

MINUTES

Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc. Board Meeting

November 9, 2007

3:00 PM

Superintendent's Office

St. Lucie County School Board, Fort Pierce Florida

Subject: Tradition Charter School

I. Call to Order /Approval of Agenda Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Chair Deborah Hawley called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

II. Welcome Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Present at the meeting were:

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

Ms. Geraldine McPhearson, Florida Atlantic University

Dr. Jack Scott, Florida Atlantic University

Mr. Joseph Smith, St. Lucie County Commissioner

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Florida Atlantic University/CEO, Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc., Ex Officio, member

Dr. Eliah Watlington, Florida Atlantic University

Sandra Wolf, Deputy Superintendent

Members who were not present:

Mr. Michael Lannon, St. Lucie County Schools Superintendent

Dr. Gregory Aloia, Florida Atlantic University

Others who were present:

Mr. John Gillette, Senior Project Manager

III. Introductions Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Dr. Deborah Hawley introduced Mr. John Gillette to the Board as the Senior Project Manager

IV. Recognitions and Awards

Recognition was provided for the progress of the school building construction.

V. Action Items Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO

- A. Tradition Charter School Admissions Policy- The document was further discussed and several changes were suggested. A dialogue regarding the name of the school arose, and the board will consider a more appropriate name in consecutive meetings. A motion was made to extend the deadline for online applications until January 31, 2008.

Motion- Motion was made by Ms. Geraldine McPhearson.

Second- Motion was seconded by Dr. Eliah Watlington

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion- Motion was made by Mr. Joe Smith to change the date for the next board meeting to December 7th.

Second- Motion was seconded by Dr. Eliah Watlington.

Unanimous Approval

VI. **Discussion Items**

Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO

- a. Outreach and Recruitment-Students and Faculty- The recruitment procedures are still in process and outreach strategies need more emphasis.
- b. Status of Principal Search- The search for a suitable principal is still in progress however there have recently been several possible candidates that are currently being considered for the position.
- c. Charter School Grant (RFP)- The RFP grant has not yet been released by the Department of Education.
- d. Programming for children with disabilities- Programs for this population were discussed and the autistic spectrum students that range from mild to moderate will attend the school. Other children with disabilities will receive the typical St. Lucie School Board programs available at typical district schools.
- e. Activity Fee- The Activity Fee will be moved to an Action Item for the next meeting for discussion and potential action.
- f. pK, High School- No Pre-Kindergarten or High School programs will be offered at this time at the school.
- g. Honors and Gifted Program- The board established that the district model will be followed in terms of these two programs. The area has an established gifted school program in an area school
- h. Security- Inter-county transfers of volunteers will be acknowledged for 90 days prior to individuals becoming registered within the specific county system.
- i. Sibling Preference and Demographics- Preference will only be granted to siblings that meet the needed demographic profile.

- j. March Notification- Mr. Thomas is to meet with the SLCSB staff to coordinate the school's notification process with that of the District's Choice Plan.
- k. U.S. Citizens- It is not mandatory for students to be U.S. citizens; however a valid social security number is necessary for research purposes. An allowance to substitute a special student number is available for legal aliens.
- l. IRB (Institution Review Board)- This process provides a university board review, school board process and lab school procedures to protect the rights of children, parents/guardians and others in research studies conducted by university-affiliated lab school.

VII. **Old Business**

Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO

Directors and Officers Insurance- Application has been received and will be completed within the next two weeks.

VIII. **Public Comment**

None

IX. **Announcements, Communications and Board Comments**

The Harbor Branch Merger Event will occur on November 28th from 3-5pm.

X. **Adjournment**

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Ms. Deborah Hawley at 4:50pm.