

Approved in Open Board Meeting, September 8, 2010

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

August 3, 2010
Tuesday, 9:45 a.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in regular Session at 9:45 a.m., Tuesday, August 3, 2010, in the Board Room of the Kathleen C. Wright Administrative Center, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Present were: Chair Jennifer Leonard Gottlieb; Vice Chair Benjamin J. Williams; Members, Robin Bartleman, Maureen S. Dinnen, (Phyllis C. Hope was absent), Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq., Ann Murray, Dr. Robert D. Parks, Kevin P. Tynan, Esq., Superintendent James F. Notter, and Edward J. Marko, Esq.

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

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

July 20, 2010 – Special – Student Expulsion
July 20, 2010 – Special – Public Hearing – Class Size Amendment Period-by-Period
Implementation Strategies & Costs

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

Following a vote on Agenda Item H-2, the following motion was made:

Motion to Reopen Agenda (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Kraft, seconded by Ms. Murray and carried, to reopen the agenda, to change a Time Certain on Agenda Item F-6. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

Motion to Change Time Certain (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Kraft, seconded by Ms. Dinnen and carried, to change the Time Certain of Agenda Item F-6, from 1:45 p.m. to 10:45 a.m. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

Motion to Close Agenda (Carried)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mrs. Kraft and carried, to close the agenda. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

REPORTS

Broward County Association of Student Councils and Student Advisor to the Board – Maria Rincon

Ms. Rincon reported that a video presentation will be shown to the Board regarding one of the first steps of the BCASC projects, Destination Diploma. The purpose of the video is to encourage students to graduate and get their diploma, not just simply to become involved in extra-curricular activities.

The South Florida Leadership Training Camp was held, successfully attended by 230 students from all over Florida. All Broward County high schools were represented at the camp. Maria said she personally attended the camp and it was one of the most rewarding experiences of her life.

Ms. Dinnen stated that the conference is a wonderful exercise during the summer and prepares students to take leadership roles in various organizations. She thanked the Student Government leaders for their participation and hard work.

The video presentation was shown to the Board.

Employee Unions - Bernie Schultz

Ms. Schultz thanked the Board for limiting the paper use for the Board meeting agenda, stating that she was told by staff to access the agenda through the e-Agenda.

Ms. Schultz reported that BTU has been working with Non-Instructional Staffing and WorkForce One in getting the (ESPs) Para Professionals highly qualified. In September there were 1,200 ESPs that needed to be highly qualified under No Child Left Behind and, as of today, 1,090 have become highly qualified. Some testing will continue this summer to get an additional number qualified. Ms. Schultz stated this is an example of what happens by working collaboratively.

Broward Education Foundation – Jorene Jameson

Ms. Jameson thanked Board Members who attended the 70s - 80s themed event, raising \$500,000 through corporate and private supporters, including in-kind scholarship support for the Nova University, University of Phoenix and Broward College. Through the state's matching grant program, Broward Education Foundation secured another \$150,00 in matching funds for Florida's pre-paid scholarships, bringing the total scholarship program to \$650,000 for this year.

In addition to the fundraising event, Ms. Jameson stated that funds are raised through the generosity of donors who want to establish scholarships in honor of someone. Citrex Corporation this year has established a scholarship in honor of one of their long-time employees, The Brad Peterson Technology Scholarship, which will award two \$5,000 scholarships for students who are pursuing the field of technology and who have unmet financial needs. Students going to four years will get up to \$20,000 from Citrex each. These scholarships are dedicated to Broward students.

Ms. Jameson reported that The Michael Garretson Fund has just been established, a scholarship fund in memory of Michael Garretson. Funds are being collected for this Scholarship fund.

The Broward Education Foundation has been informed that they are the beneficiary of an estate of the late John L. French who passed away in June. Mr. French was a 17-year employee of the Broward School District and he left \$150,000 in his estate to be dedicated to scholarships.

Ms. Jameson provided the Board with results of the Broward Education Foundation scholarship program. 665 applications were submitted by Broward students, all meeting the financial need criteria.

Remarking that only 180 scholarships were awarded, Ms. Jameson stated there is so much unmet need among students who need a lot of funds to be able to pursue higher education. These 180 scholarships will be awarded this month, ranging from one-year scholarships of \$1,000 and up to four-year scholarships with a value of \$20,000. All scholarship recipients will be honored on August 19, 2010 at a reception at Hughes Culinary, 5:30 p.m. Board Members have been invited to attend the presentation.

Ms. Jameson thanked the School Board for their support and helping with the fundraising.

BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Dinnen informed her colleagues that bulletins have been submitted by South Plantation High School's Solar Car team, who placed second at the National Competition at the Texas Motor Speedway. They were also commended as one of the sportsman-like groups they had ever seen. Their instructor, Mr. Allan Phipps, Broward County Teacher of the Year and a finalist in the Florida Teacher of the Year, will be going to Washington, D.C. to receive a medal and an honor from the President of the United States as one of the top math/science teachers in America.

Ms. Dinnen stated that Northeast High School teacher Randa Flinn was one of ten teachers who was selected from a pool of high school science and math teachers from 46 states and two U.S. territories. She will receive \$8,500 directly for the classroom and community, and she will attend the Fellows Institute in Washington, D.C. this week. Congratulations was extended to Ms. Flinn for winning this national honor, the only one in the state of Florida.

Ms. Dinnen stated that in Mr. Notter's recent remarks to the Principals he talked about the district's "new normal" and the relationship of the district with the community. She stated she will reinstitute the Lauderdale Forum, whereby business people, parents and other groups meet to discuss what is occurring in the schools.

Ms. Dinnen further stated that Fort Lauderdale High School was one of the best high schools in the nation, as ranked by U.S. News and World Report, five high schools out of 21,000 schools that were reviewed and evaluated; Atlantic Technical, Nova, Pompano Beach and McFatter high schools.

Ms. Dinnen said she attended the convening of the workshop for Principals, Assistant Principals, Area Directors, and Area Superintendents in laying out of things that the district does. A video was presented about some of the support services that the district is going to attempt to emphasize this year. Ms. Dinnen stated she was impressed with the enthusiasm of Principals and Assistant Principals; crediting administrators who are going through the workshops and teachers who will be coming into the district. She thanked Mr. Notter for giving an inspirational direction to the attendees.

Dr. Parks congratulated everyone on the Board who received the Miami Herald endorsements. He requested the Superintendent to inquire whether the leadership of Broward Teachers Union (BTU) had given themselves an across-the-board 3 percent raise.

Dr. Parks concurred with all union groups for working with the school district on the furlough days.

Mrs. Bartleman thanked the Federation of Public Employees, the Broward County Police Benevolent Association, Confidential Office Personnel Association, Broward Principals and Assistant Principals Association, and the Education Support and Management Association of Broward for agreeing to furlough days, to save jobs and to work with the district. She stated the goal of the School Board is to hire back as many teachers as possible and to restore the arts, music programs and guidance.

Mrs. Bartleman informed that she attended the Superintendent's opening of schools meeting and thanked staff for their efforts and personal sacrifices they make. She stated Mr. Notter and Mrs. Gottlieb did a great job letting everyone know how important they are to the district.

Referring to Agenda Item A-3 Resolution in Support of Family Day: A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children – September 27, 2010, Mrs. Bartleman recognized the importance of sharing a meal with their families, as studies indicate that families who eat together more than three times a week are at 70 percent lower risk for substance abuse than those who eat together less frequently.

Mrs. Bartleman requested that the transition for ESE children going to the middle school and high schools be reinstated. She stated this walk-through is important for schools to have in place, when students go from a self-contained environment whereby the student has one teacher all day and then changing classes.

Mr. Tynan stated that preparations are being made to honor the Flanagan Baseball Team as state champions once the school year commences.

Mr. Tynan informed that he and Mrs. Gottlieb conducted their second meeting with the district's Ethics Panel and a status update will be provided at the next Board Workshop.

Mrs. Kraft recognized the following Resolutions that were approved under the Consent Agenda: A-1. Resolution in Support of National Grandparents' Day – Sunday, September 12, 2010; A-2. Resolution Proclaiming August and September 2010, as Take Your "Parent" to School Months in Florida; A-4. Resolution Proclaiming Saturday, September 11, 2010, as a Patriotic Observance: A Day to Remember.

Responding to Mrs. Kraft's inquiry, Mr. Notter informed that generally on all recognitions the schools are requested to commemorate the event to some extent. He stated he will provide information on how the schools will observe these events.

Mrs. Gottlieb informed that she had the honor and pleasure of greeting district administrators and leaders, on behalf of the School Board, at the Superintendent's summit. She thanked Mrs. Gracie Diaz, Acting Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Development, for the extensive training being given to staff. She thanked the Superintendent for opening the school year with enthusiasm and compassion to all district employees during these economic times.

Mrs. Gottlieb also thanked Ms. Lynette Tannis for attending the summit, along with over 200 participants in attendance. (Ms. Tannis is an intern in the Harvard Urban Superintendent program and has selected Broward County Public Schools to do her internship).

Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Notter for an outstanding job at the summit, which gave administrators and district staff an opportunity to project the new school year in a different direction. He thanked Mrs. Gottlieb for doing an excellent job during her appearance at the summit.

Mr. Williams informed that Broward County's Million Father March was held on the first day of school, Monday, August 23, 2010. Mr. Williams stated that the group works with all municipalities in the district in an effort to get the word out about the importance of parents and adults, throughout Broward County, demonstrating their commitment to education on the first day of classes.

On the first day of classes last year, more than 36,895 nationwide fathers and men who care for children took the time to accompany our students to school for the all-important start of the new school year. We hope to increase that number once again this year.

Mr. Williams welcomed Principals and Assistant Principals to a rewarding new school year.

Responding to Ms. Dinnen's inquiry, Mr. Notter stated there are currently four portables in Haiti which are located in a staging process, prior to being moved inland. There is an agreement that funding for moving the portables will be made by The Clinton Foundation.

Mr. Williams stated that in 2008 the Board agreed to send approximately 95 portables to Haiti. He stated that Channel 4 news will showcase the district's portables and their shipment in a future broadcast. Mr. Williams further stated that 13 additional portables will be sent in the near future, and the district is moving in the right direction to ensure they are all shipped.

Speakers

No delegation of speakers.

Bernie Schultz informed the Board, during Board Reports, that there is no raise being given to anyone connected to the BTU other than staff, who have their own union and negotiate a contract with BTU, or the leadership of the BTU. She stated there is no across-the-board raise.

CONSENT AGENDA Following identification of those items Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, motion was made by Ms. Murray, seconded by Ms. Dinnen and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items (**identified by ***). Mrs. Hope was absent. Mrs. Kraft and Dr. Parks had not yet assumed their seats on the dais. (6-0 vote)

CONSENT ITEMS

A. RESOLUTIONS

- *A-1. Resolution in Support of National Grandparents' Day – Sunday, September 12, 2010 (Adopted)

Adopted Resolution #11-05, in support of National Grandparents' Day, Sunday, September 12, 2010.

- *A-2. Resolution Proclaiming August and September 2010, as Take Your "Parent" to School Months in Florida (Adopted)

Adopted Resolution #11-06, proclaiming August and September 2010, as Take Your "Parent" to School Months in Florida.

- *A-3. Resolution in Support of Family Day: A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children – September 27, 2010 (Adopted)

Adopted resolution #11-07, in support of Family Day: A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children – September 27, 2010.

- *A-4. Resolution Proclaiming Saturday, September 11, 2010, as a Patriotic Observance: A Day to Remember (Adopted)

Adopted Resolution #11-08, proclaiming Saturday, September 11, 2010, as a Patriotic Observance: A Day to Remember.

- A-5. Resolution in Support of Suicide Prevention Week – September 5 – 11, 2010 (Adopted)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried, to adopt Resolution #11-09, in support of Suicide Prevention Week – September 5 – 11, 2010. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

Ms. Murray read the resolution into the record in lieu of her Board report.

- A-6. Resolution in Lieu of Bonding for Palmview Elementary School (Adopted)

Adopted Resolution #11-10, in Lieu of Bonding for Palmview Elementary School.

- *A-7. Resolution in Lieu of Bonding for Norcrest Elementary School (Adopted)

Adopted Resolution #11-11, in Lieu of Bonding for Norcrest Elementary School.

B. BOARD MEMBERS

D. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AUDITOR

- *D-1. Audit of the Internal Funds of Selected Schools in the North, Central and South Areas (Received)

Received Audit of the Internal Funds of Selected Schools in the North, Central and South Areas.

Audited the Internal Funds of the schools listed below for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2008 and 2009, as authorized by the State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.087(2), Florida Administrative Code and School Board Policy 1002.1.

*Coral Springs Elementary School, *Hunt Elementary School, *Maplewood Elementary School, *Norcrest Elementary School, *Park Trails Elementary School, *Collins Elementary School, *Cooper City Elementary School, *Cooper City High School, *Davie Elementary School, *Driftwood Elementary School, *Embassy Creek Elementary School, *Griffin Elementary School, *Gulfstream Middle School, *Hallandale Elementary School, *Hollywood Hills Elementary School, Hollywood Hills High School, *McArthur High School, *Oakridge Elementary School, *Perry Elementary School, *Pines Lakes Elementary School, *Sheridan Hills Elementary School, *Sheridan Park Elementary School, *South Broward High School, *Stirling Elementary School, Watkins Elementary School, *Whispering Pines School, *Central Park Elementary School, *Dillard High School, *Eagle Point Elementary School, *Flamingo Elementary School, *Stephen Foster Elementary School, *Fox Trail Elementary School, *Gator Run Elementary School, Lauderhill Middle School, Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary School, *North Fork Elementary School, Park Lakes Elementary School, *Peters Elementary School, *Tequesta Trace Middle School, *Tropical Elementary School, *Westwood Heights Elementary School

*Denotes Schools With No Audit Exceptions

The Audit Committee reviewed and approved this report for transmittal to the School Board during the Committee's June 24, 2010 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. Internal Property Audit Report – Property and Inventory Audits of Selected Locations 2009-2010 (Received)

Received Internal Property Audit Report – Property and Inventory Audits of Selected Locations 2009-2010.

Property and Inventory Audits of Selected Locations were performed, as authorized by the Florida Statute 274.02(2), School Board Policy 1002.1 and School Board Policy 3204.

The Audit report represents 32 locations in which a total of 19 locations had no exceptions and 13 locations had exceptions.

The Audit Committee reviewed and approved this report for transmittal to the School Board during the Committee's June 24, 2010, 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.

*D-3. Summary of Audit Activities for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and Proposed Audit Plan for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year for the Office of the Chief Auditor (Received)

Received Summary of Audit Activities for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year and Proposed Audit Plan for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year for the Office of the Chief Auditor.

We reported in the Summary of Audit Activities, for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the completed planned audits, reviews and training. We identified over \$2 million in overpayments and /or reimbursable dollars from vendors that were attributed to our audits of construction projects, operational audits of various locations and FTE funding restorations. Our training, District support and procedural changes related to Property and Inventory have resulted in improving efficient use of resources and safeguarding of assets against unauthorized acquisition, use, theft and surplus of assets.

Our operational audit reports were aimed at enhancing the economical and efficient use of resources, safeguarding assets and assisting management with the performance of their responsibilities. Our office furnished analysis, recommendations, counsel and information concerning the activities reviewed. In addition, we conducted the required financial audits of Internal Funds and Property and Inventory for the multiple schools and departments.

We have developed an Audit Plan for the 2010-2011 fiscal year that takes into consideration the fiscal accountability requirements of the district. The proposed Audit Plan for 2010-2011 will be challenging for our audit staff. With the cooperation of the District administration, the Audit Committee and the support of our highly professional audit staff, we look forward to another year of assisting management in the performance of their responsibilities.

This report was presented to the Audit Committee at its June 24, 2010, meeting and to the School Board at its August 3, 2010, 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

- *E-1. Maintenance Support Services for the Live Fire Training Systems at SBBC Fire Academy (Approved)

Approved and authorize the execution of the Maintenance Support Services Agreement with Kidde Fire Trainers, Inc.

The Fire Academy currently owns a Live Fire Training System manufactured by Kidde Fire Trainers, Inc. This is vital equipment used to train students at the Fire Academy. To ensure proper operation and especially to provide a safe environment for students and staff, this equipment must be strictly maintained and repaired. This contract will provide for the necessary services over a period of four (4) years. Pricing will be as follows: Year one – \$35,000; Year two – \$36,750; Year three – \$38,588, and Year four – \$40,517.

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

The total financial impact to provide the necessary support services for the district over four years is \$150,855. This recommendation will be funded from available funds already included in the Fire Academy Budget.

- *E-2. Recommendation on Charter School Food Service Agreements (Approved)

Approved the Charter School Food Service Agreements with: The Charter Foundation, Inc.; Eagles' Nest Community Charter Schools, Inc.; Paragon Academy of Technology, Inc.; Paragon Elementary Charter School, Inc.; Pompano Charter Middle School, Inc.; Sunshine Elementary Charter School, Inc.; and Touchdowns 4 Life Charter School, Inc.

The agencies listed are desirous of obtaining food for the food service programs they are sponsoring, and are requesting that their meals be vended by the Food and Nutrition Services Department.

These contracts have been approved by the School Board Attorney for legal content and form.

The costs of these vended meals will be covered by the revenue received from the agencies. There is no financial impact to the district.

F. CURRICULUM/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & STUDENT SUPPORT

- *F-1. Approval of Requests to Defer the Opening of Charter Schools until the 2011-2012 School Year (Approved)

Approved the requests to defer the opening of Charter Schools until the 2011-2012 school year for: The Charter School of Excellence, Inc., – CSE09-10; The National Ben Gamla Foundation, Inc., – Ben Gamla Charter School Hallandale; New Alternative High School of Broward County, Inc., – Mavericks High of North Broward County; New Alternative High School of Broward County, Inc., – Mavericks High of South Broward County.

On November 10, 2009, The School Board of Broward County, Florida (“SBBC”), approved charter school applications enabling approved charter applicants listed above to open charter schools the 2010-2011 school year. Pursuant to School Board Policy 1163, at the written request of the approved applicant and for good cause shown, the school district may allow the approved applicant to defer the opening of its charter school for a period not to exceed the second year following the approval of its charter application. The decision whether to approve the delayed opening of the charter school shall be within the sole discretion of the School Board.

There is no financial impact to the district.

- *F-2. Charter School Agreement Amendment – Somerset Academy, Inc., (Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter School at North Lauderdale) (Approved)

Approved the Charter School Agreement Amendment with Somerset Academy, Inc., regarding changing the school’s name from Somerset Bay Academy to Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter School at North Lauderdale, and revising its address.

On May 18, 2010, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved a Charter School Agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., (Somerset Bay Academy), to open a charter school serving grades K-8 for the 2010-2011, school year.

Somerset Academy, Inc., desires to amend its charter school agreement to change the name of the school to Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter School at North Lauderdale, and to revise its address for the 2010-2011 school year and subsequent years.

A copy of the Charter School Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Somerset Academy, Inc., (Somerset Bay Academy), is available in the Board Members' office on the 14th floor of the KC Wright Building, and on the public stand in the lobby of the KC Wright Building.

A copy of the full application is available at the Charter Schools Support office on the 13th floor of the KC Wright Building.

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

There is no financial impact to the district.

F-3. Charter School Agreement Amendment – Somerset Academy, Inc.,
(Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High School at North
Lauderdale) (Approved)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mr. Tynan and carried, to approve the Charter School Agreement Amendment with Somerset Academy, Inc., regarding changing the school's name from Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High School (Broward Campus), to Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High School at North Lauderdale, and revising its address. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

On May 18, 2010, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, approved a Charter School Agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., (Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High School – Broward Campus), to open a charter school serving grades 9-12 for the 2010-2011, school year.

Somerset Academy, Inc., desires to amend its charter school agreement to change the name of the school to Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High School at North Lauderdale, and to revise its address for the 2010-2011 school year and subsequent years.

A copy of the Charter School Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Somerset Academy, Inc., (Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High School – Broward Campus), is available in the Board Members' office on the 14th floor of the KC Wright Building, the public stand in the lobby of the KC Wright Building.

A copy of the full application is available at the Charter Schools Support office on the 13th floor of the KC Wright Building.

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

There is no financial impact to the district.

Ms. Murray inquired whether changing the name of the school affects the history of the school.

Dr. Joanne Harrison, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Programs and Student Support Services, responded that per School Board policy and the Charter School guidelines, any time there is a name change or change of location it must be submitted to the Board for approval.

*F-4. Grant Applications (Approved)

Approved the submission of grant applications to:

- A. The Belfer Foundation-National Conference for Educators Scholarship, \$1,000
- B. Dollar General Youth Literacy, \$24,989
- C. Florida Learn & Serve Grant Program, \$24,960
- D. ING Unsung Heroes Award, \$2,000
- E. Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund, \$2,797,332
- F. Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund, \$4,999,493
- G. Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund, \$4,882,199
- H. Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund, \$4,901,195
- I. LEGO Children's Fund, \$4,929
- J. Lowe's Toolbox for Education, \$3,990
- K. NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants, \$5,000
- L. SAMHSA Prevention Practices in Schools, \$482,417
- M. Special Salary Assistance Program for Japanese Language Courses Japanese, \$37,878
- N. Target Community Giving Grants Program, \$1,815
- O. Toshiba America Foundation Grants Program for K-6 Science & Mathematics Education, \$680

Copies of the full grant applications are available at the Board Members' Office on the 14th floor of the KC Wright Building.

The positive financial impact is \$18,169,877 from various sources. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

*F-5. National Student Clearinghouse Pilot Project (Approved)

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Department of Education.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a National Student Clearinghouse Student Data for High Schools Pilot project, through a partnership among the Florida Department of Education; The School Board of Broward County, Florida; the National Student Clearinghouse; MPR Associates, Inc.; College Summit; and the Florida Education Foundation. The partnership will work in collaboration to achieve the goal of learning objectives critical to informing how to successfully provide postsecondary outcome data to the secondary sector at scale, including the utilization and dissemination of certain standardized and enhanced reporting. As part of this partnership, the District will participate in partnership meetings and provide data validation and extraction activities.

The positive financial impact is \$26,712. The source of funds is the Florida Department of Education. There is no additional financial impact to the school district.

F-6. The Princeton Review / ACT Preparation (Approved)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Ms. Murray and carried, to approve the Agreement with The Princeton Review for ACT Test Preparation. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is designed to help students served by the program to achieve proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards. The funds are intended to close the achievement gap and help students from all backgrounds achieve high standards.

To that end, the Agreement with The Princeton Review provides ACT preparation for 11th and 12th grade students having failed attempts at the FCAT at the 17 newly designed Title I high schools for 2010-2011 (Blanche Ely, Boyd Anderson, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach, Dillard, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale, Hollywood Hills, McArthur, Miramar, Northeast, Piper, Plantation, South Broward, South Plantation and Stranahan). Afternoon and evening classes will be held through Community School North and South.

The State of Florida allows for ACT concordant scores to replace the FCAT graduation requirement after three failed attempts. The ACT also allows for post-secondary relevant scores to generate more students' acceptance to post-secondary educational institutions, which is aligned with Objective 1.1 and 1.4 of the District's Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives for 2008-2011. The success of this program will be measured by the number of students achieving the required concordant scores in the ACT and monitored throughout the year.

This Agreement with The Princeton Review will provide the following services to Broward County Public Schools:

- ACT Enrichment Program taught by Princeton Review trained teachers for 2,178 students at the 17 Title 1 high schools and 2 community schools.
- 24/7 student access to the Princeton Review's Online Student Center for the students at the 17 high schools (500 seats each).
- Implementation of the Early Edge Program (content and test preparation skills) on a pilot basis in the District for 330 students.
- Teacher training to certify 37 BCPS teachers as ACT instructors to deliver the Princeton Review ACT preparation course for up to 2,178 students during the 2010-2011 school year.
- Teacher training to certify 2 BCPS teachers for the Early Edge pilot program.
- Program management throughout the 2010-2011 school year.

This Agreement will be executed after Board approval. The School Board Attorney has approved this Agreement as to form and legal content.

The financial impact to the district is \$57,000, (\$54,000 from Title 1 and \$3,000 from Workforce Education).

Mr. Williams spoke of the positive impact The Princeton Review has made in helping district high school students. Students who have failed the FCAT three times, if they pass ACT and SAT preparation, those students will receive a high school diploma. Mr. Williams stated that Broward County is the only school district in the state of Florida that has been rewarded this.

Mr. Williams provided a history of the partnership between the Princeton Review and Broward County School District. He stated that during 2007-2008, The Princeton Review first came to Broward County and students at Dillard, Stranahan, Boyd Anderson and Blanche Ely high schools had an opportunity to take preparation SAT and ACT on Saturdays for three years.

Ms. Elizabeth Limardo, The Princeton Review, informed the Board that The Princeton Review is not just a test prep company but it is a company dedicated to getting kids into higher education. Ms. Limardo stated that kids who were not on track for education and who failed the FCAT are being given a sense of college readiness. She stated the The Princeton Review looks forward to continuing its partnership with the School District and helping all students achieve their best.

Thanking Princeton Review for their support, Mrs. Kraft stated that the Board has talked about utilizing the Community Schools and the Be Right Back program to close student achievement gaps. Mrs. Kraft stated that a lot of the funding goes toward teacher training and the district is certifying 37 teachers as ACT instructors. Mrs. Kraft inquired whether there is a revenue producing option to offer an alternative for ACT prep for college bound students who may be going out and spending money on private courses.

Mr. Robert Crawford, Principal, Atlantic Technical Center, informed the Board that there is an online venture that encompasses 500 seats at each of the 17 high schools and community schools that will be offered this program. Other students besides those that are in jeopardy of getting their high school diploma will have an option to participate. The expansion of the program will be expanded to more than the 500 seats at each of the high schools and several community schools.

Mr. Crawford further stated that an attempt is made to offer ACT and SAT prep, but without success. He stated they were unable to attract the necessary students that were needed to run the classes. He stated that he is hopeful and he will work with Ms. Limardo and through the online effort to be able to offer it to more students free of charge and gives parents an opportunity to work with their children.

Mrs. Kraft stated that it could be offered as part of the community school at night, revenue producing, as people pay for the service and they take it more seriously. Mrs. Kraft voiced concern about the families that fall within that gap and said a better job needs to be done to communicate this offer. She suggested working collaboratively with community schools to better market the program.

Ms. Limardo informed that part of the partnership is to work with the schools and provide free workshops and resources, holding parent seminars, ACT versus SAT. Workshops can be conducted at schools for the teaching staff, and several have been conducted for college counselors at Broward Advisors for Continuing Education (BRACE) meetings and advisor meetings.

Ms. Dinnen reiterated that the FCAT does not come from the Broward County School Board, as it is a state mandate, and guidance at the college level puts no value on FCAT. Praising this program, Ms. Dinnen inquired whether individuals can take this as a prep for SAT even if they have passed the FCAT.

Ms. Limardo responded that the students that were identified had failed the FCAT three times; it is an option but the resources were allotted for those students.

Mrs. Bartleman inquired whether a study has been conducted as to why students are passing the ACT and not the FCAT.

Ms. Limardo responded, there is no case study available, as this was the first project of its kind in the state of Florida with The Princeton Review. Ms. Limardo informed that she is a former public school teacher and administrator, and she is interested as to why colleges hold students to a certain standard and why the state holds them to a different standard. She suggested the partnership could combine efforts to conduct case studies.

Concurring, Mrs. Bartleman stated she would prefer the ACT route as opposed to any other criterion referenced test that the state may or may not produce. Mrs. Bartleman concurred that there is a working poor that does not qualify for services and this group needs to be targeted and go back to the SAT, market this at those schools. She stated a lot of people are unemployed and cannot do the \$1,000 SAT prep.

Mrs. Bartleman voiced concern about the Algebra II requirement and requested that in the future a Board Workshop be held to discuss what the district's plans are on this issue. Mrs. Bartleman stated there needs to be two tracks – completing the course work and the SAT.

On behalf of the School Board, Mr. Williams thanked The Princeton Review for bringing forward their “exciting” things in the last few years.

*F-7. Continuation of the CollegeBoard SpringBoard Contract (Approved)

Approved the continuation of the CollegeBoard SpringBoard contract.

SpringBoard is a comprehensive curricular support program built upon national standards necessary for success in college. The program provides in-depth training for all English teachers, on-line support and assessment, curriculum, and ongoing mentorship through The CollegeBoard. The goal of the program is to prepare students for the rigor of high school advanced/honors course work. This contract covers SpringBoard implementation in the following 14 middle schools: Apollo Middle, Arthur Ashe Middle, Beachside Montessori Village, Crystal Lake Middle, Driftwood Middle, Gulfstream Middle, Lauderdale Lakes Middle, Lauderhill Middle, Margate Middle, McNicol Middle, Parkway Middle, Pompano Beach Middle, Rickards Middle and Sunrise Middle.

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

There is a financial impact of \$243,754 to the district. The source of these funds is Title I. There is no additional financial impact to the district.

- *F-8. Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education (CTACE) Period One: Marketing Expenditures August – November 2010 (Approved)

Approved the CTACE Planned Marketing Expenditures for Period One – August through November 2010.

Through the various components of the CTACE marketing and promotion activities, the community is made aware of the many opportunities to enroll in post secondary career & technical, adult general and community education programs, courses and activities for workforce/career development & enhancement, adult literacy, and personal improvement at Broward Technical Centers, Adult Centers and Community Schools. Over 200,000 students enroll annually as a result of the District's marketing and promotion efforts. The District CTACE Marketing Committee, in partnership with Omni Advertising, our advertising agency of record, developed the planned expenditures for August through November 2010.

CTACE marketing and promotion efforts will continue implementing effective strategies that focus on promoting and driving potential students to Browardeducator.com, Browardtechcenters.com and Mycommunityschool.com. During August through November 2010, the CTACE marketing and promotion expenditures will consist of: targeted radio, TV, direct mail, billboards, on-line banners, e-mail blasts, text messaging, and the district phone robot. Marketing and promotion expenditures during this period also include search engine marketing, website maintenance, production services, and social media management.

The funding to cover the cost of the CTACE marketing and promotion expenditures during the first period of 2010 will be derived from an allocation of \$90,000 from the Workforce Education Fund and contributions from student fees collected by the technical, adult and community schools. The technical centers will contribute \$72,500; the community schools will contribute \$61,200 and the adult centers will contribute \$26,000. The total CTACE marketing and promotion expenditures during the months of August, September, October and November 2010 is \$249,700.

The financial impact to the district is \$249,700. The source of funding is Workforce Education and student fees. There is no additional financial impact to the district.

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

- *G-1. Personnel Recommendations for Instructional Appointments and Leaves for 2010-2011 School Year (Approved)

Approved the personnel recommendations for the 2010-2011 appointments and leaves as listed in 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. Temporary Hourly Teacher Approvals
3. 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 2010-2011 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

There will be no financial impact to the school district.

G-3. Personnel Recommendations for Non-Instructional Appointments and Leaves for the 2010-2011 School Year (Approved as amended)

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. **This item was amended to add pages 11-12 to Section 8.**

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) – Layoff(s)
11. Salary Adjustment

Funding has been budgeted in 10-11 fiscal year for all appointments through June 30, 2011.

Newly-appointed district personnel were recognized and congratulated.

G-4. Personnel Recommendations for Non-Instructional Separation of Employment or Discipline(s) for the 2010-2011 School Year (Approved)

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Ms. Dinnen and carried, to approve 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. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

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.

Board Members Bartleman, Ms. Dinnen and Dr. Parks acknowledged administrative staff who are retiring from the school district, including other staff who were noted to have served the district for 30 years.

*G-5. Supplemental Pay Positions – List #2 (Approved)

Approved the recommended supplemental pay positions of employees for the 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 school years.

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 reveals 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 171.

Funding has been budgeted in 2010-2011 school/ fiscal year for all supplements through June 30, 2011.

H. ATTORNEY

*H-1. Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Broward Education Foundation, Inc. (Approved)

Approved the Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Broward Education Foundation, Inc., for use of a facility in which to operate the Kids in Need Resource Center.

Broward Education Foundation (BEF), is a district school board direct-support organization and is authorized to use district property and facilities under Section 1001.453, Florida Statutes. The BEF wishes to use a facility leased by The School Board of Broward County, Florida, as the site of its Kids in Need Resource Center ("Center") to make donated school supplies and products available at no cost to SBBC's schools and teachers. The proposed agreement sets forth the terms under which the BEF may use the leased facility for the Center.

The Lease Agreement between The School Board and the Landlord of the property (BRI 1181 Copans, LLC.) is brought forth as Agenda Item H-2 for The School Board's consideration.

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

There is no financial impact to the district for this Agreement. The financial impact to the district for leasing the facility is provided for in Agenda Item H-2.

H-2. Lease Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and BRI 1811 Copans, LLC (Approved)

Motion was made b Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mrs. Bartleman and carried, to approve the Lease Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and BRI 1811 Copans, LLC. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

The purpose of this lease is to provide a location for the Broward Education Foundation "Kids in Need Center." The location provides warehouse space and retail/showroom space for teachers to select donated school supplies and products, and is conveniently located and highly visible on Copans Road.

The term of the lease is five years with the option to terminate at the end of each lease year. The landlord will make some minor interior renovations, paint and install new flooring at a very reasonable, below market, rental rate.

The landlord will sign the agreement after School Board approval.

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

The financial impact for the first year is \$60,310 plus 3% cap for 5 years totaling \$313,032 plus adjustments. This cost includes basic rent and estimated operating expenses. Funds for this item are included in the Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years 2010-2011 to 2014-2015.

Mrs. Bartleman requested that staff explain the lease agreement and why this is a good investment for the district when there is a shortfall in Capital funds.

Mr. Carter informed that initially this was scheduled to be a new construction project and over the course of time the project scope was revised down due to budget reductions. At some point the level of reductions were not what the Broward Education Foundation needed for the facility. At that point they began to look at vacant district properties that might be able to serve as a center for the Kids in Need but they did not find any available property owned by the district that would meet the requirements of the Kids in Need Center.

Subsequently, the Broward Education Foundation found a property on Copans which met the requirements and the property was the least expensive.

Ms. Jameson informed that the Kids in Need is a long-time project of the foundation, originally housed at Fort Lauderdale High School and displaced by the hurricane. The center has been temporarily housed at the Metric building, an inappropriate site for the center, and it does not meet the minimum standards of the national foundation that funds the Broward Education Foundation.

Ms. Jameson stated that the Broward Education Foundation secures donations from corporations of free supplies, the school district receives about \$600,000 in free supplies every year; it is hopeful that with the new facility to eventually double the return to the school district. In addition, Ms. Jameson stated the Broward Education Foundation is staffing the center with two employees and extended hours will be available to teachers. Ms. James further stated that the products will be housed in the warehouse and a 2,000 square foot retail area will be available, similar to an Office Depot type store.

Ms. Dinnen stated the center is a vital function of the district which provided thousands of dollars of benefit and the lease of \$60,000 is an investment well made.

Responding to Ms. Dinnen's inquiry, Mr. Carter stated that the cost to build a facility would have been approximately \$1.2 million.

Ms. Jameson noted that the center's property has 20 foot high ceilings appropriate for storage, double storage capacity than what the newly-built facility would have provided.

Ms. Dinnen noted that the two staff members for the center will not be financed by the district and they will be paid by the Broward Education Foundation. Ms. Dinnen stated that the center can be used by teachers and students can benefit from year to year, a worthwhile issue that she will support.

Mr. Tynan stated this makes the most economical sense for the time being. He voiced concern with taking a little piece of money and maybe not looking at it in a cohesive fashion, but said he would support the agenda item.

I. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

J. FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

***J-1. Change Orders (Approved)**

Approved change orders as listed for various school projects. All projects have been appropriated in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan (August 25, 2009) and in the District’s Capital Budget.

<u>Beachside Montessori Village</u>		Change Order 07	\$41,535
Consultant Error	\$22,515		
Owner Request	\$19,020		
<u>Pines Lakes Elementary</u>		Change Order 03	\$736
Consultant Error	\$736		
<u>Stirling Elementary</u> (CREDIT)		Change Order 02	\$1,332
Owner Request	\$1,332 (CREDIT)		

All projects have been appropriated in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan (August 25, 2009), and in the District’s Capital Budget, therefore there is no additional financial impact to the district.

***J-2. Approve Request for Qualifications and Authorization to Advertise Continuing Contracts for Cost Estimator Services (Approved)**

Approved the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), Selection Criteria, and Selection Criteria Scoresheet for Continuing Contracts for Cost Estimator Services; and authorize advertising the Public Announcement.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is intended to procure Cost Estimator Services for construction projects. Based on Facilities & Construction Management Division procedures, change order estimates over \$100,000 are required to go out to a 3rd party Cost Estimating Consultant for review.

Selection for the services shall be in accordance with Board Policy 7003 and the criteria in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as indicated in the Exhibits. The Qualification Selection Evaluation Committee shall shortlist, interview, and select up to four firms based on the greatest number of points awarded by QSEC in the evaluation of the proposer’s qualifications. The Board will award contract to the Consultants.

A complete copy of the RFQ is available for review at the Facilities and Construction Management Division.

The funds for this item are included in the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan, Fiscal Years 2009-2010 to 2013-2014. There is no additional impact; therefore, a collaboration form is not required from the Capital Budget Department.

- *J-3. Grant of Utility Easement, Affidavit and Bill of Sale Absolute to Broward County for Palmview Elementary School (Approved)

Approved the grant of a Utility Easement, Affidavit and a Bill of Sale Absolute to Broward County for Palmview Elementary School.

The School Board has installed a water line at Palmview Elementary School as part of the multipurpose building construction project. Broward County Water and Wastewater Service requires an easement for the utility line, affidavit and a bill of sale absolute.

See agenda item A-6 for the companion resolution securing these improvements.

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

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

- *J-4. Hold Harmless Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and RM Parkland Village Square LLC (Approved)

Approved the Hold Harmless Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and RM Parkland Village Square LLC.

Heron Heights Elementary School is experiencing a severe shortage of parking for special events, particularly those sponsored by the PTA. The City of Parkland's Education Advisory Board's liaison for Heron Heights Elementary School has been working with the school and the PTA to look into a solution for the parking problem.

Parkland Reserve builder Centerline has provided subpaving on a lot adjacent to Heron Heights Elementary School owned by RP Parkland Village Square LLC, which has agreed to allow the lot to be used for overflow parking for Heron Heights Elementary School if the School Board will agree to a hold harmless agreement.

RM Parkland Village Square LLC, will sign the agreement after School Board approval.

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

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

- *J-5. Grant of Utility Easement to Florida Power and Light for Electrical Service at Lanier-James Education Center (Approved)

Approved the Grant of a Utility Easement to Florida Power and Light for Electrical Service at Lanier-James Education Center for electric service to the new classroom building.

A ten-foot utility easement is required by Florida Power and Light to provide electrical service to Lanier-James Education Center.

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

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

- *J-6. Annulment of Award and Authorization to Re-Advertise for Bids – Valcom Design & Construction, Inc. – Facade Improvements for Selected Buildings – Blanche Ely High School, Pompano Beach – Project No. P.000722 (f.k.a. 0361-21-01) (Approved)

Approved the annulment of the Award of a Contract to Valcom Design & Construction, Inc., and authorize the re-advertisement for bids at Blanche Ely High School for the Facade Improvements for Selected Buildings, Project No. P.000722.

The Board previously approved the Construction Documents on July 21, 2009.

Bids were received on September 22, 2009, and then on October 20, 2009, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, awarded a contract to Valcom Design & Construction, Inc. One month later on November 25, 2009, the project consultant, Cubellis Inc., ceased all operations and performance, which delayed the commencement of this project.

As a result of the delay, Valcom Design & Construction, Inc., notified The School Board of Broward County, Florida that the Contractor can no longer honor its base bid price; therefore, a Notice to Proceed was not issued and the project was placed on hold. Staff recommends, and the Contractor agrees to the annulment of the award of a contract to Valcom Design & Construction, Inc., at no cost to The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

Scope of Work: Remove existing stucco from exterior perimeter walls of Gymnasium (bldg. #14) and Science Bldg. (bldg. #18). Stucco and paint exterior of buildings. Remove interior walls and ceilings for Science Bldg. and replace.

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

*J-7. Pre-Qualification of Contractors – Approval of Application and Issuance of Certification (Approved)

Approved the recommendations of the Superintendent indicated in Exhibit 1.

The Qualification Selection Evaluation Committee (QSEC) convened on July 21, 2010, 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:

**ABC Construction Inc. – Issue Pre-qualification Re-Certification
Bejar Construction, Inc. – Issue Recommendation to Not Certify
Cannatelli Builders, Inc. – Issue Recommendation to Not Certify
DiPompeo Construction Corporation – Issue Pre-qualification Re-Certification

DooleyMack Constructors, Inc. – Issue Pre-qualification Re-Certification
Governor Construction, Inc. – Issue Recommendation to Not Certify

** JHC Contractors, Inc. – Issue Pre-qualification Certification
Lobban Construction Inc. – Issue Recommendation to Not Re-Certify
Soares Da Costa Contractor, LLC – Issue Recommendation to Not Re-Certify

**T&G Constructors – Approve Appeal to Issue 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.

Contractor Pre-Qualification Staff Application Review Executive Summaries are available for review at the Design & Construction Contracts Department.

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

- *J-8. Grant of Utility Easement, Affidavit and Bill of Sale Absolute to Broward County for Norcrest Elementary School (Approved)

Approved the grant of a Utility Easement, Affidavit and a Bill of Sale Absolute to Broward County for Norcrest Elementary School.

The School Board has installed a water line at Norcrest Elementary School as part of the multipurpose building construction project. Broward County Water and Wastewater Service requires an easement for the utility line, affidavit and a bill of sale absolute.

See agenda item A-7 for the companion resolution securing these improvements.

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

There is no financial impact to the school 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

- CC-1. Revision to Policy #5306 – School and District Technology Usage (Adopted)

Motion was made by Dr. Parks, seconded by Ms. Dinnen and carried, to adopt revisions to Policy #5306, at this final reading. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

- 1) The Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) was extracted from Board Policy 5306 (School and District Technology Use).

- 2) A new policy (5306.1) will be approved to re-establish and govern TAC, which follows the protocol and format of other similar standing District committees (District Advisory Council, Facilities Task Force, Diversity Committee, etc.) Under the new policy, the Committee's operational procedures will be addressed through the Committee's Bylaws.

There is no financial impact to the district.

Dr. Parks inquired whether the language regarding Policy 1.7, Appointment of a School Board Member Representative(s) To a Committee(s), Board Members' appointees, is included in this policy.

Mr. Donnie Carter, Chief Operations Officer, Office of the Chief Operations Officer, responded that the language does not need to be in this policy. Mr. Carter informed that revising Policy 1.7 collectively brings back all the bylaws to the Board to reflect that change in, as well as 1.7.

Dr. Parks stated that Broward County's policy is that each Board Member's one appointment serves on no other committee, the rationale being to get more involvement from the community.

Mr. Carter stated that Policy 1.7 will include the bylaws for each of the committees, which will reflect the one person per committee language.

Dr. Parks stated this has been an issue because there have been comments that it is the same people on multiple committees. He thanked Mr. Carter for conducting the issue with Broward County government.

Mrs. Bartleman requested that the district's Capital projects be memorialized, and when the district receives money a decision can be made as to the priorities regarding technology, establish a timeline as to what will be done and when it will be done. Mrs. Bartleman stated this committee is a good place to discuss these issues because it includes administrators and teachers who know where the need is.

CC-2. New Policy 5306.1 – Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) Policy and Bylaws (Adopted)

Motion was made by Dr. Parks, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried, to adopt the new policy 5306.1 to re-establish and govern the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC), at this final reading. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

- 1) The Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) was extracted from Board Policy 5306 (School and District Technology Use).

- 2) A new policy will be approved to re-establish and govern TAC, which follows the protocol and format of other similar standing District committees (District Advisory Council, Facilities Task Force, Diversity Committee, etc.). Under the new policy, the Committee's operational procedures will be addressed through the Committee's Bylaws.

There is no financial impact to the district.

Dr. Parks stated that Mr. Carter has indicated when Policy 1.7 is brought forward all bylaws will be changed that relate to membership on committees.

CC-3. Emergency Policy 3.2.1. – Universal – Free Breakfast Program (Adopted)

Motion was made by Ms. Dinnen, seconded by Mr. Williams and carried, to adopt Emergency Policy 3.2.1. – Universal – Free Breakfast Program in order to timely implement a breakfast program for school year 2010-2011, as required by Section 1006.06(5), Fla.Stat., in schools in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals" and to find that an immediate danger to the public health or welfare exists that requires this emergency action to meet the nutritional needs of the students of Broward County Public Schools. Mrs. Hope was absent. (8-0 vote)

F.S.1006.06(5) mandates that by "the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, the universal school breakfast programs must be offered in schools in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals." This mandate further requires that the policy make a determination on the provision of a universal – free breakfast program at these locations by August 23, 2010 – the start of the new school year. The policy represents the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt an emergency policy in order to timely implement said program. Pursuant to Section 120.54 (4), Fla.Stat., the School Board adopts the written statement of specific facts and reasons to support the finding of an immediate danger to the health and welfare of the students of Broward County Public Schools which finding requires this emergency action, and the School Board also finds that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. This emergency rule becomes effective immediately on the date it is adopted.

The financial impact to the district is estimated to be in the sum of \$158,560, in the first year of the program.

Mrs. Bartleman requested that a robo call be made or a mailer to schools that will be offering the universal school breakfast program, especially the first day, because a lot of parents may be unaware that this is available.

Mr. Carter responded that the robo calls are already in place and, additionally, annually parents are provided information through various media regarding the Free and Reduced program. Calls will also be made to the 20 percent of students who may or may not be on Free and Reduced lunch that can also take advantage of the breakfast as well.

Dr. Parks informed that the Wellness Committee has an outreach program through the Multi-Cultural department; an increase has been made to the number of students on receiving the Free and Reduced lunch. This is to benefit the health of the children and the program also goes towards grant applications.

- DD. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AUDITOR
- EE. CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
- 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

Following the Board Members reports at 11:37 a.m., the following Attorney-Client Session commenced at 11:45 a.m.

Announcement by Chair

“The School Board of Broward County, Florida will meet in an Attorney-Client Session in accordance with Section 286.011(8), Florida Statutes on August 3, 2010 at 11:45 a.m. the Attorney-Client Session will be held in the Board Room on the first floor of the Kathleen C. Wright Administration Center, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301.

“The purpose of the Private Session is for the School Board and counsel to discuss pending litigation relative to the following case: State of Florida Department of Transportation vs. Broward County School Board, et. al., Case No. 10-242707, before the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. A certified court reporter will record the entire Session.

“The following persons will attend this Attorney-Client Session: School Board members: Jennifer Leonard Gottlieb, Chair; Benjamin J. Williams, Vice-chair; Robin Bartleman; Maureen S. Dinnen; (Phyllis C. Hope was absent); Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq.; Ann Murray; Dr. Robert D. Parks; Kevin P. Tynan, Esq.; James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools; Mitchell J. Bornstein, Esq.; Peter D. Waldman, Esq.; Robert Paul Vignola Esq.; and Edward J. Marko, Esq.

“Telephone conferencing or other telecommunications technology may be used in the conduct of these attorney client Sessions to permit absent board members to participate and to be heard by other School Board members and counsel.”

Following the conclusion of the Attorney-Client Session, Mrs. Gottlieb reconvened the Regular School Board meeting and adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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