTS BY STAFF: NONE**

**VIII. COMMENTS BY BOARD: NONE**

- IX. **COMMENTS BY PUBLIC:** Nadia Stewart from Carver Middle School informed the Board that Carver Middle school was considering changing its name to George Washington Carver Middle School, which was its original name many years ago. They will be sending information out to the community about the name change and to get input.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.