

FAU-Treasure Coast University School, Inc. Board Meeting  
Friday, September 28, 2018  
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 1:33 p.m.

**Motion**-Motion to approve the agenda made by Ms. Kerry Padrick

**Second**-seconded a motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Roderick Natta

**Motion passed unanimously**

Board members present:

Dr. Valerie Bristor, Florida Atlantic University, Dean & Professor, COE

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

Mr. Roderick Natta, Palm Pointe/Parent Representative

Ms. Kerry Padrick, St. Lucie County School District, Chief Communications Officer,  
Superintendent Designee

Ms. Dana Schang, Palm Pointe Parent Representative

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

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

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

**A quorum was present**

Board Members not present

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

Others who were present:

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

II. Approval of Minutes

Review and vote of the June 21, 2018 minutes

**Motion**- Approval of minutes was made by Mr. Roderick Natta

**Second**- Seconded by Ms. Dana Schang

**Unanimous Approval**

### III. Agenda Items

1. Dr. Joel Herbst reviewed the Florida Sunshine Laws with the board. Because the members have not changed since the previous presentation year, legal counsel advised a brief overview would suffice for the review of the Florida law.
2. The Board was presented with the Board of Director's Insurance to review the annual renewal of the policy. Dr. Herbst informed the Board the policy had been reviewed by legal counsel and approved a policy amendment that lowered the price of the policy fee. Changes to the policy included a decrease in the overall coverage amount as well no longer carrying the Crime Protection Policy. It was advised that this amount of coverage was no longer necessary to the needs of the members. The financial impact of the revised policy is \$3,895.
3. The Board reviewed and approved the adoption of the annual budget. Chairperson Hawley explained the reason for the amount of the funds not changing was due to the number of students remaining the same throughout the years. The financial impact of this item is \$160,990.80  
**Motion** – Motion made by Mr. Joe Smith  
**Second** – Motion seconded by Dr. Bryan Nichols  
**Unanimous Approval**
4. Dr. Joel Herbst reviewed the Categorical Flexible Spending Resolution. Section 1011.62(6)(b), F.S., provides flexibility to expend selected categorical funds and approve an amendment to the school district's 2018-19 operating budget. The financial impact of this item is \$284,906.  
**Motion** – Motion made by Mr. Roderick Natta  
**Second** – Seconded by Ms. Dana Schang  
**Unanimous Approval**
5. Digital Classroom Plan presented through PowerPoint presentation from Principal Kathleen Perez. The state has allocated \$444,000 which will be used to upgrade the technology of an 11-year-old school.  
**Motion** – Motion made by Ms. Kerry Padrick  
**Second** – Seconded by Mr. Roderick Natta  
**Unanimous Approval**
6. Ms. Melanie Larson provided an update of the action research plans of the 17-18 school year to the Board members as well as future school-based research projects for the 18-19 school year.
7. Mrs. Kathleen Perez presented the Principal Report. This school year's theme is entitled: Diving Deep Into the S.E.A.S (Successfully Educating All Students). She advised they have maintained an "A" rating since the inception of the school in 2008.

She also provided an update on the testing and proficiency of the students based on FSA scores. Mrs. Perez closed the presentation with an overview of the recent school/community events.

IV. Adjournment

Chairperson Hawley adjourned the meeting at 2:25p.m.