

EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

December 2, 2015

In attendance: Jena Rae McClure, Melissa Megna, Candace Coyne, Kelly Brown Van Buskirk, Jason Smith & Bob Fleischer. Guests: Dennis Sciallo, Principal Cooper City Elementary School and Charles Webster, SBBC Office of Government Relations.

Absent: Renee Grutman, Helen Cohen, Robert Rogers, and Anne Culotta.

Meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM.

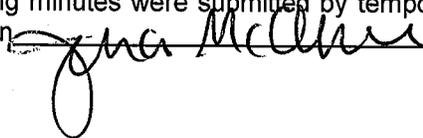
Guest, Charles Webster from the SBBC Office of Government Relations spoke about Dr. Rosalind Osgood being named the new Chairperson of the Broward School Board and Abby Freedman the Vice Chair. In addition, Mr. Webster informed the committee that the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) selected Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie as Florida's 2016 Superintendent of the Year. The SMART bond issue was discussed. Mr. Webster said that the money is being released and that the schools are beginning to implement improvements. Mr. Sciallo brought a playground concern to Mr. Webster that he indicated that he would look into for Cooper City Elementary and follow up with Mr. Sciallo. BCPS announced that the School Choice application window for Magnet programs, Nova schools and school reassignments for the 2016/17 school year takes place December 1, 2015 - February 10, 2016. The Board is planning another coalition meeting for January 6, 2016 and is inviting all of the Education Advisory Boards in the County. Mr. Webster will notify the EAB of the time and venue. It was also presented that the Broward Education Foundation has matching dollars for special projects. Melissa Megna said that she would invite a representative to come speak to the EAB in February and find out how we can partner with this organization.

New Business: The EAB discussed defining a vision/purpose for the EAB and branding of the Board. Ideas for projects were discussed. It was suggested that we develop a mentoring program where city employees act as mentors. An SAT/ACT Prep Course was proposed and an after school tutoring program for students in need of these services but cannot afford them. A parent engagement project was proposed as well. It was also suggested that we ask the schools to do a self-assessment to find out what their needs are and perhaps develop projects around these areas. We also talked about getting data from the District to look at critical need areas in our Cooper City schools.

Discussion items: Jason Smith asked about the banner that Kelly Brown Van Buskirk got a quote on. We tabled this item until the EAB defined its vision/purpose. Kelly also suggested that the EAB look into the City's social media policy and that the EAB link to the City's website or create a Facebook page or twitter account. Kelly presented the motion, Melissa seconded and everyone approved. Melissa made a motion to have Anne Culotta made a member emeritus of the Cooper City EAB. Jason seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion of adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM by Melissa Megna and seconded by Jason Smith.

The forgoing minutes were submitted by temporary Secretary Candace Coyne and approved by Chairperson _____ on date: _____



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