



**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 23, 2019**  
**Edward W. Bok Academy – South (Cafeteria)**  
**4:15pm**

**Trustees Present:** Chair Danny Gill, Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola, David Fisher, Howard Kay, Sandra Mercer, Paul Gerrard, Becky Gaston, Dr. Greg Hall

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Dr. Jesse Jackson, Alricky Smith, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Elizabeth Tyler, Dr. Damien Moses, Donna Dunson, Dr. Linda Ray, Jennifer Barrow, Donna Drisdorn, Gail Quam, Angela Heyward, Stacie Padgett, April Barnhardt, , Kim Griffiths, , Anuj Saran, Dr. Julio Acevedo, Chris Reams

**Others Present:** Robin Gibson, Charles Barker

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** **Danny Gill, Chair**  
The meeting was called to order at 4:46pm.
- II. **INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
The invocation and pledge was done by Dr. Damien Moses.
- III. **BOARD RECOGNITIONS** **Dr. Jesse Jackson / Danny Gill**  
**Retiree:** Director of Nursing – **Paula Alford** – 15 years of service  
**Shining Stars:** Dale R. Fair Babson Park Elementary - **Brandi Hanrahan**  
Hillcrest Elementary - **Kim Griffiths** / Janie Howard Elementary - **Esmeralda Garcia**  
Polk Avenue Elementary - **Emily Little** / Edward W. Bok – North - **Tammy Farrow**  
Edward W. Bok – South - **Emily Sharpless** / Lake Wales High School - **Marvin Pavy**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION AND MEETING MINUTES (August 26, 2019)**  
Motion to approve the Work Session Minutes was made by Trustee David Fisher and seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola. Motion approved unanimously. Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes was made by Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously.
- V. **FINANCIAL REPORT** **Alricky Smith, CFO**  
Request Board approval of the Financial Report as discussed in our Audit/Finance Meeting September 19, 2019 and September 23, 2019 Board Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee David Fisher. Motion approved unanimously.
- VI. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** **Dr. Jesse Jackson, Superintendent**
  - A. **PERSONNEL CHANGES**  
Request Board approval of the Personnel Changes as discussed in our September 23, 2019 Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Howard Kay and seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola. Motion approved unanimously.
  - B. **NEXT BOARD WORK SESSION AND BOARD MEETING**  
The September Board of Trustee Work Session and Board Meeting will be on **Monday, October 21, 2019 at Dale R. Fair Babson Park Elementary**. The Work Session will begin at 3:00pm and the Board Meeting will begin at 4:15pm.

**VII. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

**Danny Gill, Chair**

Chair Danny Gill received feedback regarding our meeting time and we discussed the possibility of 4:40pm start time. Majority leave it at 4:15pm.

**VIII. TRUSTEES REPORTS**

Trustee Howard Kay: Great recognitions today!

Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola: All men are welcome to join us at Janie Howard Wilson for the Donuts for Dad program on Wednesday.

Dr. Greg Hall: We are working on a Succession Planning Committee and I’ll meet with Dr. Jackson on Monday at the Central Office for my first meeting. The committee consists of Dr. Hall, David Fisher and Dr. Oguntola.

**IX. SCHEDULED PERSON’S ADDRESSING THE BOARD (none)**

**X. PRINCIPALS’ REPORT**

**Dale R. Fair Babson Park Elementary – Principal Elizabeth Tyler:**

We earned an “A” this year and I am very proud of our staff and students! They have worked really hard and I am proud!

**Edward W. Bok Academy – South – Principal Dr. Damien Moses:**

We are excited about our “A” and look forward to working hard this school year also!

**Janie Howard Wilson Elementary – Principal Dr. Linda Ray:**

We received a “C” this year. We are looking at the data and analyzing it with our staff. We are tutoring two days per week.

**Polk Avenue Elementary – Principal Gail Quam:**

We received a “B” this past year. We are working on an even higher “B” or an “A” for this year. We are off the lowest three hundred list. Yeah!

**Hillcrest Elementary – Principal Jennifer Barrow:**

We received a “B” this year! This is the second year in a row we had a “B” and I am very proud of our students and staff!

**Lake Wales High School – Principal Donna Dunson:**

We received a “B” this year and I am very proud of our students and staff! This is our second year achieving this milestone and I am very proud of everyone!

**Edward W. Bok Academy – North – Principal Donna Drisdorn:**

We received a “C” this year. We are having lunch & learn sessions and also tutoring.

**Dr. Jesse Jackson, Superintendent:**

I would challenge you guys to see other school systems and how their relationships contribute to their success as ours have. Our relationships contribute greatly to our success! This is a testament and compliment to our leadership team. I was visiting Polk Avenue last week and one of our parents shared that he was happy about the assistance his child received because the standards are tough. The support at the school makes a big difference. If we stay the same or improve next year we are on our way to a high performing system! The \$150,000 we now pay PCSB for administrative fees would be reduced to \$75,000 (50% less). This is a big deal if we are able to do it. Proud of our system!

**Dr. Oguntola:** I am very proud of each of you, you never settle and always striving for improvement!

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - None**

**XII. ADJOURN** Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary

Board Approved: \_\_\_\_\_