



Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2020
Lake Wales High School - Media Center
(Trustees, Principals etc.)
3:00pm - *Social Distancing*

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

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Trustees Present: Chair Danny Gill, Vice Chair Dr. Andy Oguntola, David Fisher, Becky Gaston, Paul Gerard, Jennifer Simpson, Dr. Greg Hall (zoom)

Staff Present: Superintendent Dr. Jesse Jackson, Alricky Smith, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Elizabeth Tyler, Donna Dunson, Dr. Linda Ray, Jennifer Barrow, Donna Drisdorn, Angela Heyward, Dr. Julio Acevedo, Marcia Rose, Anna Barcnas, Mellissa Ard, Anuj Saran, Stacie Padgett, Julie Unzueta, David Waldrop, Dean Webb, Aundrea Croft, Jon Hodach, Kim Griffiths, Shay Hixenbaugh, Renee Moore, Laura Downes

Others Present: Bradley Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER **Dr. Jesse Jackson, Superintendent**
The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT **Alricky Smith, CFO**

A. Monthly Financials

CFO Alricky Smith shared his insight on the monthly financials. Presented for your review and approval at the October 19, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

B. Personnel Change

Presented for your review and approval at the October 19, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

III. RIGHT TO KNOW – PARENT NOTIFICATION – 2020 **Dr. Julio Acevedo**
Presented for your review and approval at the October 19, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting. The parent notification letter for out of field teachers for every school is in your packet for your review. This has to be approved by the Board and reported to the PCSB District Office.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT **Dr. Jesse Jackson**

A. MINUTES: September 21, 2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION AND MEETING

Presented for your review and approval at the October 19, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

B. NEXT MEETING DATE

The **November** Work Session and Board Meeting will be on **Monday, November 16, 2020 at Edward W. Bok Academy – North (Former Boys & Girls Club)**. The Work Session will begin at 3:00 PM and the Board Meeting will begin at 4:30 PM. In Person for Trustees and Leadership. Zoom for AP's and guests.

V. PRINCIPALS' REPORT (2 minutes please)

Hillcrest Elementary – Principal Jennifer Barrow

Continuing to monitor the students and parents for their great work. Some are not doing well online but working on this daily for our students. Red Ribbon next week.

Polk Avenue Elementary – AP Shay Hixenbaugh

Our teachers are working hard with the students. We did our 1st ever reading night via Zoom, it was awesome. I visited all five rooms. The kids also had a craft bag. We had about 50 that participated, it was fun. We have about 80 returning from online. We have about 90 still online. Health department asked us not to eat in the classroom so we are eating in the cafeteria and skipping a seat. It went well. We are still a little nervous with no barriers.

Janie Howard Wilson Elementary – Principal Dr. Linda Ray

Our numbers are low. We have not had any cases on our campus. We'll have 70 more coming for the 2nd nine weeks. We have teachers etc. out recruiting and checking on our students. We are working on getting more kindergarteners because our numbers are low. We have increased our social media platforms with twitter etc. We had a bullying event last week and the Sheriff's department assisted. Every Tuesday we have a parent meeting and we also had open house – both via Zoom. We sent our certified letters to students that are not doing well. We are able to do the 6ft and also have barriers and we have ordered swivels. We are eating in the classroom so we'll work on this piece.

Dale R. Fair Babson Park Elementary –

We have everyone back except for about 40 kids. Our electricity went out and we had to call the county & Duke. Marie was a great help with Duke Energy. The kids and teachers did well. This was our 100th year Anniversary, we did well that day. We did get our power back. The next day our kindergarten classes had no air – that was fixed also. The kids online are not doing week, we've sent letters and will be doing home visits.

Bok North – Principal Donna Drisdorn

We are getting prepared for the big move on the 26th. We have substitutes to fill in the spots and we've met with them so they feel like family and get acclimated to our campuses. We are all working diligently to get the building prepared for the big day. Alricky working hard for site development for the next phase. Students are increasing. We have been doing home visits for the students that are not showing up. We've only had 3 students go to FL Virtual. Parents like consistency. Thanks to the board and all the support you give us. Please stop by and visit anytime.

Bok South – AP Aundrea Croft

Teacher morale – we've been doing a department planning day and also lunch relief for our staff. We are mailing letters also regarding academics. A lot of our kids are wanting to come back and we plan to do so soon. David Black coming tomorrow for our lockdown training.

Lake Wales High School – Principal Donna Dunson

We did a Zoom Open House and it went well. We also had Design Your Life monthly. Sports doing well also, fall sports doing well. Football team and all the coaches quarantined about 22% of our staff on quarantine. Academics – we are doing assessments as well.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Principals and Trustees voiced their concerns about being prepared for school in January after the holiday break if/when executive orders happen while we are on break due to the pandemic. Additional items will be purchased in advance for each school. Angela H. - DOE is still working from home and have not shared any plans with us yet about after the holidays. Dr. J – we are operating in the dark because we are not sure about transportation budget etc. or how we'll be funded moving forward. Julio: We are transporting about 800 students (40%) so far. Dr. J – We've had to find other areas for the drivers to keep them employed so if/when we need all of them we'll have them to transport the students. Vice Chair Oguntola: We are still dealing with Bok North opening for all the students. Can we handle all of the students in the system if we have to fully open in January? Elizabeth T: I am not sure any of our schools can take all of the kids back right now and we are not all six feet apart but we have barriers and we don't have enough barriers for all students. Dr. Oguntola: We have to have all schools the same, we can't have one school safer than another. Principal Dunson: We do have some that are safer than other because they have more funds to purchase more things etc.

Alricky S.: Asked Marie to schedule a site development workshop for next Thursday 8:30am at Bok North – for Trustees with questions etc. regarding the Bok N project. It will be on your calendar shortly. The contractor will also be on site for any questions.

VII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary

Board Approved: Scheduled for November 16, 2020 meeting