

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

Friday, June 5, 2020

1:30 pm

Teleconference

I Call to Order/Approval of Close Agenda

Call to order made by Chairperson Deborah Hawley at 1:33p.m.

Motion-Motion to approve the agenda made by Dr. Jack Scott

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

Dr. Stephen Silverman Florida Atlantic University, Dean, COE

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

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

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

A quorum was present

Board Members not present

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

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Review and vote of the February 7th minutes.

Motion- Approval of minutes was made by Dr. Stephen Silverman

Second- Seconded by Mr. Joe Smith

Unanimous Approval

III. Agenda Items

1. Dr. Herbst reviewed the annual contract for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) sponsored National School Lunch Program, the National School Breakfast Program, and the After-School Snack Program. He explained there were no changes to the previous contract and no financial impact for the 2020 - 2021 school year. He explained the costs in the agreement are the standard agreed price from the Department of Agriculture. He requested approval on the agreement as it stands with knowledge that there may be an amendment due to changes in federal funding due to Covid-19.

Motion – Motion to approve the FY20 Food Services Agreement made by Dr. Jack Scott

Second – seconded by Ms. Kimberly Albritton

2. Principal Report provided by Ms. Kathleen Perez.
 - The school has been off campus since Friday, March 13th due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ms. Perez announced they have had a very successful transition to virtual learning due to the St. Lucie County School virtual plan that was implemented at Palm Pointe.
 - Three staff members will not return for the 2020-2021 school year, but the positions have already been filled.
 - A summer school virtual program has been successfully planned for 54 of the students who have been identified with the highest need for additional instruction. The classes will be administered June 15th - July 9th.
3. Chairperson Hawley proposed a discussion on a one-year school attendance waivers for students whose parents are not comfortable with sending their child to school for the new school year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This waiver will hold their seat with the intent that the student will return the following school year. Dr. Herbst communicated he is not opposed to holding the seat, but expressed concern that students may seek placement elsewhere during that hold. This may impact federal funding if the number of held spots were 25 or greater. Ms. Perez requested clarification for students who have a medical concern in returning and asked if they would have an option to sign the waiver as well. Chairperson Hawley suggested a plan to have further discussion with Dr. Herbst and Ms. Perez to replicate a plan similar to the St. Lucie County School District that would not affect the lottery enrollment process.

IV. Adjournment

Chairperson Hawley adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.