

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
8<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
THURSDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2018– 6:30 P.M -9: 30 P.M.**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>April 2017- APRIL 2018</b>	
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Robert Audet	P	1	0
Jessica Basi	P	4	1
Maureen S. Dinnen	P	8	2
Dale Fulton	P	6	4
Thomas Harrison	P	1	2
Deniece Jones	A	5	5
Terry Large	P	6	1
Dr. Heather Munns	A	8	2
Dr. Maureen Persi	P	6	4
Christopher Relyea	P	1	0
Austin Scott, <b>chair</b>	P	10	0
Betty Shelley	P	5	5
Dr. Barbara Signer	P	8	2
M. Elaine Wilson	A	4	6
Dr. Allen Zeman, <b>vice-chair</b>	P	7	0

**Appointed Members to the Board: 15  
Needed to constitute a quorum: 8**

**Staff**

Junia Robinson, Staff Liaison

- I. **Opening and Pledge of Allegiance – Chair**, Austin Scott
- II. **Attendance by Roll Call – Chair**, Austin Scott  
**New member introductions:** Thomas Harrison, Robert Audet and Christopher Relyea
- III. **Determination of quorum**

As of this date, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, there are 15 appointed members to the board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a **quorum**.

**IV. Approve minutes (March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018)**

**MOTION** by Dr. Zeman, seconded by Ms. Dinnen that the said minutes for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** by Dr. Zeman, seconded by Mr. Relyea to ask the City to begin using the services of Prototype to transcribe the Education Advisory Board meeting minutes, starting next month. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**V. Current Business****A. Martha Mercier - Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)**

Ms. Mercier gave an update to the board stating that “session has ended not favorable to Broward County Public schools but session is over”. Ms. Mercier referred to House bill 755 and Senate bill 7026. She provided a copy of the PowerPoint from the legislative session meeting which was held at Fort Lauderdale high school on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Mercier also provided the PowerPoint presentation from the Forum on School Safety held on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. She announced an email address has been set up to report safety issues. The address is: [safety@browardschools.com](mailto:safety@browardschools.com). If you have suggestions or concerns about school safety aside from danger and threats that take place on campus, the email address will be useful. Ms. Mercier reported the single point of entry discussion is at the top of the S.M.A.R.T initiative. The School Board and the leaders of our district are working to make sure that single point of entry is covered for all schools by the end of 2018.

**MOTION** by Dr. Zeman, seconded by Mr. Relyea to invite Superintendent Runcie, his Senior Staff, School Board members Heather Brinkworth and

Dr. Osgood to the next meeting scheduled on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm related to the active shooter training to find a solution on May 17<sup>th</sup>. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATION to COMMISSION**

**MOTION** by Mr. Relyea, seconded by Dr. Zeman that the communication sent through the City Commission to the Office of the Superintendent should also be sent to each School Board member of Broward County Public schools, with an additional paragraph in the communication. This communication was sent through the City Commission to the Office of the Superintendent on April 04<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There has been no response to our communication and we find the inaction on the active shooter training unacceptable.

#### **B. Goal oriented workshop discussions**

Dr. Zeman began the discussion by updating the new members on the goals set forth by the board. He said “to improve our effectiveness at getting some things done”. Dr. Zeman shared and explained the top three goals to the new board members.

Dr. Persi and Dr. Signer provided an update to the Board of their findings related to volunteer programs in schools (excel spreadsheet attached). Dr. Signer shared she called each school three times and still has not received data from all the schools. She shared “we did get enough particularly with the elementary schools and Dr. Persi and I will continue with the high schools because they haven’t been responsive”. Dr. Signer explained after reviewing the data results “it seemed to fall into district programs or school based programs”. She stated that most of the schools preferred school based programs while some volunteer coordinators were not aware of the district volunteer programs. Dr. Signer said “another area that came up was male mentoring and some of the schools saw this as an in-house and not district program”. Dr. Signer said the “takeaway from this is that schools are

very comfortable with their own in class volunteer program and they want more people from the community”.

Terry Large provided an update on the school counselor goals. He said since the last meeting, he sent an email to the Area 4 supervisor with Broward County Public schools but have not gotten a reply.

Robert Audet volunteered to be a part of the charter school committee.

Dr. Zeman addressed the last goal by saying “we’ve been able to get a mountain of data from the school board, they have put together a team of researchers to help us get all the data from Fort Lauderdale schools organized in such a way so that we can look to where there is 100% capacity or less, test scores, overall student performance and unused capacity”. He continued by saying “even if there is a lot of schools in Fort Lauderdale there’s significantly more schools where Fort Lauderdale residents travel to go to, specifically high schools”. He expressed at the next board meeting if Superintendent Runcie cannot attend, the board can discuss the data the school board is organizing for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

## **VI. New/Future Business**

The board will continue goal oriented discussions

## **VII. Closing**

**Next Meeting  
May 17, 2018**

