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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 3, 2009
Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in regular session at 10:19 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in the Board Room of the Kathleen C. Wright Administrative Center, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Present were: Chair Maureen S. Dinnen; Vice Chair Jennifer Leonard Gottlieb; Members, (Robin Bartleman was absent), Beverly A. Gallagher, Phyllis C. Hope, Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq., Ann Murray, Dr. Robert D. Parks, Benjamin J. Williams, Superintendent James F. Notter, and Edward J. Marko, Esq.

Call to Order Ms. Dinnen, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A moment of silence was requested by Ms. Dinnen, and observed, for Mr. Randy Rogers, who suddenly passed away. Mr. Rogers was the first Student Advisor to the School Board, graduate of Miramar High School, and worked for Publix in Lakeland, Florida, as a lobbyist for government relations.

A moment of silence was requested by Mr. Williams, and observed, for Mr. Andrew Degraffenreidt, Sr., the first black Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner and former district administrator.

Minutes for Approval Motion was made by Mrs. Gottlieb, seconded by Ms. Gallagher and carried, to approve the official minutes for the following Board Meetings: Mrs. Bartleman was absent. Mrs. Kraft and Dr. Parks had not yet assumed their seats on the dais. (6-0 vote)

February 18, 2009 – Special – Student Expulsions

Responding to Mrs. Hope's inquiry, Mr. Notter stated that the February 18, 2009 Regular School Board meeting minutes have not been completed.

Close Agenda Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Gallagher and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. Mrs. Bartleman was absent. Mrs. Kraft and Dr. Parks had not yet assumed their seats on the dais. (6-0 vote)

Ms. Dinnen announced that Mrs. Bartleman will not be in attendance at this meeting, as she is having minor surgery.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Teacher of the Year, Tony Dutra, Hallandale Adult and Community Center

Ms. Murray introduced Mr. Tony Dutra, Teacher, Hallandale Adult and Community Center, who was honored as Teacher of the Year. Mr. Dutra, a reading teacher at Hallandale Adult and Community Center, says his teaching philosophy is inspired by the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "We must be the change we wish to see in the world." The goal of this 11-year teacher is to be the consummate 21st Century teacher for his students. After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) from Florida Atlantic University (FAU), he went on to earn a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from FAU.

Mr. Dutra has successfully merged his passion for both ESE and technology to benefit not only his students, but others across the district. As a former ESE student himself, Mr. Dutra knows how painful it can feel to be "pulled out of class" for special help. He designed and developed a project, in collaboration with Educational Technology Services, which enables ESE and ELL (English Language Learner) students to see and hear text simultaneously, through the use of a portable media player. Gifted students load software and course content on the media players, training the ESE and ELL students how to use the players and serve as mentors. The project creates a "portable classroom" for the students. By the end of the initial testing period, reading proficiency among the ESE students improved by 30 words per minute. Mr. Dutra has presented the project at various conferences and was awarded the Microsoft U.S. Innovative Teacher of the Year Award.

Ms. Murray further stated that Mr. Dutra is known for his ability to foster a "can-do" attitude in his students and co-workers. He always goes above and beyond and thrives on learning, teaching and bettering the lives of his students.

Mr. Dutra, who appeared through video conferencing, welcomed the School Board to his class at Hallandale Adult and Community Center, explained that he integrates technology into his classroom as often as possible. This technology helps to identify the students' reading comprehension skills and laptop computers are used to save on paper. Mr. Dutra explained other classroom methods that he utilizes to help students read.

Ms. Murray stated that the Promethean board is a wonderful tool to help teachers expedite their lessons, a repetitive task that illustrates how students can stay on course.

J. P. Taravella High School Band, Inauguration Experience

Mrs. Kraft informed the assembly that she had previously talked about the band and the wonderful opportunity they had to go to the Presidential Inauguration. She said that the journey of how the band got to go to the inauguration is very interesting and will be presented via video presentation, followed by a video conference appearance by the J.P. Taravella Marching Trojans and Band Director, Neil Jenkins.

A video presentation was shown of the travels and experiences of the J.P. Taravella Marching Trojans, how the band was chosen as the only high school band representing the state of Florida at the Inauguration of the 44th President Barack Obama, and the marching band during the Inauguration Parade performing You Are the Sunshine of My Life, together with Florida's theme song, Old Folks at Home, as they marched before the Presidential reviewing stand.

Following the video presentation of the parade, Mrs. Kraft thanked James Donohue and Eric Powell, BECON, for doing a great job in preparing the video presentation, and the Dwayne Wade Foundation and Vista, both of whom were major supporters of the band. Mrs. Kraft stated this once-in-a-lifetime experience was also made possible by Florida Representatives Robert Wexler, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Stacy Ritter, and local officials who wrote supporting letters, which helped tremendously for the selection committee to know that they had the support of elected officials, especially those who were instrumental in the Obama campaign.

Mr. Jenkins, who watched the presentation with his students through video conference, stated that without the assistance of Mrs. Kraft the band would never have gotten to Washington, D.C. On behalf of the marching band, Mr. Jenkins thanked Mrs. Kraft with a round of applause by his band members.

A few students shared their experience during their trip and performance.

Mrs. Gottlieb stated that she met with the band as they were walking out of the Smithsonian Institute. She said that the band has become a part of history and came back with wonderful learning experiences. Mrs. Gottlieb said she was proud to see the band and a photograph she took was given to Mrs. Kraft to forward to the band. Mrs. Gottlieb thanked Mrs. Kraft for a tremendous job in helping with fundraising and thanked the band for doing a great job.

Ms. Dinnen stated that every Board Member was tremendously proud, having the band representing the school district, Broward County, and the state of Florida, which is an honor. She praised the students and thanked them for making the school district proud, and thanked Mrs. Kraft for her assistance and support.

Mr. Williams, who discussed the cold weather and "Chapstick" so that band members could play their instruments, thanked the band for a great job.

Ms. Murray stated that the impact of this experience will be felt when they are older and have their own children. She thanked the band for their goodwill and wished them good luck with their future endeavors.

Remarking that she was a band member in school, Ms. Gallagher stated that the experience is recorded for them to treasure and will be most appreciated, and the experience will help to shape other experiences in their lives. Ms. Gallagher thanked the band for making Broward County proud and for a great performance.

Mrs. Kraft stated she will continue to put in a “plug” for the band to play in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Mr. Notter thanked Mr. Jenkins and Taravella band students for a fantastic job. He stated this event will always be remembered as a highlight in his career, as the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent stated that in retirement watershed/historic events mark people’s careers, and this event will be an event he will share with his grandchildren, the inauguration of the nation’s 44th president. Mr. Notter further stated he was proud of the school and students and their families, including everyone who helped get the band to the Inauguration. Mr. Notter said these great students represent the school system at its highest level and it is a way to assure the public that this type of activity is the reason why this public school system is so great. He said it is his belief to educate the whole child, especially in the arts and the performing arts.

Mr. Notter further stated that Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Williams, Assistant Band Director, are a benchmark for leadership, as it takes great band directors and assistant band directors to get students to perform at different arenas. The Superintendent thanked them for being teachers in the nation’s 6th largest and best urban and suburban school district, Broward County Public Schools.

Mrs. Kraft informed that Mr. Jenkins is an inductee into the Florida Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame. Mrs. Kraft introduced the Principal, Shawn Cerra.

Mr. Jenkins thanked Mr. Notter for being present for the send-off of the band students to Washington, D.C., as it meant a lot to the students and himself to have his support. Mr. Jenkins thanked Mr. Cerra and North Area Superintendent Sharon Airaghi for their support.

Mr. Cerra thanked the entire school district, Mrs. Kraft and the School Board, Mr. Notter, Ms. Airaghi, Mr. Keith Bromery, Director, Communications and Media Relations, and staff, and the community for their support. He stated everyone is very proud of the students, as they did a great job representing the district and for bringing the community together. Mr. Cerra expressed gratitude to the businesses and the community who came forward to help the students.

Mr. Jenkins informed that the band is preparing for District Evaluations, with all bands in the district participating at Taravella within the next three or four days.

As the presentation was brought to a close, the band performed a song in preparation for the evaluations.

REPORTS

District Advisory Council – Jeanne Jusevic

Mrs. Jusevic announced that Ms. Mickey Loft, former parent leader, passed away unexpectedly two week ago. Mickey was an excellent advocate for many years for ESE children while in the advisory process.

Mrs. Jusevic reported that DAC met on February 11, 2009, with guest speaker Mr. Ben Leong, Chief Financial Officer, and Board Member Ms. Gallagher. Mr. Leong gave a comprehensive presentation regarding the district's budget and the fiscal implications of today's budget climate. Ms. Gallagher gave DAC membership an update of several state and federal legislation, including the stimulus package.

One motion passed 22-8, as follows: That if the district finds that the BAT testing has educational value, then all students should be taking the test once a year.

The South Area presented the following motion which passed 26-1: Move to allow all students assigned to AES, whose parents cannot or choose not to send their child to AES, be allowed to make up their work.

The High School Council presented the following motion, which passed unanimously: That the mechanisms for determining if the competencies have been met be examined, for example, update the test-out option, and that alternative options be considered, for example, demonstrate mastery through core coursework, and that there be consideration to having this requirement met prior to entering high school.

Mrs. Jusevic further reported that DAC has an ongoing letter writing campaign to the Governor and key state legislators, and a letter writing guidebook and companion to the legislative handbook was distributed via the area advisories.

DAC partnered with the PTA at the Rally for Education on February 26, 2009. This event kicked off a growing momentum to get the message out that no more cuts be made and that full funding be made to education.

A comprehensive written report was submitted to the Board.

Ms. Dinnen, on behalf of the School Board, thanked DAC for the letter writing and attending the Educational Rally.

Broward County Association of Student Councils and Student Advisor to the Board – Scott Schwartz

Scott reported that the students of Broward County held their annual Broward Student Leaders Day at Nova-Southeastern University, along with motivational speaker Mike Smith. Students and adults from the county office held workshops ranging from ethical decision making to internet safety. Over 360 Broward under-classmen attended this event.

On Saturday, February 28, 2009, the Broward County Chapter of National Honor Society sponsored their second annual Dodge Ball Championship. Everglades High School and Silver Lakes Middle School were champions.

\$2,000 was raised for the Broward County Special Olympics. At the Spring Rally of the Broward County Chapter of the Future Educators of America, 1,427 camp items were collected for the Homeless Education. This year, BCFEA adopted this project as their service project.

The elections for Student Advisors to the School Board for next year will be held on March 12, 2009, South Broward High School, 4:30 p.m.

A comprehensive written report was submitted to the Board.

Mr. Murray stated that next week is Broward Week and Board Members will be in attendance in Tallahassee.

Diversity Committee – Roland Foulkes

Mr. Foulkes thanked Ms. Dinnen for leading the formal installation of the Diversity Committee Chair and Vice Chair, and membership. Gratitude was extended to Ms. Mary Fertig, Attorneys Chris Fertig, Levi Williams, and Darlene Lidondici of the Fertig and Grambling Law Firm for providing an updated presentation of the Citizens Concerned about Our Children (CCC) lawsuit and its settlement agreement.

Mr. Foulkes thanked Principal Bradford G. Mattair, Assistant Principals Benjamin Paterson and Corey Wilson and the Parkway Middle School of the Performing Arts in Broward Estates, Lauderhill for being one of only four schools in Florida to have been awarded \$61,000 in technology and software by Samsung's Hope for Education program. This award includes four plasma TVs, 15 laptop computers, including digital camcorders and cameras, together with educational software.

Congratulations was extended to Board Member Mrs. Hope for becoming a member of the historic 105 year-old First Baptist Church Piney Grove, Lauderdale Lakes.

Congratulations was extended to Board Attorney Mr. Marko and his staff for hosting a workshop convened at Piper High School for all district committee appointees on February 4, 2009. Remarking that the school district's law firm is diverse, Mr. Foulkes stated it is hopeful that as the firm expands it will recruit, invite, include, promote, retain and reward qualified black males and females.

Mr. Foulkes stated that the Board has been provided information regarding outreach; to arrange and facilitate a diversity and inclusion workshop for the Florida Region VI Legal Aid Services program, and to lecture a Inter-Cultural Communications class at Florida Atlantic University which focuses on the American Presidency and the election of President Obama, and what that means for diversity nationally.

Mr. Foulkes informed that he presented at two workshops at the 9th Annual IDEA Expo sponsored by the Broward Education Foundation, where approximately 400 teachers attended concurrent workshops. The two workshops were Building Bridges: A Peace Corps Classroom Guide to Cross Cultural Understanding, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Race Matters: A Tool Kit.

The Diversity Committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2009, at the K.C. Wright Board room, with an ESOL presentation.

A comprehensive written report was submitted to the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Hope thanked Mr. Foulkes for recognizing her recent membership at the First Baptist Church Piney Grove.

Mrs. Hope informed her colleagues she met Mr. Andrew Degraffenreidt, Sr., the first black Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner and former district administrator, when she first ran for the School Board and he offered a lot of encouragement which she will always remember. Mrs. Hope stated she attended the funeral of Mr. E. Pat Larkins, and thanked him for his years of public service to the Pompano community and Broward County.

Mrs. Hope thanked Commissioner Margaret Bates for hosting a fantastic Black Elected Officials Gala this past weekend, which was the largest gala in the history of Black Elected Officials. Mr. Max Osceola donated \$25,000 for scholarships and donated the use of the Hard Rock facility, as he has done every year for the Gala.

Mrs. Hope congratulated the outstanding seniors recognized at the Leadership Banquet.

Gratitude was extended to Ms. Dinnen for her leadership in the Educational Rally, to join with parents, students and teachers to stand united in support of no more budget cuts to education.

Mrs. Hope reported that Cypress Bay held a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration for Black History Month, including the Inauguration of Barack Obama. Principal Charles Neely performed a wonderful job in organizing this event, as many community members were in attendance, including Mr. Sam Morrison, Mr. Calvin Shirley, Ms. Mercedes Henderson, Senator Nan Rich, and others. Mrs. Hope acknowledged Cypress Bay for its diversity and academics, being one of only 16 high schools from the nation for increasing access to Advanced Placement courses among traditionally underserved students. Specifically, Cypress Bay has achieved the highest number of Hispanic students in the Class of 2008.

Mrs. Hope stated that the City of Fort Lauderdale hosted the Sistrunk Parade and she attended the community gathering and attended the Orange Blossom Parade in the Town of Davie.

Mrs. Hope discussed the Gang Reduction Task Force event held in the City of Sunrise by Attorney General Bill McCollum. Several facts were presented, such that there are 80 gangs in Broward County and that the recent Dunkin Donut shootings were gang related. Voicing concern over this problem, Mrs. Hope stated that she met with some Miami-Dade organizations that are helping to stem this problem in their community in the hope that their ideas can be implemented into Broward. She said the School Board needs to focus on preventing children from being recruited into gangs.

Mrs. Hope attended the Housing Council meeting with Mayor Lois Wexler, a charter that Broward residents voted for so that the Council can develop ideas on affordable housing.

Mrs. Hope showcased missing child Haleigh Cummings, who was taken from her bedroom at her home in North Florida. Anyone with information can contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 1-800-843-5678.

Ms. Gallagher congratulated Mr. Williams for being honored as Democrat of the Year by the Democratic Party of Broward County.

Gratitude was extended to Mr. Damian Huttenhoff, Director, Athletics and Student Support, the City of Miramar and the Broward Performing Arts Center. The one-of-a-kind SEAS program has been extended to the new Miramar Performing Arts Center so that students will not have to transport too far.

Ms. Gallagher discussed what to expect during the Legislative Session which began today. She stated there are a lot of good bills and several Board Members will be in Tallahassee next week to speak to Legislators and attempt to attend committee meetings to make sure that the district's issues are pushed to the forefront. Ms. Gallagher stated that the district needs flexibility with funds to be able to provide and educate children.

Ms. Gallagher thanked the PTA and everyone involved in the rally, and thanked Ms. Dinnen for representing the School Board in Orlando. She urged everyone to attend the rally in Tallahassee.

Ms. Gallagher thanked Ms. Bates for the successful Black Elected Officials Gala, with over 1,200 in attendance, including singer Dionne Warwick and Sheryl Lee Ralph, one of the original Dream Girls.

Ms. Gallagher stated that she will be speaking her new mantra "No Unfunded Mandates" in response to any items that has an unfunded mandate, as these mandates cost the district about \$100 million a year.

Dr. Parks informed his colleagues that a Meet and Greet event was held in Lighthouse Point with Congressman Ron Klein, with the business leaders and commissioners.

Dr. Parks stated that a ground-breaking ceremony was held at Deerfield Beach High School stadium. He stated this is an example of a partnership that does not separate the School Board with the cities, such as an aquatic complex at Deerfield Beach Middle School. Dr. Parks met with the Librarian at the Lighthouse Point Library who accepted the extra district teleconferencing equipment that a volunteer uses to teach children.

Discussing the February 25, 2009 Boundaries meeting, Dr. Parks stated that residents in the North and Central portion of Coconut Creek were thankful for the relief they are getting with the boundary change.

Mr. Williams extended gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Bartleman, Ms. Dinnen and Ms. Gallagher for representing the school district in Tallahassee, and meeting with state legislators.

Mr. Williams thanked Mrs. Kraft and Dr. Parks for their outstanding job in working with the community regarding the boundaries.

Mr. Williams recognized among the 2009 Superintendent's Advanced Placement Studio Arts winners: Charlecia Paul, Third Place, and Amoreena Marciano, Honorable Mention, two students from Dillard High School Center for the Arts.

Mr. Williams thanked and congratulated the Dillard Drum Line for taking part in the Rally supporting funding for public education which was held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at KCW. Gratitude was extended to PTA for spearheading this rally, letting the legislators know that there are serious concerns about public school funding in the state of Florida.

Mr. Williams recognized Dave Thomas Education Center in Coconut Creek for celebrating Black History Month, with participation and questions by students. Mr. Williams also participated in the Black History Month celebration at Arthur Ashe Middle School on February 26, 2009. All the students did a fantastic job.

Mr. Williams informed his colleagues that he rode with Mr. Notter, Mrs. Bartleman, Mrs. Gottlieb, and Mrs. Hope in the Sistrunk Historical Festival Parade. District schools were well represented with their marching bands. Gratitude was extended to everyone for participating: Mr. Rick Case, Rick Case Automotive Group in Weston, for supplying the two Smart Cars for use by Board members, and to Tom King, Service Manager of World Ford in Pembroke Pines for providing the district with Mustangs and drivers.

Mr. Williams stated that more than 1,200 Junior ROTC cadets from 27 district high schools recently participated in the 2009 Broward County JROTC Drill Team Championships. The awards ceremony, which took place at the conclusion of the competition, honored 15 high schools winning individual and/or team event trophies. Stranahan was among the winning schools.

The 27 JROTC programs in Broward County also were competing for the overall ranking and success at the event based on the participation and placement of their individual teams in the 17 competitive categories. Stranahan's Marine JROTC Program was awarded 4th Place.

Mrs. Kraft acknowledged the PTA for holding the successful community rally that was held at KC Wright building. Gratitude was extended for the hard work by Shelly Heller for chairing the committee and organizing the event, and Latha Krishnaiyer for coordinating and organizing the event.

Mrs. Kraft informed that a former classmate of Mr. Randy Rogers, Darlene Karbowski, Assistant Principal Coral Springs Middle School, notified her of Randy's death. Randy was a graduate of Miramar High School and was Director of Government Relations for Publix Supermarkets throughout the state. Randy was also a member of Leadership Florida, Class XXV.

Mrs. Kraft stated that the Florida Thespian District 7 schools performed a benefit for Broward Cares/Equity Fights AIDS benefit on February 25, 2009, whereby all the drama groups from the district's schools performed a spoof on Broadway shows.

On Monday, February 23, 2009, Skanska Corporation held a topping-off ceremony at the School Z site in Parkland. Gratitude was extended to Mrs. Hope and Mrs. Gottlieb for attending, and to Skanska for holding this ceremony. Mr. Kraft explained that the ceremony marks that the last bit of concrete is poured on a building, work is finished on the exterior and the work on the inside is beginning. Skanska chose to place an American flag on the building and celebrated the moment by inviting Board Members, city officials and others to show the community that the school is moving forward and is expected to open on time this summer. Newly-designated Principal Ken King was present and said he looked forward to seeing his new students come into the building.

Mrs. Kraft discussed Agenda Item F-2. Continuation Agreement with the Broward Cultural Council for Arts in Education. She stated since 1984 the School Board and the Council have worked as partners to provide cultural and artistic services to schools, and the Arts in Education program is designed to support student learning objectives that are identified in School Improvement Plans. Mrs. Kraft stated this service was evident from the Taravella Wall, a tile mural project, a collaboration between the arts and other disciplines and resulted in a permanent display of ecological awareness at that school. She thanked her colleagues for approving this agreement.

Mrs. Kraft discussed Agenda Item F-3. New Agreement with the City of Coral Springs. She stated that an agreement was approved with the city, who is awarding \$16,064 in funding to schools located in the city: \$2,500 to Coral Glades for parenting resources to participating families; \$2,446 to Country Hills, purchase of DVDs and violence prevention program material; \$2,5000 to Park Springs to provide students and parents with activities for achieving school success; \$1,000 to Riverside Elementary to conduct a program that addresses teasing and bullying behaviors. Mrs. Kraft stated this is an example of funding that the city has entered into through this agreement, and it is a positive example of the strength of partnerships with municipalities.

The City of Coral Springs is sponsoring their 2nd Annual Teen Political Forum on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the City Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event is run by students and questions are asked of elected officials, and it is a great opportunity for students to hear directly from elected officials and to ask them pertinent questions.

Mrs. Kraft informed that the HGTV show Property Virgins showcased first-time home buyers in Coral Springs, a family who had recently located to the city after having been stationed out of the country for nine years.

She stated that the parents and four children indicated they purchased a home in Coral Springs because of its reputation for having great schools. Mrs. Kraft thanked Sharon Edelman, Realtor and parent of a Coral Glades student for arranging to have Coral Springs featured on this episode.

Student Advisor Scott Schwartz informed that he will be hosting the Political Forum this year, with three of his peers.

Mrs. Gottlieb informed her colleagues that she participated in the Safe Driving webcast. She thanked Mr. Kyle Daily for his hard work on this feature, as automobile accidents are the number one killer of teens ages 15-24. In 2007, 326 teens in Broward County were hospitalized or died as a result of a traffic accident, and 87 percent of all teen driving fatalities are the result of a distracted driver. On February 19, 2009, the School Board, in a partnership with the Dory Schlosberg Foundation, facilitated a 50 minute interactive webcast, Teen Distracted Driving, that included high schools. South Plantation hosted this event and approximately 150 students participated. The webcast is a first in a series of six webcasts that will be produced within the next year, with the hope that the webcast will touch all students in the county and expand into other districts throughout the state.

Mrs. Gottlieb further stated that the district's drivers education program currently services over 7,000 students each year and continuously strives to service all students.

Mrs. Kraft informed that when Representative Ari Porth held the competition for a bill to present to the Legislature, two of the schools presented ideas similar to this issue. He is using this issue as one of the bills that will be presented, including that students within the first six months of driving are not allowed to have more than one other person in the car.

Mrs. Gottlieb thanked Mr. Michael Rajner, her appointee to the Diversity Committee, for organizing a Simmie Williams Memorial Service on Sunday, February 22, 2009. Remarking that she attended the service with Denise King, Simmie's mom, Mrs. Gottlieb stated that unfortunately the crime is still not solved.

Mrs. Gottlieb congratulated her friend, Nadine Smith, Equality Florida, who was honored at the GLCC Gala on Sunday, March 1, 2009. Congratulations was extended to Boulevard Heights for their Community Day on Saturday, February 28, 2009.

Mrs. Gottlieb discussed the Broward Education Consortium Symposium and stated that Dr. Parks served on the panel with Commissioner of Education Dr. Eric Smith, Dr. Frances Haithcock, Chancellor of Public Schools, Dr. Willis Holcombe, Chancellor of Community Colleges and Mr. Frank Brogan, President, Florida Atlantic University. She stated it was an interesting symposium and thanked Dr. Parks for his participation.

Mrs. Gottlieb stated that videos were presented regarding the level of advancement of a Kindergarten class where students were using multiplication in their class. She requested that in looking at the World Class standards that were discussed at the symposium, that the Superintendent work on a strategic plan for Pre-K-2 in Broward County.

Dr. Parks stated that the Consortium came out of the Professional Pathways policy, Section K, that the district wrote in 1999.

Mrs. Gottlieb announced that Elementary C is having their groundbreaking ceremony on March 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., in Lincoln Park, Hollywood, and Ms. Murray will be attending. She stated that Elementary C is the first new school in Hollywood in 40 years.

Ms. Dinnen referred to Agenda Item D-2. Audit Reports for Internal Funds at 13 Schools in the South Central Area, and informed her colleagues that seven of the 13 schools that were listed for no audit exceptions were all in District 3. She congratulated the schools who are doing a good job in their audit reports.

Ms. Dinnen stated that the School Board attended a training session with Dr. Mathis, who provided useful information about the state of California, that 12 school districts are in bankruptcy. Ms. Dinnen stated this issue presents a question of how to deal with a changing world of reduced economics, and how does the Board acquaint themselves with this and how does this get publicized in the district.

Ms. Dinnen attended the Next Generation Symposium which provided a lot of beneficial information. She stated it is a wonderful opportunity for the Board to now work together with Broward College, FAU, Barry University and Nova-Southeastern University. She stated that Mr. Williams emphasized the fact that there is still a real disconnect between the training or education that a person receives to become a teacher and what is actually expected in the first year when the teacher enters the classroom. She said that better communications between the Pre-K system and the higher education system are in order.

Ms. Dinnen further stated that a discussion was held of the changing Sunshine State standards, now called World Class Standards. She stated there was no mention of how to maintain and increase the quality in the current budget climate, even though the symposium was not put together to discuss this issue. Ms. Dinnen said that this issue has a direct bearing on the quality of what districts need to provide students, whether Pre-K or university level.

Ms. Dinnen informed that she participated in the Broward educational rally with Shirley Lewis, Shelly Heller, and Latha Krishnaiyer, and others. The Dillard Drum Line were outstanding, and teachers, legislators, parents and students attended in support of public education. Ms. Dinnen thanked everyone who participated in the event.

On Saturday, February 28, 2009, the FEA Rally was held in the Orlando Arena with over 6,000 participants from throughout the state. Other rallies were held in Brevard and St. Johns counties. Ms. Dinnen informed that on March 18, the PTA, FEA, FSBA and other educational organizations will hold a rally in Tallahassee.

Ms. Dinnen attended the Editorial Board with Mr. Notter, and said that the Board understands that funding problems are serious and they have experienced some of those problems. She emphasized that the one-time stimulus fund is not the total solution, as large amounts are apportioned for certain uses – Title I, IDEA – and it is unknown whether the district will receive a waiver. Ms. Dinnen voiced concern that the district is in competition to have a waiver because the district is one of three states that does not fund its public education system properly. She said the money may not come to the district until September.

Ms. Dinnen stated that the message will continue, beginning with a meeting with the Sun-Sentinel, and she is proud of her colleagues for fighting for the school district.

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Notter stated that as a result of the forward thinking of the School Board, especially as it relates to communications, Broward Schools is now on a free nationally-known site: www.Twitter.com/browardschools.

Speakers

Paul Karasow
Joe Farrow
Rhonda Ward

CONSENT AGENDA Following identification of those items Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, motion was made by Mrs. Gottlieb, seconded by Mrs. Kraft and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items. Mrs. Bartleman was absent. (8-0 vote)

CONSENT ITEMS

A. RESOLUTIONS

- A-1. Resolution in Support of Administrative Professionals Day – April 22, 2009 (Adopted)

Motion was made by Mrs. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Gottlieb and carried, to adopt Resolution #09-75, in support of Administrative Professionals Day, April 22, 2009. Mrs. Bartleman was absent. Mrs. Hope and Dr. Parks were absent for the vote. (6-0 vote)

Ms. Dinnen stated that Board Members depend on their Administrative Assistants who help with their work and endeavors. She expressed gratitude to them for their assistance.

- A-2. Resolution in Support of Juvenile Justice Week – April 19-22, 2009 (Adopted)

Adopted Resolution #09-76, in support of Juvenile Justice Week, April 19-22, 2009.

- A-3. Resolution in Support of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month (Adopted)

Adopted Resolution #09-77, in support of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

- A-4. Resolution in Support of National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 23-27, 2009 (Adopted)

Adopted Resolution #09-78, in support of National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 23-27, 2009.

A-5. Resolution in Support of the 20th Anniversary of the United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse (Adopted)

Motion was made by Ms. Gallagher, seconded by Mrs. Kraft and carried, to adopt Resolution #09-79, in support of the 20th Anniversary of the United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse. Mrs. Bartleman was absent. (8-0 vote)

Following the reading of the resolution, Ms. Gallagher introduced Dr. Joel Kaufman and Ms. Pat Castillo from the Commission on Substance Abuse.

Ms. Gallagher stated that she has been a member of this commission for many years, as a parent and as a School Board Member, and it is one of the most rewarding commissions she has belonged to. Ms. Gallagher said that the commission has worked with schools and has helped children with drug prevention.

Dr. Kaufman thanked the School Board for acknowledging the Commission's 20th anniversary, a drug-free coalition that has been operating for 20 years trying to address substance use and abuse in the community. Dr. Kaufman acknowledged Ms. Gallagher for taking on the issue of the energy drinks, specifically the alcohol energy drinks, which has made a significant impact with the School Board's help.

Dr. Kaufman discussed the advocacy of the prescription drug monitoring system and stated that approximately 30 states have this type of system, with Florida being one of the few states that does not have this in place. Dr. Kaufman stated it would be helpful to pass a bill on this issue to use as a tool in addressing substance abuse and abuse issues. He requested that the School Board advocate for these bills, four similar bills, during the Legislative Session.

Dr. Kaufman thanked the School Board for their support.

Dr. Kaufman and Ms. Castillo were greeted and congratulated by individual Board Members.

A vote was taken on the resolution.

B. BOARD MEMBERS

D. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AUDITOR

D-1. Audit Reports for Internal Funds at 4 Schools in the North Area (Received)

Received Audit Reports for Internal Funds at 4 Schools in the North Area.

Audited the Internal Funds of the schools listed below for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007 and 2008, as authorized by the State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.087(2), Florida Administrative Code and School Board Policy 1002.1.

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Fiscal Year(s)</u>
Coral Glades High School	2008
Cypress Run Education Center	2007 and 2008
*Riverside Elementary School	2008
*Tradewinds Elementary School	2007 and 2008

*Denotes Schools With No Audit Exceptions

The Audit Committee reviewed and approved this report for transmittal to the School Board during the Committee's February 5, 2009 meeting.

The source of funds to perform the Internal Audit Reports was the General Fund budget allocation for the Office of the Chief Auditor. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

D-2. Audit Reports for Internal Funds at 13 Schools in the South Central Area
(Received)

Received Audit Reports for Internal Funds at 13 Schools in the South Central Area.

Audited the Internal Funds of the schools listed below for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, as authorized by the State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.087(2), Florida Administrative Code and School Board Policy 1002.1.

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Fiscal Year(s)</u>
*Bayview Elementary School	2008
*Central Park Elementary School	2008
*Croissant Park Elementary School	2008
*Fox Trail Elementary School	2008
*Harbordale Elementary School	2008
*North Fork Elementary School	2008
*Parkway Middle School	2008
*Plantation High School	2008
*Plantation Middle School	2008
*Silver Ridge Elementary School	2008
*Stephen Foster Elementary School	2008
*Thurgood Marshall Elementary School	2008
*Tequesta Trace Middle School	2008

*Denotes Schools With No Audit Exceptions

The Audit Committee reviewed and approved this report for transmittal to the School Board during the Committee's February 5, 2009 meeting.

The source of funds to perform the Internal Audit Reports was the General Fund budget allocation for the Office of the Chief Auditor. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

D-3. Internal Property Audit Report – Property and Inventory Audits of Selected Locations 2008-2009 (Deferred)

Motion was made by Mrs. Gottlieb, seconded by Ms. Gallagher, to receive Internal Property Audit Report – Property and Inventory Audits of Selected Locations 2008-2009. This motion was superseded by a Motion to Defer (below). Mrs. Bartleman was absent. Mrs. Hope and Dr. Parks were absent for the vote. (6-0 vote)

Property and Inventory Audits of Selected Locations were performed, as authorized by the Florida Statute 2740.02(2), School Board Policy 1002.1, and School Board Policy 3204.

The Audit report represents 18 locations, in which a total of 16 locations had no exceptions and 2 locations had exceptions. The Audit Committee reviewed and approved this report for transmittal to the School Board during the Committee's February 5, 2009 meeting.

The source of funds to perform the Internal Property Audit Reports was the General Fund budget allocation for the Office of the Chief Auditor. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

Ms. Gallagher offered a deferral to the next Board meeting, as Mr. Patrick Reilly, Chief Auditor, Office of the Chief Auditor, is unable to attend the Board meeting.

Ms. Gallagher stated that the inventory audits have been a major issue for the Audit Committee and for the School Board. She stated for the sake of the public, the progress the district has been making in reducing loss of property should be on the record.

Motion to Defer (Carried)

Motion was made by Ms. Gallagher, seconded by Mrs. Kraft and carried, to defer the agenda item to the March 17, 2009 Regular School Board meeting. Mrs. Bartleman was absent. Mrs. Hope and Dr. Parks were absent for the vote. (6-0 vote)

D-4. Internal Audit Report – Audit Report on the Family Counseling Behavioral Health Program Grant – Period Ended September 30, 2008
(Received)

Received Internal Audit Report – Audit Report on the Family Counseling Behavioral Health Program Grant – Period ended September 30, 2008.

As requested by the Agreement with Broward County, we audited the Statement of Grant Assistance for The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Behavioral Health Program Grant for the period ended September 30, 2008. The Audit included a review of the district's accounting procedures and internal controls relating to the grant. In our opinion, the Statement of Grant Assistance presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the grant for the year then ended. Additionally, no funds including interest earned on such funds are due back to Broward County.

The Audit Committee reviewed and approved this report for transmittal to the School Board during the Committee's February 5, 2009 meeting.

The source of funds to perform the Internal Audit Report was the General Fund budget allocation for the Office of the Chief Auditor. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

D-5. Internal Audit Report – Audit of the Broward Alliance for Student Success (BASS) Behavioral Health Program Grant for the Period Ended September 30, 2008
(Received)

Received Internal Audit Report – Audit of the Broward Alliance for Student Success (BASS) Behavioral Health Program Grant for the period ended September 30, 2008.

As requested by the agreement with Broward County, we audited the Statement of Grant Assistance for The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Broward Alliance for Student Success (BASS) Behavioral Health Program Grant for the period ended September 30, 2008. The Audit included a review of the district's accounting procedures and internal controls relating to the grant, as well as an audit of the Statement of Grant Assistance.

In our opinion, the Statement of Grant Assistance presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the grant for the year ended September 30, 2008. Additionally, no funds including interest earned on such funds are due back to Broward County.

The Audit Committee reviewed and approved this report for transmittal to the School Board during the Committee's February 5, 2009 meeting.

The source of funds to perform the Internal Audit Report was the General Fund budget allocation for the Office of the Chief Auditor. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

E. CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

F. CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & STUDENT SUPPORT

F-1. Continuation Agreements with Various Health Care Facilities
(Approved)

Approved the continuation agreements between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, Plantation General Hospital, and Alexander Nininger State Veterans' Nursing Home.

Health Science Education programs provide secondary and postsecondary career and technical students with clinical learning experiences through contractual agreements with hospitals, nursing homes, and other facilities.

The continuation agreements with Plantation General Hospital and Alexander Nininger State Veterans' Nursing Home, will provide clinical experiences to Broward County Schools' Health Science Education students. On-site clinical experiences are necessary to meet curriculum frameworks, student performance standards, and requirements of regulatory agencies for students to qualify for certification/licensure examinations upon program completion.

The Health Science Education programs that are located at 24 high schools are: Allied Health Assisting, First Responder and Practical Nursing.

The Health Science Education programs that are located at the technical centers are: Central Service Technology, Dental Assisting, Medical Coder/Biller, Electrocardiograph (Cardiovascular) Technology, Health Unit Coordinator, Hemodialysis Technician, Massage Therapy, Medical Assistant, Medical Records Transcribing, Medical Lab Technology, Optometric Technician, Patient Care Technician, Pharmacy Technician, Practical Nursing, Emergency Medical Technician and Surgical Technology.

Currently, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has 43 School Board approved agreements with various health care facilities.

Plantation General Hospital will sign following School Board approval.

These agreements have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal content by the School Board Attorney.

There is no financial impact to the district.

F-2. Continuation Agreement with the Broward Cultural Council for Arts in Education (Approved)

Approved the agreement with the Broward Cultural Council and funding in the amount of \$39,800.

Since 1984, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and the Broward Cultural Council have worked as partners to provide cultural and artistic services to schools. The Arts in Education program is designed to specifically support student-learning objectives identified in school improvement plans. Past evaluations of the Arts in Education program reflect that program objectives to facilitate student achievement enables students to become appreciators and producers of the arts.

This collaborative program will provide \$79,600 in funding for school district-wide training and school art residency projects that promote learning in core curriculum and arts disciplines. Under the terms of the agreement, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and the Broward Cultural Council will each contribute \$39,800 to fund the Arts in Education program.

The agreement between the Broward Cultural Council and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, is designed to support education through the arts by:

- Improving students reading skills by integrating the arts in reading programs,
- Developing creative links between the resources of the cultural community and the schools,
- Providing arts experience to students and teachers that offer an opportunity to understand the creative process, aesthetic nature and value of art disciplines, and
- Enabling students to become art appreciators and producers of the arts.

All Broward County Public Schools are eligible to apply for residency projects. Projects are funded up to a \$10,000 maximum. Projects shall support the schools improvement plan and the district's focus on language arts and reading.

Applications for Arts in Education projects will be forwarded to all schools. A joint committee of representatives from the Broward Cultural Council and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, will rank and select the qualified project applicants.

During the 2007-08 school year, schools selected to participate in the arts residency program included Dillard High, Park Springs Elementary, The Quest Center, Taravella High, and Wingate Oaks Center.

The agreement also funds the Arts Integration In-service conference for 2009. The grant will also fund one or two artist in residency projects. The Arts Exposition conference features outside speakers and professionals from esteemed institutions such as the Kennedy Center. All arts disciplines including drama, theater, visual arts, etc., are included in the conference. The conference shall be held at two sites, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Dillard High School Performing Arts. Over 900 classroom teachers and teaching artists participated in the conference in 2008.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal content by the School Board Attorney. Broward County Government will approve the agreement following School Board approval.

There is a financial impact of \$39,800 to the district. The funding source is the Department of Athletics and Student Activities budget and the Student Enrichment Trust Fund. There is no additional financial impact to the district.

F-3. New Agreement with the City of Coral Springs (Approved)

Approved a new agreement with the City of Coral Springs.

The agreement from the City of Coral Springs will award the following:

- 1) \$2,500 to Coral Glades High School to provide parenting resources to participating families.
- 2) \$400 to Coral Springs High School to purchase postage and mailing supplies to encourage parents to attend school meetings.
- 3) \$2,446 to Country Hills Elementary School for the purchase of DVDs and violence prevention program materials.
- 4) \$2,500 to Eagle Ridge Elementary School to purchase trade books and classroom materials for positive character education.
- 5) \$1,218 to Forest Glen Middle School to cover transportation costs for a school-to-work program.
- 6) \$2,000 to James S. Hunt Elementary School to purchase sporting equipment and nutritional supplements.
- 7) \$500 to Maplewood Elementary School to purchase water and materials for the Walk for Diabetes program.
- 8) \$2,500 to Park Springs Elementary School to provide students and parents with activities for achieving school success.
- 9) \$1,000 to Ramblewood Middle School to purchase materials for weekly group sessions for retained students.
- 10) \$1,000 to Riverside Elementary School, to conduct a program that addresses teasing and bullying behaviors.

The School Board Attorney has approved this contract as to form and legal content.

This agreement will be executed after School Board approval.

The positive financial impact is \$16,064. The source of funds is the City of Coral Springs. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

F-4. Grant Applications (Approved)

Approved the submission of grant applications to:

- A. K-12 Access Control, \$197,405
- B. Lowe's Toolbox for Education, \$4,894
- C. Miramar Pembroke Pines Regional Chamber of Commerce, \$520
- D. Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, \$16,000
- E. Target Field Trip, \$2,950
- F. Transition to Teaching, \$1,893,022

Copies of the full grant applications are available at the public stand in the lobby of the KC Wright Building and at the Board Members' Office on the 14th Floor of the KC Wright Building.

The positive financial impact is \$2,114,791 from various sources. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

F-5. Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), and Nova Southeastern University (NSU), to Implement the Early Reading First (ERF) Contract with the U.S. Department Of Education (DOE) (Approved)

Approved the agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), and Nova Southeastern University (NSU), to implement the Early Reading First (ERF) contract with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE).

SBBC was awarded the prestigious ERF Grant in September 2008. The program focuses on enhancing early literacy skills in selected preschool sites that provide services to children from low-income families. SBBC is the only public school district in Florida to have been selected by the DOE to receive the grant during the 2008/09 school year.

SBBC has subcontracted NSU to conduct the mandatory screening and assessment requirements of the ERF grant. NSU will administer the DOE's prescribed screening and assessment instruments to all participating children attending selected ERF sites.

NSU is also required to submit annual reports and analysis of the results to the DOE to demonstrate success of the program.

The agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal content by the School Board Attorney.

The positive financial impact to the district is \$660,252. The source of funds is the U.S. Department of Education. There will be no additional financial impact to the district.

F-6. Agreement with Al Lamberti, as Sheriff of Broward County, Florida
(Approved)

Approved the new agreement with Al Lamberti, as Sheriff of Broward County, Florida, and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

The proposed new agreement with Al Lamberti, as Sheriff of Broward County, Florida, will provide instruction to employees of the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), in computer applications including Microsoft Word, Excel, Power-Point, and Adobe Acrobat. These courses will be provided at McFatter Technical Center and will serve approximately two hundred (200) BSO employees per year.

Classes will be scheduled as indicated on Attachment A of the proposed agreement. BSO shall pay the registration and Post Secondary Adult Vocational (PAVE) fees for each BSO employee registered in these courses.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal content by the School Board Attorney.

The positive financial impact to the district is \$8160 from student registration and postsecondary adult vocational education fees. There is no additional financial impact to the district.

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

G-1. Personnel Recommendations for Instructional Appointments and Leaves for 2008-2009 School Year
(Approved)

Approved the personnel recommendations for the 2008-2009 appointments and leaves as listed on the Executive Summary and respective lists for Instructional staff.

All recommendations are made with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida State Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

The Personnel Recommendations for Instructional Employees include the following items:

1. Teacher Approvals
2. Substitute Teacher Approvals
3. Interim Substitute Teachers
4. Temporary Hourly Teacher Approvals
5. Teacher Extension of Calendar
6. Instructional Leaves

There will be no financial impact to the school district. Funding for the positions has been allocated in the school and department budgets.

G-2. Personnel Recommendations for Instructional Separation of Employment or Discipline for the 2008-2009 School Year (Approved)

Approved the personnel recommendations for separation of employment or discipline as listed in the respective lists for instructional staff. All recommendations are made with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida State Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

The Personnel Recommendations for Instructional Employees include the following items:

1. Instructional Resignations/Retirements/Layoffs
2. Instructional Suspensions/Terminations

There will be no financial impact to the school district.

G-3. Personnel Recommendations for Non-Instructional Appointments and Leaves for the 2008-2009 School Year (Approved)

Approved the personnel recommendations for appointments and reassignments as listed on the Executive Summary, respective lists and individual appointments for Non-Instructional Employees. All recommendations are made pending security clearance and with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida State Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida. Additional information was provided for this item.

The Personnel Recommendations for Non-Instructional Employees include the following sections:

1. Non-Instructional Approval(s)
2. Non-Instructional Reassignment(s) – Promotion(s)
3. Non-Instructional Reassignment(s) – Demotion(s)
4. Non-Instructional Substitutes/Temporaries
5. Non-Instructional Leave(s) – Layoff(s)
6. District Managerial/Professional/Technical
7. Reassignment of Current School-Based/District Managerial/Professional Technical Personnel
8. School-Based Managerial
9. School-Based/District Managerial Acting/Special/Task Assignment(s)
10. School-Based/District Managerial/Professional/Technical Leave(s)
11. Salary Adjustment

Funding has been budgeted in 08-09 fiscal year for all appointments through June 30, 2009.

Newly appointed district personnel were recognized and congratulated.

G-4. Personnel Recommendations for Non-Instructional Separation of Employment or Discipline(s) for the 2008-2009 School Year (Approved)

Approved the personnel recommendations for separation of employment or discipline as listed on the respective lists for Non-Instructional staff. All recommendations are made with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida State Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

The Personnel Recommendations include the following items:

- Non-Instructional Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)
- Non-Instructional Suspension(s)/Termination(s)
- Managerial and Professional/Technical Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)
- Managerial and Professional/Technical Suspension(s)/Termination(s)

There is no financial impact to the school district.

G-5. Supplemental Pay Positions – List #14 (Approved)

Approved the recommended supplemental pay positions of employees for the 2008-2009 school/fiscal year.

Employees are recommended for supplemental pay positions by Principals or Department Supervisors and approved by the Area Superintendent or appropriate Division Head. Supplemental positions are listed alphabetically by last name, with location and supplement type.

The Specific Supplemental Pay Positions include the following type of supplements: Secondary department chairpersons high school; secondary department chairpersons and/or team leaders middle school; elementary grade level chairpersons and/or team leaders; athletic supplements; general supplements; and special supplements for the 2008-2009 school year.

Individuals may be recommended for task assignments that improve the school's/department's programs and/or operations. A computer-generated list of those names is printed and attached revealing all individuals recommended for Non-Specific (SPL). Non-Specific Supplements are additional Task Assignments performed beyond the employee's regular day based on the recommendations of the direct supervisor. Individuals listed meet the requirements for the supplemental positions. The total number of Supplements recommended in this item is 84.

Funding has been budgeted in 08-09 fiscal year for all supplements through June 30, 2009.

G-6. Recommendation(s) for Instructional/Noninstructional Discipline for the 2008-2009 School Year (Approved)

Approved the recommendation(s) for discipline as listed for Instructional/ Noninstructional staff. All recommendation(s) are made with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida State Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

This disciplinary action recommendation is a result of an investigation by the Office of Professional Standards & Special Investigative Unit. The individual(s) involved have been provided the opportunity to appear and participate, with representation, before the Professional Standards Committee and in a pre-disciplinary hearing prior to submission of this recommendation. We have followed the School Board processes for disciplinary action. The requested action(s) is listed.

There is no financial impact to the school district.

H. ATTORNEY

I. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

I-1. Petition for Formal Proceedings (MD) (Received)

Receive the Petition for Formal Proceedings submitted by the Superintendent, in reference to this teacher and that teacher be suspended immediately without pay pending final action on these charges.

The Professional Standards Committee found probable cause of sexual misconduct.

There is no financial impact to the school district.

- I-2. Petition for Formal Proceedings (JL) (Withdrawn)

J. FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

- J-1. Final Construction Documents which include Authorization to Advertise for Bids – New Media Center – Seagull School, Fort Lauderdale – Project No.P.000114 (f.k.a.0601-24-01) (Approved)

Motion was made by Mrs. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Gottlieb and carried, to approve Final Construction Documents, which include Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Seagull School, New Media Center, Project No. P.000114. Mrs. Bartleman was absent. Mrs. Hope and Dr. Parks were absent for the vote. (6-0 vote)

Project Consultant: Harvard Jolly, Inc.
Scope of Work: New Media Center, fire sprinkler system, remodel 2 ADA restrooms, and New BECON Tower
Contract Estimate: \$2,617,959

Final Construction Documents, which include the Advertisement for Bids are available for review at the Facilities and Construction Management Division.

There is no financial impact. The sources of funds are identified in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years 2008-2009 to 2012-2013, page 212.

Mr. Notter stated that he will meet with Mrs. Hope to ascertain that her concerns have been addressed on this item.

- J-2. Amend the Professional Services Agreement/Supplemental Services – Edward Lewis Architects, Inc. – Roof Replacement – Coconut Creek High School – Project No. P.000304 (f.k.a. 1681-23-05) (Approved)

Approved the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement, dated April 26, 2005 between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and Edward Lewis Architects, Inc., by increasing the Supplemental/Reimbursable Services Fee from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The additional \$15,000 will come from District Wide Roofing Replacements.

The increase of \$15,000, is for an additional evaluation of the weight of the existing roof in preparation for the new light weight insulating concrete. The original design was based on keeping the existing lightweight concrete. The project was designed and permitted using that system. Subsequently it was determined that a new substrate would be required to achieve a ¼" slope and ensure proper drainage. As a result, new lightweight insulating concrete was incorporated into the revised roof assembly. An evaluation of the roof was necessary to ensure the existing structure will be capable of holding the increased weight of the new lightweight concrete to be placed on the roof.

This amendment will increase the Supplemental / Reimbursable Services Fee by \$15,000. Funds for this item are included in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years 2008-2009 to 2012-2013, District-Wide Roofing Replacements, page 30 of Appendix E.

J-3. Pre-Qualification of Contractors – Approval of Application and Issuance of Certificates (Approved)

Approved the recommendations of the Superintendent indicated in Exhibit 1.

The Qualification Selection Evaluation Committee (QSEC) convened on February 11, 2009, to review Contractor Pre-Qualification Staff Application Review Executive Summaries received for the following contractors and makes the following recommendations to the Superintendent of Schools:

- Ampco Electric, Inc. – Issue Recommendation to Revise Limits
- *Boran Craig Barber Engel Construction Co., Inc. – Issue Pre-qualification Certification
- H.A. Contracting Corp. – Issue Pre-qualification Re-Certification
- *Hernandez Construction, LLC – Issue Pre-qualification Certification
- James A. Cummings, Inc. – Issue Pre-qualification Re-Certification
- *Lemartec Engineering & Construction Corporation – Issue Pre-qualification Certification
- *Luzer Electric, Inc. – Issue Pre-qualification Certification
- *Roth Bros., Inc. – Issue Pre-qualification Certification

Seating Constructors USA, Inc. – Issue Recommendation to Revoke and deny Pre-qualification Re-Certification

*New Certification **Certified M/WBE and/or SBE

The Pre-Qualification Application reviews were conducted and the recommendations were determined in accordance with F.S. 1013.46, State Requirements for Educational Facilities and Board Policy 7003.

There is no financial impact to the district, therefore this item does not require a collaboration form from the Capital Budget Department.

- J-4. Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage – James B. Pirtle Construction – Pine Ridge Alternative Center, Fort Lauderdale – New Replacement School – Project No. 0653-99-01 (Approved)

Approved the Final Acceptance of the Pine Ridge Alternative Center New Replacement School Project No. 0653-99-01, and release the balance of retainage in the amount of \$17,486.

The contractor, James B. Pirtle Construction, has completed the project scope of work within the contract limits. The Facilities and Construction Management Division is recommending that the retainage be released in the amount of \$17,486.

The funds being released totaling \$17,486 are included in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years, 2006-2007 to 2010-2011, page 122.

- J-5. License Agreement between Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, to Hold the 2009 Broward Schools Transportation Summit (Approved)

Approved the License Agreement between Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, to hold the 2009 Broward Schools Transportation Summit.

The Pupil Transportation Department will be holding its annual operator and attendants training seminar on March 27, 2009.

It is the policy of the Convention Center for the licensee to execute the agreement first.

The School Board Attorney has approved this agreement as to form and legal content.

The financial impact to the school district is \$4,710, and will be paid from the Pupil Transportation Training Auxiliary Budget.

- J-6. Lease and Funding Agreement for Construction and Lease of Parking Facility for Tamarac Elementary School (Approved)

Approved the Lease and Funding Agreement for Construction and Lease of Parking Facility for Tamarac Elementary School.

The School Board and the City of Tamarac have recognized a need for additional parking for faculty, parents and students of Tamarac Elementary School during school hours. The City has identified a parcel excess to its needs on City owned park property adjacent to the school. The SBBC and City are desirous of working together to construct a parking lot on the vacated City parcel for the use of SBBC during the school day and Tamarac Park patrons after school hours. SBBC and the City recognize that joint use of the parking lot will be a mutual benefit to all parties, will serve a public need, benefit the citizens of the City and will foster community support for the City and School Board programs. The City has agreed to serve as the construction manager for this project. Pursuant to this agreement, the City shall construct, or cause to be constructed, parking improvements on City property adjacent to Tamarac Elementary School.

The estimated costs, furnished by the City contractor shall not exceed \$361,995. SBBC shall fund the parking improvements, which shall to be paid to the City of Tamarac. Upon completion and final acceptance of the parking improvements, the City of Tamarac agrees to lease the parking lot to SBBC for ninety-nine years at a rate of \$1.00 per year.

The City of Tamarac requests that the School Board execute the item first.

The School Board Attorney has approved this agreement as to form and legal content.

There is a financial impact to the School District of \$361,995. The source of funding is identified in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years 2008/2009 to 2012/2013, page 123.

- J-7. Contingency Use Directive No. 27 – The Weitz Company LLC, Inc. – New Kitchen/ Cafeteria/Multi-Purpose Bldg. – Village Elementary School – Project No. P.000288 (f.k.a. 1621-21-01) (Approved)

Approved a decrease in the Contingency account in the amount of \$80,032, as provided for in the agreement with The Weitz Company LLC, Inc., and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, for Village Elementary School. This amount is required to relocate electrical feeders to portable classrooms around the new drainage retention area.

This Contingency Use Directive represents the cost to relocate the electrical feeders to portable classrooms around the new drainage retention area. The total amount necessary to accomplish this required action is a reduction to the contract contingency account of \$80,032, from the original contract contingency amount of \$394,594. As a result of various buyout savings and Contingency Use Directives the contingency balance will be \$416,149, including this reduction of \$80,032.

The funds being released totaling \$80,032, are included in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years, 2008-2009 to 2012-2013, page 129. This amount will come from the contingency line of the CM contract. Since this item adjusts the contract allocations and does not affect the project budget, a collaboration form is not required from the Capital Budget Department.

- J-8. Amendment of Professional Services Agreement – ACAI Associates, Inc. – Hollywood Hills High School Remodeling, Renovations, IAQ/HSS/Maintenance – Project No. P. 000299 (f.k.a. 1661-22-01)
(Approved)

Approved the Second Amendment of the Professional Services Agreement ACAI Associates, Inc., for Hollywood Hills High School, Remodeling/Renovations/ IAQ/HSS/Maintenance, Project No. P. 000299 approved by the Board on May 7, 2002.

The Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement rescinds the previous Amendment dated September 6, 2006, that converted portions of the original Agreement into the Construction Management at Risk delivery method, with the exception of the changes to the Scope and Schedule.

The project consultant was directed to stop work April 2005 since the district was contemplating replacing the entire facility. After receiving a Castaldi Report, dated March 8, 2005, that does support replacing the facility, the project consultant was directed to change the scope of the project to accommodate the replacement project. After re-programming this project, the scope was reduced to only include renovations to the gym and auditorium.

After board approval of the changes, including a change to the CM at Risk delivery method, the project consultant resumed work in April 2007. Since this project could not start until 2010 with the CM at Risk project, staff recommends proceeding immediately under the design/bid/build delivery method in the original agreement with the project consultant. This item approves reverting to the design/bid/build delivery and an extension of the contract time.

The School Board Attorney has approved this Amendment as to form and legal content.

There is no financial impact for this item. Therefore, this item does not require a Collaboration Form.

- J-9. Authorize Rejection of Responses – Construction Management at Risk Services – North Side Elementary School, Project No. P.000810 (f.k.a. 0041-25-01), Fort Lauderdale (Approved)

Approved the rejection of the responses received from Bob L. Moss & Associates, Centex Construction LLC, DiPompeo Construction Corporation, MBR Construction, Inc., Padula & Wadsworth Construction, Inc., and Turner Construction Company for North Side Elementary School Project No. P.000810 in accordance with Article VII.A of the RFQ.

Article VII.A of the RFQ authorizes the Board to reject any and all proposals at any time prior to Board approval of the negotiated agreement.

It is recommended that the proposals be rejected so that the scope of work can be enlarged to expand Building #8, demolish Building #3, construct a new classroom building, remediate drainage issues, relocate hot water boiler, upgrade existing HVAC, and upgrade fire alarm and the scope of work can be deleted for the remodeling of Building #4 and painting of all building exteriors.

Proposal documents submitted by the proposers, staff evaluation documents and the Qualification Selection Evaluation Committee's score sheets are available at the Facilities and Construction Management Division.

The funds for this item are included in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years 2008-2009 to 2012-2013. There is no additional impact; therefore, a collaboration form is not required from the Capital Budget Department.

- J-10. Change Orders (Approved)

Approved change orders as listed for various school projects, and approve an additional appropriation of \$61,691 from the Capital Projects Reserve.

<u>Bennett Elementary</u>		Change Order 02	\$19,681
Consultant Error	\$10,936		
Owner Request	\$8,745		
<u>Crystal Lake Middle</u>		Change Order 04	\$5,541
Owner Request	\$5,541		
<u>Pines Middle</u>		Change Order 16	\$61,691
Owner Request	\$61,691		
<u>Pompano Beach Middle</u>		Change Order 01	\$-47,205 (CREDIT)
Owner Request	\$-47,205 (CREDIT)		

<u>Royal Palm Elementary</u>		Change Order 34	\$19,584
Unforeseen Condition	\$19,584		
<u>Sunset Lakes Elementary</u>		Change Order 01	\$-479,706 (CREDIT)
Owner Request	\$-479,706 (CREDIT)		
<u>Village Elementary</u>		Change Order 07	\$8,710
Consultant Error	\$3,130		
Owner Request	\$-4,770 (CREDIT)		
Unforeseen Condition	\$10,350		

Financial Impact: Pines Middle – Project No.: P.000370 \$61,691. An additional financial impact of \$61,691 will come from the Capital Projects Reserve. There is no additional financial impact to the District for the remaining projects.

J-11. Authorize Rejection of Responses – Construction Management at Risk Services – Coral Springs Middle School, Project No. P.000439 and Project No. TBD, Coral Springs (Approved)

Approved the rejection of the responses received from DiPompeo Construction Corporation, MBR Construction, Inc., Padula & Wadsworth Construction, Inc., South Florida Construction Services, Inc., and Turner Construction Company for Coral Springs Middle School, Project No. P.000439 and Project No. TBD, in accordance with Article VII.A of the RFQ, and authorize re-bidding the projects.

Article VII.A of the RFQ authorizes the Board to reject any and all proposals at any time prior to Board approval of the negotiated agreement.

It is recommended that the proposals be rejected so that the scope of work for the new gymnasium coincides with the scope of work that is in the architectural services reuse contract agreement with Zyscovich, Inc., and authorize bidding the new gymnasium at a future date.

The scope of work to remodel the existing gym into a multi-purpose room, expand existing kitchen/cafeteria to accommodate an additional serving line, and replace existing chiller and cooling tower will be procured at a future date via a Request for Qualifications for architectural/engineering services and Hard-Bid for the construction services.

Proposal documents submitted by the proposers, staff evaluation documents and the Qualification Selection Evaluation Committee's score sheets are available at the Facilities and Construction Management Division.

The funds for this item are included in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years 2008-2009 to 2012-2013. There is no additional impact; therefore, a collaboration form is not required from the Capital Budget Department.

- J-12. Request for Qualifications and Authorize to Advertise – Construction Management at Risk Services – Coral Springs Middle School, Coral Springs, Project No. P.001167 (Approved)

Approved the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), Selection Criteria and Selection Criteria Scoresheets for Construction Management at Risk Services for Coral Springs Middle School, and authorize the Public Announcement.

Facilities and Construction Management staff recommend the procurement of construction services utilizing the Construction Management at Risk delivery method due to the complexity, scope, and scale of the projects.

Selection of these projects shall be in accordance with Board Policy 7003 and the procedure prescribed in Exhibit 2. The Qualification Selection Evaluation Committee shall shortlist, interview, and select. The Board will award contract to Construction Manager.

The RFQ is available for review in the Facilities and Construction Management Division.

The funds for this item are included in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years 2008-2009 to 2012-2013, Coral Springs Middle page 142. There is no additional impact; therefore, a collaboration form is not required from the Capital Budget Department.

- J-13. Amend Professional Services Agreement – Construction Management at Risk A/E Provisions – Zyscovich, Inc. – New Gymnasium Building – Reuse of Glades Middle School Gymnasium – Coral Springs Middle School – Project No. 001167 (f.k.a. 2561-25-01) (Approved)

Approved the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Zyscovich, Inc., Coral Springs Middle School, New Gymnasium, Project No. P. 001167.

The First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement provides for the provisions necessary to convert this project from Design/Bid/Build to Construction Management at Risk in order to align the Project Consultant's responsibilities with those of a Construction Manager that will be selected at a future date.

The School Board Attorney has approved the First Amendment as to form and legal content.

There is no financial impact. Therefore, no Collaboration Form is required from Capital Budget.

- J-14. First Amendment to Contract between the City of Fort Lauderdale and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, for the Sale and Purchase of Hortt Administrative Center Site (067.1) (Approved)

Approved the First Amendment to the Contract between the City of Fort Lauderdale and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, for the Sale and Purchase, with attachments, of the Hortt Administrative Center Site (067.1).

On December 9, 2008, the School Board approved a Contract between the City of Fort Lauderdale and The School Board of Broward County, Florida for the Sale and Purchase, with attachments, of the Hortt Administrative Center Site (067.1).

Under Section 2.3.2 of the Contract, the City has sixty (60) days from the effective date of the contract to conduct an environmental audit, and has requested an extension of time from sixty (60) days to one hundred and five (105) days in order to complete its study. All other terms and conditions of the contract remain the same with this exception.

The City of Fort Lauderdale requests that the School Board execute the item first. The School Board Attorney has approved the amendment as to form and legal content.

There is no financial impact to the district; therefore, this item does not require a collaboration form from the Capital Budget Department.

K. OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

OPEN ITEMS

AA. RESOLUTIONS

BB. BOARD MEMBERS

CC. BOARD POLICIES

DD. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AUDITOR

EE. CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

EE-1. Bid/RFP and Other Financial Recommendations \$500,000 or Greater
(Approved)

Motion was made by Mrs. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Gottlieb and carried, to approve the following Bid/RFP and other financial recommendations \$500,000 or greater: Mrs. Bartleman was absent. Mrs. Hope and Dr. Parks were absent for the vote. (6-0 vote)

<u>BID/RFP</u>	<u>Title – Location – Amount</u>
29-091X	Vehicles – Vehicle Maintenance – Amount: \$650,000
29-122R	MRO Lamps – Various – Amount: \$1,900,000

School Board Policy 3320, Part I, Rule n, allows for the purchase of items from contracts awarded by the State of Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Purchasing. Since this is a State of Florida contract, the term of the contract is determined by the Department of Management Services and cannot be modified by The School Board of Broward County, Florida. Award of this contract will allow the Purchasing Department to release Purchase Orders for items awarded in this contract in a timely manner at contract prices. These requests do not increase current budgets.

Board approval of these Bid/RFP recommendations does not mean the amounts shown will be spent. These amounts represent the spending authority, which may be spread among the awarded vendors through the term of this contract from available funds already included in various school/department/center budgets.

Funding is included in various school/department/center budgets.

No discussion was held on this item.

EE-2. Agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.
(Approved)

Motion was made by Mrs. Gottlieb, seconded by Ms. Gallagher and carried, to approve the Agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., based upon information and conceptual proposals received in response to RFI 29-086V – Property Insurance Services. Mrs. Bartleman was absent. Mrs. Hope and Dr. Parks were absent for the vote. (6-0 vote)

On February 3, 2009, the School Board approved direct negotiations with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., for the placement of the District's Property and Casualty Insurance policies. Direct negotiation was then conducted with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. Attached are the results of this successful negotiation. Modifications will be made to the structure of the District's current program consistent with the recommendations identified in Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc.'s proposal. It is anticipated these modifications will result in reduced premiums, maximize financial recoveries in more catastrophic losses, and maintain eligibility for, and access to, FEMA public assistance disaster funds.

During the February 3, 2009, School Board meeting, one of the proposers to RFI 29-086V raised concerns regarding the recommended action. The School Board requested the proposer submit their concerns in writing, and the District's independent insurance consultant provide response to these concerns. Exhibit 3 details the consultant's response to each concern and recommends the district approve the agreement with AJG.

The agreement has been approved as to form and legal content by the School Board Attorney.

The financial impact of placing the district's property and casualty insurance policies for two years is estimated at \$36 million. Capital funds can be used to pay property insurance premiums. The source of funds for all casualty insurance premiums will be the General Fund.

No discussion was held on this item.

FF. CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & STUDENT SUPPORT

GG. HUMAN RESOURCES

HH. ATTORNEY

II. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

JJ. FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

KK. OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

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