

Minutes

Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc. Board Meeting

February 8, 2008
Superintendent's Conference Room
St. Lucie County School Board, Fort Pierce, Florida
Subject: Tradition Charter School

- I. Call to Order Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Chair Deborah Hawley called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
- II. Welcome Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Board Members present:
Ms. Deborah Hawley, St. Lucie Business/Citizen Representative, Chair
Ms. Gerri McPherson, Florida Atlantic University
Dr. Jack Scott, Florida Atlantic University
Mr. Joe Smith, St. Lucie County Commissioner
Mr. Michael Lannon, St. Lucie County Schools Superintendent
- Board Members who were not present:
Dr. Gregory Aloia, Florida Atlantic University
- Others who were present:
Mr. Glenn Thomas, Florida Atlantic University/ CEO, Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc., Ex Officio member and Dean Aloia's representative
Ms. Debbie Snyder, Principal of Tradition Charter School
Dr. Marla Brady, Alexander D. Henderson University School
Ms. Lydia Martin, Assistant Principal of Tradition Charter School
Ms. Keona Gardner, Fort Pierce Tribune
Ms. Lindsey Concannon, Recording Secretary
- III. Introductions Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Deborah Hawley reintroduced Debbie Snyder as the principal of the charter lab school and Lydie Martin as the vice principal of the charter lab school.
- Motion: Motion made by Dr. Jack Scott to add Discussion Items K, L, and M. Action item K the board would talk about the physical agent of St. Lucie County School Board. Action item L would be added to talk about the ASE Program and Autism. Action item M was added for the discussion of Florida Atlantic University Faculty involvement.

IV. Approval of Minutes Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Gerri McPherson pointed out how exciting the vast improvement in the growth of numbers and enrichment of the diversity of applications received for the charter lab school.

Motion: Jack Scott motioned to amend the agenda and add to the discussion items FAU Faculty Involvement.

Second: Motion was seconded by Joe Smith.

Unanimous approval

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair noted that Carin Smith attended the last meeting as a representative for Commissioner Joe Smith. Dr. Chris Taylor attended the meeting as a representative for Superintendent Michael Lannon.

Motion: Gerri McPherson motioned to accept the amended minutes.

Second: Dr. Jack Scott seconded the motion.

Unanimous approval.

V. Recognition and Awards Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Deborah Hawley acknowledged that Commissioner Joe Smith is vacating his seat as St. Lucie County Commissioner. Joe Smith will be running for Clerk of the County Court. The board showed support towards Joe Smith and stated that they are saddened by his departure from Commissioner. The board thanked Joe Smith for all that he has done for the county in his term.

Ms. Debbie Snyder recognized the entire board for the wonderful job on meeting the requirements for the new and exciting charter lab school and becoming a real partnership with FAU

VI. Action Items Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

The first and only action item was addressing whether or not to implement activity fees for the charter lab school.

Motion: Mr. Joe Smith made the motion to not charge activity fees.

Second: The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Lannon.

Motion passed 4-1.

Commissioner Joe Smith donated \$2,000 of his discretionary funding as a donation to the charter lab school. The board applauded and thanked Joe Smith. Gerri McPherson went on to thank Commissioner Joe Smith and Debbie Snyder for all of their hard work and dedication to help support and promote the school

VII. Discussion Items

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

A. Principal's Report- School Naming

Ms. Debbie Snyder, Principal

Deborah Hawley, Chair stepped in to inform the board that the protocol for naming a school is that the School Naming Committee comes up with three names that are reported to Superintendent Michael Lannon who intern reports the names to the School Board who has the final decision on the name. Ms. Hawley recommended that school naming be taken off the agenda due to protocol.

Debbie Snyder went on to report that she had the pleasure to meet with Dr. Marla Brady and thanked her for helping with the next step which is the curriculum and research. Another important step is putting together a list of expectations from the teachers. Ms. Snyder assured the board that we are well on our way thanks to Dr. Brady's help. She also reported to the board that the charter lab school will have mandatory uniforms.

B. Status of Student Admissions

Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO

Glenn Thomas reported that they will be calling kindergarteners the first week of March to let them know they have been accepted into the charter lab school.

C. School Dedication

Ms. Debbie Snyder

Debbie Snyder reported that they were planning the School Dedication Ceremony to be about a month after school has started, sometime in September. The date and time are still to be arranged. Ms McPherson suggested the dates be run by Frank Brogan and Michael Lannon.

D. CEO Initiatives and Incentives

Mr. Glenn Thomas

In order to keep the faculty there should be an incentive for them to stay at the lab school. Glenn Thomas stated that Ms. Debbie Snyder would work with Dr. Marla Brady and FAU to help come up with some complimentary incentives.

Gerri McPherson stated that Florida Atlantic University is going through a tremendous budget cut and FAU is trying to accommodate but the outcome may be challenging at this point.

E. Board Committees and Organization

Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Debbie Snyder and Dr. Marla Brady will join forces and work with district and district personnel and work with Florida Atlantic University. The researchers need to be passionate about the research that goes into the research.

F. Q and A Update

Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO

All comments were collected and will be put into one document. The Q and A page will transition into an active website to get more information to students and parents.

G. Charter School RFP release, grant development Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO
Glenn Thomas reported to the group that the grant was developed and in the process of being delivered when Tallahassee extended the deadline. The grant is now being polished before the new deadline of February 22, 2008. Ms. Gerri McPherson thanked Glenn Thomas and Tim Bargeon.

H. Sunshine Law/Public Records Training Mr. Michael Lannon,
There will be an hour of training before the next meeting, March 7, 2008 at 2:00p.m. to learn the Sunshine Law.

I. District Policy Waiver Process
No Discussion

J. D&O Insurance, Accounting, Legal Services Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO
No Discussion

K. Physical Agent
No Discussion

L. Autism Center Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO
Mr. Glenn Tomas described how magnificent the two Autism rooms in the charter labs school are. A special thank you went out to Dr. Jack Scott for helping design the rooms.

M. FAU Faculty Involvement
Covered in the other discussion items

- VIII. Old Business Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
None
- IX. Public Comment Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
None
- X. Announcements, Communications and Board Comments
None
- XI. Adjournment Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 4:54 p.m.