



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 27, 2017
Lake Wales High School (Auditorium)
4:00 PM

Trustees Present: Chair Jimmy Nelson, Andy Oguntola, Howard Kay, Pete Perez, Bill Lockhart, Danny Gill

Staff Present: Superintendent Dr. Jesse Jackson, Brian Fisher, Marie Cherrington-Gray, Linda Ray, Elizabeth Tyler, Donna Dunson, Paula Alford, Damien Moses, Julio Acevedo, Stacie Padgett, Richard Columbo, Tami Bates

Others Present: Robin Gibson, Brian Ackley, Honorees

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jimmy Nelson, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 4:21pm.

II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance was done by Pastor Rob Quam. We also had an outstanding performance by the Scottish Unit from LW High School directed by Brandon Alvarado.

III. RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Jesse Jackson, Superintendent

The List of Honorees that were present:

Good Shepherd; Episcopal Church; The Hartline Company; LW Care Center; First Baptist; Pat Cain Wealth Solutions; Gibson Law Firm; Whitehead Construction; GST Family Church; Lowe's of Lake Wales; Christ Church on the Move; First Presbyterian; Alcoma Industries; Polk State College; Nelson/Gill Funeral Home; Vontrice Dawsey; Ridge Fire; Webber International University; Warner University; Duke Energy; Polk County School Board; Lake Ashton Benefit Association; Parlier/Crews Architects.

IV. APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES (October 23, 2017)

Recommend approval of the Board Work Session and Meeting minutes as presented at the November 27, 2017 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve the Board Work Session Minutes was made by Trustee Danny Gill and seconded by Trustee Andy Oguntola. Motion approved unanimously. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Danny Gill and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

Brian Fisher, CFO

Recommend approval of monthly financials as reviewed and presented at the November 27, 2017 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee Danny Gill. Motion approved unanimously.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Jesse Jackson, Superintendent

A. FY 2017-2018 INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT

Recommend approval of the 2017-2018 Instructional Salary Adjustment as distributed and discussed at the November 27, 2017 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Danny Gill and seconded by Trustee Andy Oguntola. Motion approved unanimously.

B. PERSONNEL CHANGES

Recommend approval of the Personnel Changes as distributed and discussed at the November 27, 2017 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee Howard Kay. Motion approved unanimously.

C. 2017-2018 BEST & BRIGHTEST SUBMISSION

Recommend approval of the 2017-2018 Best & Brightest Submission as distributed and discussed at the November 27, 2017 Board of Trustees Work Session. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Howard Kay and seconded by Trustee Andy Oguntola. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. NEXT BOARD WORK SESSION AND MEETING

We do not have a December Board Work Session / Meeting. Our Audit/Finance Meeting will be Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00am at the Central Office. The January Board of Trustees Work Session and Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 22, 2018 at Janie Howard Wilson Elementary. The Work Session will begin at 3:00 PM and the Board Meeting will begin at 4:15pm.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jimmy Nelson, Chair

I must commend Bok Academy for the quality of work and the fine institution that they are with the outstanding work they are doing. LWCS is awesome! We are thankful for our community and its educational system.

IX. TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Andy Oguntola: I visited Janie Howard and I am proud of the recent conversation and where it's going. The Boys of Grit is awesome!

Trustee Howard Kay: Great work going on at Janie Howard. Our LW High School Scottish Unit is the pride of our schools and our community. They did an amazing job this afternoon!

Trustee Bill Lockhart: Thanks to our Board and the diligence with what you do for our schools. Thanks for the raise & bonuses, we appreciate you! This continues to make us competitive salary wise in our area.

X. SCHEDULED PERSON'S ADDRESSING THE BOARD (None)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (None)

Motion to the Board for the authority granted for the Bok application. Motion to approve was made by Trustee Andy Oguntola and seconded by Trustee Danny Gill. Motion approved unanimously.

I move to 1) affirm the previous acquiescence and approval of the Lake Wales Charter Schools' decision to apply to the Polk County School Board, pursuant to Fla. Stat. 1002.331(3)(a)1, on or before August 1, 2017, for the issuance of a charter in order to replicate Edward W. Bok Academy in the form of a school to be known as Edward W. Bok Academy North; and, 2) in the event the Polk County School Board should deny such application, to appeal such denial to the Florida Board of Education.

XII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marie Cherrington-Gray, Corporate Secretary

Board Approved: January 22, 2018