

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: May 2, 2022
TYPE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting
LOCATION: First Floor Conference Room – City Hall
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, Mitch Katz, Donna Van Horn, Angel Nevin, Debbie Tanner, Angel Nevin, Kristen Cairns, Caryn Siperstein-Klein, Kendra Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marjorie Waldo

GUEST: Manana Paugh

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Jonsons a motion to approve the Agenda and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Cairns. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 7th were not ready for approval. Mrs. Jonsons made a motion to move approval of the minutes to the next meeting. Mrs. Tanner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Debrief of April 4th, Education Board Meeting:

Mr. Katz thanked the Board for attending the April 4th meeting. He felt it was productive and a lot of important information was provided. Mr. Katz was disappointed that most of the discussion was about the buildings and not enough about the programming. We need to educate our children and we get this funding once in a lifetime. He opened the floor for Board comments:

Ms. Nevin: Seemed there was a lot of optics and comments made with no concrete data. She wanted to know what success looks like and what is the end game. Is it for those children that are “terminal” have no other chance after high school to get to a higher education? At FIU

they conduct every 5 years a survey to create a Quality Enhancement Plan. This plan tells the university where the gaps are, address education/learning equity issues, and where the university needs to enhance quality to close the learning gaps. This is done by collecting data.

Ms. Jonsons: The District did not conduct a needs assessment. If she used 2017 data for a funder she was sure she would not get the money. They want to know what is happening today. There is no qualitative data collected by the community. This is not a school do provide grade 13. She felt it was inexcusable for the district not to know the City was renovating Pompey Park.

Mrs. Williams: It was a ping pong conversation.

Mrs. Siperstein- Klein: Delray needs to put into writing what they want so that there is no miscommunication and take a proactive approach.

Mrs. Tanner: ESOL is just a classroom. She is in favor of the construction trades, but we also automotive and careers for tomorrow so what is being proposed today is not outdated in 5 years.

Mrs. Van Horn: She is missing a piece. Where she comes from the school District is required to do a program assessment and have a 3rd party conduct a survey to get community input and this must be done every 5 years. She believes this may be the case here, but some one has dropped the ball and she would like to look into it for the Board and report back.

The Board would like the District to provide the following information:

1. What did the District take away from the meeting?
2. Provide Data and/or needs assessment to show how they determined the programming.
3. Explain why they can't provide certain programming i.e. automotive, technology, etc.
4. Data on the demographics of people they are serving.
5. List of programs being offered at Roosevelt.
6. Is the District looking for grant money for Delray?
7. Have they looked at our needs in our community for industries that need talent such as automotive, culinary and hospitality
8. Explain how dual enrollment works when there are no programs to dual enroll into.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Pine Grove Elementary School:

Mrs. Meeks presented to the Board the schematics for Pine Grove Elementary school and stated that pursuant to the ILA, the District should be engaging with the City to discuss their plans, however are already way into the process of design and timeframes for construction. When asked by the City for a copy of the RFP and the scope of services the District stated there was not an RFP. The scope was to design an elementary school. Mr. Katz noted that the Districts web page stated that the RFP was approved for construction and was on target and construction starting soon.

The Board was concerned again that the District was moving forward with the Pine Grove project with no data to support their design or they have not shared that information with us.

The Board was interested in the enrollment projections particularly with neighborhood regentrification. The area allocated for recreation was concerning and two Board members felt a music, art, and dance areas did not work together. There was support for the inclusion of an early childhood area.

While some board members were in favor of requesting a pause, there was not a consensus to make a motion to that effect.

B. Plan for Interlocal Agreement:

Ms. Meeks stated that the items that were discussed in the above two topics would help to define the new agreement and they she was working on a draft with the consultant that will be presented when available.

VII. COMMENTS BY PUBLIC:

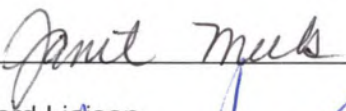
- Manana Paugh stated she loved Delray Beach and moved here because she loved it so much. However there is poor education. Her son went to Morikami and now is slated for Carver. Delray has poor elementary schools which creates poor middle schools and poor high schools. This has been the case for many years and nothing has been done to correct the issues. This is a huge red flag. The District needs to direct resources to this community.

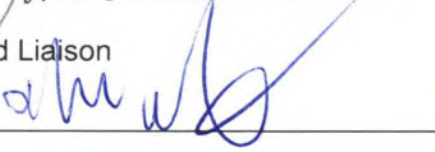
VIII. COMMENTS BY BOARD:

- Kendra Williams suggested that the Board look into the Birth to 22 movement that is run by the Children Services Council.

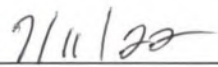
IX. COMMENTS BY STAFF: None

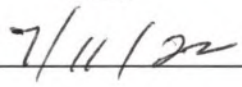
- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.



Board Liaison


Board Chair



Date


Date

[Minutes prepared by Janet Meeks Board Liaison]