

Minutes

Treasure Coast University Schools, Inc. Board Meeting

May 9, 2008
Superintendent's Conference Room
St. Lucie County School Board, Fort Pierce, Florida

- I. Call to Order Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Chair Deborah Hawley called the meeting to order at 1:17 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, Commissioner of St. Lucie County
Dr. Eliah Watlington, Florida Atlantic University/Assoc. Dean North Cps.
- Board Members who were not present:
Dr. Gregory Aloia, Florida Atlantic University
Superintendent Michael Lannon
- Others who were present:
Mr. Glenn Thomas, Florida Atlantic University/ CEO, Treasure Coast
University Schools, Inc., Ex Officio member and Dean Aloia's
representative
Miss Debbie Snyder, Principal of Tradition Charter School
Ms. Lydia Martin, Assistant Principal of Tradition Charter School
Ms. Barbara Slaga, Assistant Superintendent for ESE/Student Services
Dr. Kathy McGinn, Assistant superintendent Strategic Planning
Dr. Christine Taylor, Area Assistant Superintendent Operation
Ms. Michelle Jerger, SLCSB, Student Records
Mrs. Kellie Leveille, Recording Secretary
- III. Introductions Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

There were no new parties at the table for introductions.
- IV. Approval of Minutes Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Motion: Gerri McPherson motioned to accept the minutes.
Second: Motion was seconded by Jack Scott.
Unanimous approval

- V. Recognition and Awards Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Dr. Aloia will be presented with a letter of recognition from the Treasure Coast University School, Inc. Board for his contributions to the Saint Lucie County School District. Gerri McPherson acknowledged the effort and dedication that Debbie Holly, Glenn Thomas and the Administration personnel from SLCSB put forth to collaborate resources and responsibilities for the Palm Pointe Educational Research School. Accommodations were given to the district from Glenn Thomas.

- VI. Principal's Report (see attached agenda) Miss Debbie Snyder
Debbie Snyder announced that the elective offering of technology was replaced by a 3rd PE to meet state requirements. Opportunities for technology exist thru the tech labs. Miss Snyder announced that faculty and staff were welcomed to tour the school on Saturday May 3rd. Pictures of Palm Pointe along with Palm Pointe logo candy bars were distributed. Miss Snyder advised the hiring of a band teacher, recruited from a Palm Beach private school with an award winning program. Suggestions for the band program include a jazz band, drum line, and offerings to some middle school students. An updated staff roster with teacher demographics was disseminated. Many teachers from Broward and Palm Beach County are relocating to work for Palm Pointe. As of May 2nd, 68 positions are filled. The critical area of need are teachers of autism. Several staff and administration positions are available.

Several successful research meeting with FAU have occurred in conjunction with St. Lucie County staff. The next meeting is on June 5th @ 9:30 a.m., with Dr. Nicoll and Dr. Scott from FAU. This meeting will focus on integrating students with autism into the school environment.

Barbara Slaga advised that Dr. Scott and staff will determine the furniture needs and scheduling of students with autism. She will also seek involvement from the Florida Inclusion Network.

Lydia Martin announced that the punch lists for the buildings are complete. The network and phones are working and furniture delivery will begin on May 19th. Computers will be delivered on Monday May 10th. The expected move in date is May 27th.

Michelle Jerger announced the timeline process of enrollment for student assignments. Letters are being mailed in lieu of phone calls. Several open house meeting were schedule to receive applications and enter students into the system for assignment. As of May 9th 1148 students out of 1434 have been processed.

VII. Action Items Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
None

VIII. Discussion Items Mr. Glenn Thomas, CEO

A separate food service agreement will be developed. The agreement and the draft for the first amendment to the Agreement for Services of Supervisory, Instructional and support Personnel, and for Equipment were disseminated for review. All suggestions should be directed to Glenn Thomas.

IX. Old Business Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair

Start up grant dollars have not been released. FTE will begin July 1st.

X. Public Comment Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
None

XI. Announcements, Communications and Board Comments
Debbie Snyder announced that next meeting will be hosted @ Palm Pointe. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 6th @ 1 p.m. The July meeting is also tentatively scheduled for July 24th @ 3pm, at the SLCSB Superintendent office.

XI. Adjournment Ms. Deborah Hawley, Chair
Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 2:40 p.m.