

FAU-Treasure Coast University School, Inc. Special Budget Board Meeting
Friday, February 14, 2014
3:06pm
Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition
10680 Academic Way
Port St. Lucie, FL 34987

I Call to Order/Approval of Close Agenda

Call to order made by Ms. Deborah Hawley at 3:07 p.m.

Motion-Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Roderick Natta

Second-seconded a motion to approve the agenda made by Dr. Valerie Bristor

Motion passed unanimously

II. Board members present:

Ms. Deborah Hawley, St. Lucie Business/Citizen Representative, Chair

Dr. Joel Herbst, Florida Atlantic University, Asst. Dean, PK-12 Schools and Programs: CEO,
TCUS

Dr. Valerie Bristor, Florida Atlantic University, Dean & Professor, COE

Dr. Al Jurenas, Florida Atlantic University, Professor, COE

Mr. Max Kernick, Palm Pointe/Parent Representative

Mr. Roderick Natta, Palm Pointe/Parent Representative

Dr. Jack Scott, Florida Atlantic University, Professor, COE

Dr. Eliah j. Watlington, Florida Atlantic University, Associate Provost, Northern Campuses

Ms. Sandra Wolfe, St. Lucie County School District, Deputy Superintendent Designee

Board Member Dr. Al Jurenas joined by phone

Board Member Max Kernick arrived at the meeting and took his seat at 3:18 p.m.

Board Member Dr. Eliah Watlington arrived at the meeting and took her seat at 3:40 p.m.

A quorum was present

Board Members not present

Mr. Joe Smith, St. Lucie County, Clerk of Court

Others who were present:

Ms. Debra Snyder, Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Mr. Maurizio Apostolico, Tech Teacher, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Mr. Joseph Dargis, Parent

Ms. Kathleen Perez, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Ms. Tina Ruybalid, Instructional Coach, Palm Pointe Educational Research School @ Tradition

Ms. Ibis Villasuso, Recording Secretary

III. Introductions

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the December 6, 2013 minutes passed.

Motion- Approval of minutes was made by Mr. Roderick Natta

Second- Seconded by Ms. Sandy Wolfe

Unanimous approval

V. Recognitions and Awards

None

VI Reports

1. A parent, Mr. Joseph Dargis has requested FAU-Treasure Coast University Schools, provide reimbursement for transportation expenses incurred by the parent for transporting their child from a barrier island to a connector bus approximately 19.6 miles/day. This request would provide reimbursement for the second (spring) semester of 2013-2014 school year only. Board members heard Mr. Dargis case requesting assistance and discussed alternative solutions. Determination was made to take a deny vote, get legal review of situation and get back to board with legal opinion for next meeting.

Motion- Motion to deny requested reimbursement for personal transportation of a student attending Palm Pointe Educational Research School at Tradition was made by Ms. Sandra Wolfe

Second-Seconded by Dr. Al Jurenas

Motion passed on a 7 -1 vote.

Voting nay: Dr. Jack Scott

CEO Report

2. Dr. Herbst reported on Legislative Update/Debt Service and asked board members to review the update. The Florida Department of Education provided for the reauthorization of Fixed Capital Outlay in their 2014-15 budget. In addition, the Office of Educational Facilities has fully funded Charter School Capital Outlay for 2013-2014. These projections provide \$1,480,880 in funding for fiscal 2014-2015. Estimated Certificate Payment Schedule requires \$1,522,281.26 for 2015. The projected 2014-15 COP deficit will be (-) 41,401.20. Current set –aside (-) \$914,644.0.

3. Dr. Herbst informed members of the State of Florida, Department of State certification renewal 2014. Treasure Coast University School, is required to renew corporate status annually. Fees in the amount of \$70.00 were paid and the recent annual report/uniform business report was filed on January 10, 2014.

4. Dr. Herbst provided to board members the Auditor General submission. Requested board members to review the Auditor General, District School Board, Charter School, and Similar Entities, Florida Virtual School, or Virtual Instruction Program Provider Audit Report Submittal checklist.

5. Dr. Herbst informed board member he provided to the State approval of the 2012-2013 OPPAGA Report for Safety and Security best Practices. Florida Statutes, 1006.7 (6), mandates that school district utilize the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) Safety and Security Best Practices to conduct an annual self-assessment of their Safety and Security Program. The Best Practices Safety and Security self-assessment results must be received by the School Board at a publicly notices School Board Meeting.

6. Ms. Kathleen Perez, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School at Tradition presented the Gallup Student Poll is a 20-question survey that measures the hope, engagement and well-being of students in grades 5-12. The primary application of the Gallup Student Poll is as a measure of non-cognitive metrics that predicts student success in academic and other youth development settings. Gallup's research has shown that hope, engagement, and well-being are key factors that drive students' grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment.

7. Dr. Herbst reported the Governor increase the Teacher Salary Allocation. All full-time K-12 public school classroom teachers, as defined in Section 1012.01(2)(a), Florida Statutes are eligible for the salary. Increase.

Principal's Report

Ms. Tina Ruybalid , Instructional Coach presented a power point update about FCAT writing in how they are keeping track of students writing score. A detail of strategy applied to increase student proficiency in writing.

Mr. Maurizio Apostolico, Technology Teacher, made presentation of their technology status and where they hope to go regards to equipment needs.

Ms. Snyder reported the 2014-15 calendar was approved. Ms. Snyder, reported on the Chinese visit and the walk through classroom touring. Presented pictures of the touring of China visitors. The next step is 4 out of 6 of their teachers will be given opportunity to teach in China this summer and all expensed paid for by China.

Lastly, Celebrations at Palm Pointe listed below:

School Related Employee Finalist (Second Year in a Row)

District Champions in Volleyball

Two eighth students received full scholarships to IRSC

Over 600 parents and family members attended Literacy and Linguini Night

Daily Council of Florida awarded Palm Pointe with Fuel Up to Play grant totaling \$4,000.00

VII Discussion Items

VIII Old Business

None

IX. Public Comment

X Announcements, Communications, Board Comments

XI Adjournment

Chairperson Ms. Hawley adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Board members agreed to suspend April meeting and do teleconference if emergency arises.

Next meeting is scheduled June 13, 2014