



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 19, 2018
Polk Avenue Elementary (Auditorium)
4:15 PM

Trustees Present: Chair Jimmy Nelson, Vice Chair Angela Pulido, David Fisher, Andy Oguntola, Howard Kay, Pete Perez

Staff Present: Superintendent Dr. Jesse Jackson, Brian Fisher, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Linda Ray, Donna Dunson, Anuj Saran, Barbara Jones, Damien Moses, Gail Quam, Jennifer Barrow, Stacie Padgett, Mellissa Ard, Rich Columbo, Rebecca Thomas, Shay Hixenbaugh, Angela Heyward, Julio Acevedo

Others Present: Robin Gibson, John Miller

- I. CALL TO ORDER** **Jimmy Nelson, Chair**
The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.
- II. INVOCATION** **Pastor Chad Reynolds – First Presbyterian**
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **Marcus Davin / Isaiah Kirby – Polk Avenue Elem.**
- III. RECOGNITIONS** **Dr. Jesse Jackson, Superintendent / Jimmy Nelson, Chair**
Special Olympics – Basketball – LW High School
Janie Howard Wilson - Academic Team
Special Olympics Basketball Team – Lake Wales High School
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| Ellis Allanson | Drex James |
| Joseph Charles | Chanse Pitter |
| Germany Hamilton | Jesus Santana |
| Melvin Hawthorne | Zachary Smith |
| Tyler Henderson | |
- A-Team – Janie Howard Wilson Elementary**
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| Denari Gatlin | Nevaeh Rice |
| Kevin Hernandez | Jaslyn Robinson |
| Marcus Ordonez | Haleigh Tomlin |
| Zion Powell | Benjamin Torres-Romero |
- IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD WORK SESSION AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
(February 26, 2018) **Jimmy Nelson, Chair**
Recommend approval of the Board Work Session and Meeting minutes as presented at the February 26, 2018 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve the Board Work Session Minutes was made by Vice Chair Angela Pulido and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee David Fisher. Motion approved unanimously.
- V. FINANCIAL REPORT** **Brian Fisher, CFO**
Recommend approval of the monthly financials as reviewed and presented at the March 19, 2018 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT **Dr. Jesse Jackson, Superintendent**

A. Resolution to Reappoint BKHM for Audit & Tax Services for FY2018 & FY2019
Recommend approval of the Resolution to Reappoint BKHM for Audit & Tax purposes as distributed and discussed at the March 19, 2018 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chair Angela Pulido and seconded by Trustee David Fisher. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Personnel Changes

Recommend approval of the Personnel Changes as distributed and discussed at the March 19, 2018 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Andy Oguntola and seconded by Vice Chair Angela Pulido. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. SCHEDULED PERSON'S ADDRESSING THE BOARD

None

VIII. NEXT BOARD WORK SESSION AND MEETING

The April Board of Trustees Work Session and Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 23, 2018 at Edward W. Bok Academy. The Work Session will begin at 3:00pm and the Board Meeting at 4:15pm.

IX. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jimmy Nelson, Chair

I just wanted to plug the Finance Meeting on the Thursday before the Board Meeting. It is a great information session for us before our meeting. Thanks to Angela, Andy and Pete for coming this past week. It is very hard to not find an entity in LW that is not affected by Bok Academy. We are full on into assisting with the Fundraising to get them back on their feet. We are doing Bucks for Bok – buckets in the car rider lanes for all that would like to donate.

X. TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustee David Fisher: Thanks for all your hard work.

Trustee Andy Oguntola: Brian thanks for all that you do! Marie thanks for your phenomenal work!

Vice Chair Angela Pulido: I know you guys are full into testing mode, we appreciate your efforts. Recharge and enjoy your Spring Break.

Trustee Howard Kay: This has been a great year, thanks for your work! We should not take a position right or wrong with the gun control debate. This is very controversial and we do not want to appear as if we are taking anyone's side. **Principal Dunson:** It is an open forum at the High School. This is a touchy subject for all. The kids are free to make their own decision and they are not sponsored by the High School.

Trustee Pete Perez: I am proud to be a member of this Board. We need to work on making the community more aware of your hard work and how excellent you are!

Dr. Jackson: Shared information about our recent school safety visits. I will also be meeting with LWPD Chief Velasquez and will develop a strategic plan with our Leadership Team. We'll also possibly use LWPD for all of our schools.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE

The Gala is coming up. Please come out and support, it is really a very nice and sharp night! I wanted to remind you about our commitment to the Bok Fundraising, please make checks out to the LWCS Foundation. The recent S Florida shooting was troubling. We appreciate Principal Dunson, you handled this beautifully with our students.

XII. PRINCIPALS' UPDATE

Polk Avenue Elementary – Principal Gail Quam

We are very thankful for our Faith Finders volunteers from the Presbyterian Church. Cardinal Day is Friday and we also have Field Day & Honor Roll for K-2. Thanks to the High School for the great Pep Rally for our students. We are excited for our kids with the upcoming testing. We really appreciate Shay for her work with testing.

Edward W. Bok Academy – Principal Dr. Damien Moses

We have a few of our students participating in Polk Slingshot. They developed a business plan that includes drones patrolling the campus. The Kiwanis Club visited and celebrated with our National Honor Society. Our cookie sale went well! We had three teachers that went to the Science Conference in Atlanta and one of them also presented at this event.

Hillcrest Elementary – Principal Jennifer Barrow

We also had a few teachers that attended the National Science Conference in Atlanta. We had the Color Run with our PTO. We have a Safe School Team that is looking at improvements at our school. Thanks to all of our staff we are proud of their work!

Janie Howard Wilson Elementary – Principal Dr. Linda Ray

Thanks to LWCS and all that you do! We are able to do a lot of things with Dr. Jackson's support. A few of our teachers enjoyed the National Science Conference. Thanks to the Charter Office for their assistance and the great support from our Principals. Thanks to Highpoint Church for all their support! They would like to assist us even more and will continue to work with us as needed. You are all invited to our Character Kick-Off which will be held once a month. Our Boys of Grit had three students that received their blazers recently.

Dale R. Fair Babson Park Elementary – AP Rebecca Thomas

Tonight is our school reading night. Our Principal is working with LWPD and the Sheriff on school security. Thanks to Polk Avenue for sharing their Seven Habits with sixty of our 4th and 5th grade students. After the break we will have our Spring Celebration. Please join us anytime!

Lake Wales High School – Principal Donna Dunson

We got our gym back and it looks great! Our Lacrosse team is winning! Thanks to Dr. Jackson, Brian and Robin for their assistance in getting the vet Tech program up and running at our school. We also had a few teachers attend the National Science Conference and they had a great time. We sent our 375 acceptance letters for 9th Graders and we have 66 students on our waiting list. We ordered band uniforms for next year. We have two Gates finalists this year!

XIII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary

Board Approved: _____