



## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, August 24, 2020**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**4:30pm**

**Trustees Present:** Chair Danny Gill, Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola, David Fisher, Howard Kay, Becky Gaston, Dr. Greg Hall, 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, Denise Moss, Angela Heyward, Dr. Julio Acevedo, Marcia Rose, Anna Barcenas, Mellissa Ard, Anuj Saran, Shay Hixenbaugh, Stacie Padgett, Julie Unzueta, Aundrea Croft, Kim Griffiths, Jonathan Hodach, Chris Reams, Eddie Joseph, TaVaris Johnson, Marvin Pavy

**Others Present:** Mayor Eugene Fultz, Matt Cain, Robert Fletcher, Any Speer, Pyper

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

**Danny Gill, Chair**

The meeting was called to order at 4:46pm.

### **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 (June 22, 2020)**

Request Board approval of the June 22, 2020 Board Work Session and Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve the Work Session Minutes was made by Trustee Paul Gerrard and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously. Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee David Fisher and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously.

### **IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Alricky Smith, Fisher, CFO**

- A. Request Board approval of the Financial Report** as discussed in our Finance Meeting August 20, 2020 and August 24, 2020 Board Work Session. Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Trustee Paul Gerrard and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously.
- B. Budget Resolution 01-2021:** Request Board approval of the 2020-2021 Operating Budget for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and the Capital Projects Fund for the LWCS for fiscal year 2020-2021 as discussed in our Finance Meeting August 20, 2020 and August 24, 2020 Board Work Session. Motion to approve the Budget was made by Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee David Fisher. 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 August 24, 2020 Work Session. Motion to approve the Personnel Changes 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, September 21, 2020 at 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**

None

**VIII. TRUSTEES REPORTS**

Trustee Howard Kay – football issue at LWHS are they playing? Chair Danny Gill – that's a HS decision. Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola – I think this should be the Superintendent and his designee (I this case Principal Dunson) decision and not the Board. Dr. J – been in meetings and Principal Dunson will share her recommendation in her school report.

Trustee Paul Gerrard – Thank to Alricky for the financials. We don't know what we don't know... to all of our administrators be vigilant, compassionate, careful and most of all be safe.

**IX. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**DRF BABSON PARK – Principal Elizabeth Tyler**

Schoolology issues by we used Zoom to fix this and we also used packets for online etc. Staff done a great job wearing the masks. We are doing well.

**HILLCREST – Principal Jennifer Barrow**

First day went very well proud of all! We had 696 today and we have 23/24 to contact tomorrow. Staff children came in with them. They are staying 6ft apart. We wish everyone a great year!

**JANIE HOWARD WILSON – Principal Dr. Linda Ray**

Great start – healthy and happy! Kids love their mask and they are wearing them! We have a lot of cleaning products. We are ordering clear masks so the student can see their teacher when they talk. We are waiting on our swivels. Howard and Dr. J has stopped by and we are thankful for that!

**Dr. Jackson** – on their campus today... in regards to the covered walkways recently installed, they failed to put the appropriate drainage so Stacie will be contacting PCSB for their assistance on this. The front area gets flooded when it rains. Visited classrooms and the teachers are excited and committed.

**POLK AVENUE – Principal Gail Quam**

Shout out to Shay our AP who has done a great job with schedules etc. Teachers planning online has been amazing. Parents are wanting to be back on campus and not online. We passed out a lot of technology. Our hand sanitizing stations are installed. We have a bell tower that we use to celebrate our students.

**BOK NORTH – Principal Donna Drisdorn**

We have our certificate of occupancy and we have inspections that needs to be done soon. We have a few minor things to be done. Our teachers had a great day! I may have some students

from single parents that need their students in school so we are working with them on this. Duke Energy is working with us regarding fibers but they are not able to come until Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. We need this before so we can have internet connection. The students were great! Students and excited and eager and completed their assignments.

**BOK SOUTH – Principal Dr. Damien Moses**

I ditto my peers... super proud of the parents and students. Kudos to transportation. We had a few hiccups... Schoology us not my friend anymore but I contacted the customer service department. We had a great day and we hope our kids will get better with online learning. Our FFA has been working hard on the campus. We are thankful to all that assisted. The Bok green looks great! Preparing our kids to do amazing things this school year!

**LW HIGH SCHOOL – Principal Donna Dunson**

We had technology issues, the teachers did amazing with this today! All of our guidance and AP's worked the entire weekend – thank you! We received our IB scores and we were higher than the US average and the world average! Kudos to Anuj and his team – incredible work! Graduation rate is 94%. Sports – we listened, read and learned... Consulted with Dr. J, Marcin & TJ and used all the variable. A lot of our community are counting on this opportunity. We also asked Attorned Gibson for his wisdom also. Close contact is not good and a lot of moving parts. We are going to take the risk with a legal release from all parents for football and all sports. September 18<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> football fame. Football and volleyball are our high-risk sports. It's still not sage but we'll take this risk. We already have a football player's Mom has Covid. He was asked the questions and he answered no to the Covid questions. However, in talking with another coach he shared the parent had Covid. He is now out and his siblings etc. Their heart wants to play but we are hopeful they tell the truth.

**Dr. Jackson** – I am inclined to say we have a delay but when does contact begin?

August 26<sup>th</sup> practice begins and fill pad practice Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Dr. Hall** – Do the participants know to do this is against medical advice?

**Matt Cain** – I listened to all committees and they all recommend not to go forward with contact sport. We are disparaging this sport over another sport.

**Principal Dunson:** Not disparaging but this has the most contact.

**Dr. Jackson:** Even with a signed release their parents might not understand. Respectfully they might not be as knowledgeable about this. Please provide some information to all parents.

**Principal Dunson** – We'll be doing a zoom call and have additional information in two days for the parents.

**Dr. Jackson** – I have coached for years and there is no question this is a contact sport.

**Trustee Howard Kay:** I am very concerned about this. This is a huge decision and should be placed on the Board and not the Supt. and the Principal. I still have concerns about this.

**Vice Chair Oguntola:** Athletics as a whole is a decision for the Supt. And the Principal per the guidelines.

**Trustee Becky Gaston:** Was the form reviewed by Attorned Gibson? Yes. Does it have a notary on there? Yes, that is on there and we'll put the notary on there also.

**Trustee Hall:** We want school and athletics to start when it is safe to do so and it is up to the administration to do so. Dr. J – We'll consider but not at the kids expense.

**Coach Pavy** – The FHSAA – season already moved back and PCSB starts September 11<sup>th</sup>. We lost a few games because they can't be rescheduled. Coach Pavy shared schedule info etc. We have to play at least 6 games to play in the state championship.

**Trustee Kay:** Transportation – social distancing? Coach Pavy – every other seat with two people etc. and minimize the number of students taken to the game. Fans in the stadium?

Principal Dunson – that's the next step we are working on this and figure it all out.

**Coach Pavy** – PCSB is doing 50% capacity at the games. The team will be taken care of first.  
**Coach Johnson:** Thanks to all. I stand with what's being said and their health is first. I am ok with whatever decision is made and we'll make the best of the season. I understand the seriousness. We have so much contradicting info. I look forward to playing and sending the seniors out with a great year.

**Principal Dunson** – email Dan Talbot and he said 5 games will be ok for the playoffs. If the community wants it we will try to do it as safe as possible for all and say a little prayer.

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

**Chair Danny Gill - Succession Planning Committee (Dr. Hall) and Grievance and Contracts Committee (Dr. Oguntola) – please report at the next meeting in September.**

**XI. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary

Board Approved: **September 21, 2020**