



## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 21, 2020**

**4:30pm**

**Janie Howard Wilson Elementary – Cafeteria (Trustees & Principals etc.)**

**Please join us via Zoom (AP's and all guests)**

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**Meeting ID: 859 4219 0861**

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**Trustees Present:** Chair Danny Gill, Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola, David Fisher, Howard Kay, Becky Gaston, Paul Gerard, Jennifer Simpson

**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, Dr. Julio Acevedo, Marcia Rose, Anna Barcenas, Mellissa Ard, Anuj Saran, Stacie Padgett, Julie Unzueta, Cheryl Pitts, Renee Moore, April Barnhardt, David Waldrop, Roxanne Anderson

**Others Present:** Mayor Eugene Fultz

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Danny Gill, Chair**

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

### **II. INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Mayor Eugene Fultz, City of Lake Wales**

The invocation and pledge were done by Mayor Fultz.

### **III. APPROVAL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION AND MEETING MINUTES (August 24, 2020)**

Request Board approval of the August 24, 2020 Board Work Session and Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve the Work Session Minutes was made by Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. 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.

### **IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Alricky Smith, CFO**

- A. Request Board approval of the Financial Report** as discussed in our Finance Meeting, September 17, 2020 and our Board Work Session, September 21, 2020. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Trustee David Fisher and seconded by Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola. Motion approved unanimously.

### **V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Dr. Jesse Jackson, Superintendent**

#### **A. PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Request Board approval of the Personnel Changes as discussed in our September 21, 2020 Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously.

## **B. NEXT BOARD WORK SESSION AND BOARD MEETING**

The October Board of Trustee Work Session and Board Meeting will be on **Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Lake Wales High School (Media Center)**. The Work Session will begin at 3:00pm and the Board Meeting will begin at 4:30pm.

## **VI. SCHEDULED PERSON'S ADDRESSING THE BOARD (none)**

## **VII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Danny Gill, Chair**

RFQ for General Council – covered already.

## **VIII. TRUSTEES REPORTS**

Jennifer Simpson – excited from Thursday. Thanks for all your support. Things are going well so far this year.

Howard Kay – all of our meetings I was a little leery in the beginning. It's still out there but you guys are doing a phenomenal job and we have come a long way.

Vice Chair Dr. Oguntola – visiting schools and kudos to Principals and leadership teams. Every teacher should be teacher of the year. Wife is a teacher so I have been painting, online etc.

Concerns – JHW enrollment decrease. Facility is awesome, phenomenal leadership and staff. We have to support them with enrollment and create a strategic plan.

Second issue – Bok North, Bok South & McLaughlin – largest 8<sup>th</sup> grade class in LW history.

We have a capacity issue at the HS and we've had issue with folks not being accepted at the high school. We need to strategically start thinking about this and work with PCSB for our portables and more space for these students. We need to be proactive and start working on it now. Kudos to all Principals, leaders and everything that we do here.

Superintendent Dr. Jackson – I met with Dr. Ray this morning and we are working on strategies for a group of about 50 students that's not engaged to get them back in the seats. Also, the online learners not participating to start participating. This would be a beginning strategy to get these kids back on the campus.

Vice Chair Dr. Oguntola - we have new apartments being built in LW. We have families coming but we need to also work with Zillow to get our schools to show up.

David Fisher – Kudos to administrators and teachers – thank you all!

Becky Gaston – Went to BP to visit – looks like a great job being done. The classes was like walking into a library. We appreciate your hard work. You guys are doing a great job!

Paul Gerrard - Continue to be vigilant. You guys have adapted well and it's been impressive!

## **IX. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Janie Howard Wilson Elementary – Dr. Linda Ray, Principal**

Welcome to the #1 elementary school in Polk County. Communication is important and we have parent/staff meetings weekly via Zoom. We are MAP testing to see where the kids are in small groups even on Saturdays. We are updating our Great Schools data to reflect our current stats.

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

Shout out to Marcia for her assistance with Covid. She handles it calm and explains it to the parents. We appreciate her work daily and on the weekends. We sent a letter to PCB to change our entrance to our school to the front of our campus. We talked to them today and they are working on it. I would like for each of our Board to please send a letter of support for our project.

Trustee Howard Kay talked about the \$20M PCSB pend on the Davenport school from the ½ cent tax and impact fees. They still had \$16M left for other projects in the future.

Andy Oguntola – something has to be done. We really should not have to put up the \$200,000 since the taxpayers (us) have already paid for it. We are being very gracious.

Alricky Smith – spoke about getting an attorney to assist us with this process if needed.

Dr. Jackson – we need to spell out to PCSB that the ½ cent sales tax is a problem because we have not been able to get any of it to assist our LWCS schools. We might have to get the legislative language changed to assist us like we did when we got our own LEA. Send a certified letter about the health and safety issues to PCSB with a clear set of numbers on what we need. The capital outlay funds are not being shared with us as promised. The letters, conversation and follow up from our end is needed. I will contact a few folks in Tallahassee and work from a legislative front.

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

As soon as we are able to we would like to invite you to our campus for a walk through. We have about 236 or so students in person. We have 592 students total.

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

We have about 300 on campus and the rest online. The technology at Bok South is old and we are working on using a buy back program to assist us with getting new technology. Please come out and visit us anytime. We are looking forward to amazing things!

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

Thanks to Marcia for all her assistance! She even assisted me while she was on vacation. Kudos! Please stop by to visit us anytime. All teachers should be TOY! We have our digital open house online first ever event! We have 350 on campus and 150 online. Thanks for all your support!

**Hillcrest Elementary – Jennifer Barrow, Principal**

Super proud of our teachers and staff! We have 714 enrolled, 515 face to face and 199 online. Due to exposure we are doing the next two weeks online for the entire school. Thanks to Marcia for all her assistance. We are having our first virtual bookfair. Invite all Board members to stop by anytime. Please follow us on Instagram or facebook.

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

We are now getting a security fencing from PCSB at LWHS. CDC and now the aerosols and not just droplets. We are getting a top-notch system like the hospital within the next few weeks. We tested about 100 kids and we cannot say what the results are but we are happy! Our football team won and they were quarantined for two weeks. We are testing 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We have about 40% on campus and 60% online. It's a lot on the teachers and they are available all day and at nights also. We are feeling good about the teachers and their hard work.

**X. OTHER BUSINESSES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**XI. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary

Board Approved: **Scheduled for October 19, 2020 meeting**