

FAU-Treasure Coast University School, Inc. Special Budget Board Meeting

Friday, February 7, 2020

1:30pm

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 Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 1:37p.m.

**Motion**-Motion to approve the agenda made by Ms. Lydia Martin

**Second**-seconded a motion to approve the agenda made by Ms. Dana Schang

**Motion passed unanimously**

Board members present:

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

Ms. Dana Schang, Palm Pointe Parent Representative

Dr. Bryan Nichols, Florida Atlantic University, Professor, COE

Ms. Kim Albritton, St. Lucie County School District, Director of Financial Operations,  
Superintendent Designee

Dr. Stephen Silverman Florida Atlantic University, Dean, COE

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

**A quorum was present**

Board Members not present

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

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

Others who were present:

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

Mrs. Kathleen Perez, Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School at Tradition

Mrs. Rachel Koenig, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School at  
Tradition

Mrs. Annette Newsome, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School at Tradition

Mr. John Keelor, Assistant Principal, Palm Pointe Educational Research School at Tradition

Mrs. Kristina Cornwell, Recording Secretary, Florida Atlantic University, Office of Pk-12 Schools and Educational Programs

## II. Approval of Minutes

Review and vote of the October 4<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**Motion-** Approval of minutes was made by Ms. Dana Schang

**Second-** Seconded by Ms. Lydia Martin

**Unanimous Approval**

## III. Agenda Items

1. Dr. Joel Herbst introduced new voting board members Dr. Stephen Silverman and Ms. Kim Albritton. During his introductions he quickly reviewed the previous board item of the withdrawal process as well as an update on two current Florida House Bills. No vote was needed.
2. Dr. Joel Herbst briefly reviewed the TCUS Board insurance policy. The policy remains the same as previous years. He encouraged members to hold the declarations page if needed in the future. This item was for information purpose only.
3. Dr. Herbst advised the Board of the completion of the annual report filing for the Corporation Reinstatement with the state.
4. Dr. Herbst provided an overview of the refunding Certificates of Participation. He detailed the fluctuations of the funding throughout the year.
5. Dr. Joel Herbst reviewed the projection of the Title I funding for the 2020-2021 school year.
6. Dr. Herbst explained there is a \$25k increase in the annual budget adoption due to increases in fees. A brief discussion occurred with no unanswered questions.  
**Motion** – Motion made by Mrs. Joe Smith to accept the FY 20-21 budget as presented.  
**Second** – Seconded by Ms. Dana Schang
7. Mrs. Kathleen Perez began the principal's report.
  - Mrs. Perez announced the theme of this school year is being focused on the future: "Palm Pointe has 2020 vision a focus on our future". The mission of the 2020 school year is to re-charge passion, re-align vision and reconnect with purpose. She emphasized the school is not focusing on past accolades and will move forward to achieve new accomplishments.
  - Mrs. Perez provided a brief review of the school grade history and future goals of the scores for ELA, Math, Science and Civics statistics. She explained the process of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade data increase.

- Ms. Melanie Larson, Mrs. Kathleen Perez and Mrs. Rachel Koenig represented Palm Pointe at the Florida Exceeding Expectations Conference (ECTAC). They showcased the success of the school and provided insight as to how the goals of the school were set and reached. They explained they follow the Marzano framework along with incorporating mindfulness practices school-wide.
- Mrs. Rachel Koenig reviewed the progress towards the ELA proficiency goals. Comparisons between FSA scores and PM scoreboard predicted proficiency. Each subject area has been equipped with an action plan.
- Mr. Keelor reviewed the progress towards math and science proficiency. He noted the 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra has slightly decreased and explained it is the largest class size in the last 4 years. An intervention process is in place which includes tutoring. During the presentation of the science data he stated that staffing changes improved the data scores.
- Mrs. Koenig provided the monthly updates of teacher expectations and challenges and discussed the support systems in place for the students. In November, the administration team reviewed student and teacher data. The teachers tracked student data to identify students at risk. Action plans were created to address the student needs.
- Mrs. Annette Newsome spoke about the action research progression. The grade level groups have decided to take on collaborative learning sessions. She also reviewed the current research projects that are being conducted at the school.
- Mrs. Kathleen Perez closed the principal's report with a presentation of the school and community events.

#### IV. Adjournment

Chairperson Hawley adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.