

MINUTES

Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Board
Wednesday, January 16, 2008
5:00 PM –7:30 PM
A.D. Henderson University School Media Center
College of Education, Florida Atlantic University

I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Call to order made by Dr. Barbara Ridener at 5:00 PM.

II. Welcome

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Present at the meeting were Dr. Barbara Ridener, Mr. Jerry Alfano, Ms. Maria Gordillo, Ms. Gina Sands, Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Mr. Glenn Thomas, Mr. Alex Nachlas, Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy, Dr. David Perry. Board members that were not present were Dean Aloia. Guests present at the meeting were Dr. Marla Brady, Mr. Marc Hopin, Mr. David Kian and a few parents.

III. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Motion – Motion by Mr. Jerry Alfano to approve the Agenda for January 16, 2008.

Second – seconded by Dr. Shepherd

Unanimous Approval

IV. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Dr. David Perry asked the Board if Dean Aloia should be listed as a member not present.

Mr. Jerry Alfano expressed his concern for the paraphrased public comment in the minutes for the November 7, 2007 Board meeting of Mr. Marc Hopin.

Dr. Ridener requested interpretation by Mr. Kian, General Council, what the Board requirements are for representing a statement. Mr. Kian advised the Board of its discretion of what the minutes reflect. At the minimum, the presenters name, affiliation and nature of concern should be noted.

Motion – Motion by Dr. David Perry to amend the minutes to include the Dean’s name as member not in attendance.

Second – seconded by Mr. Jerry Alfano.

Unanimous Approval

Motion – Motion by Mr. Jerry Alfano to amend public comment in minutes to a summary that will better reflect Mr. Hopin’s comments.

Second – seconded by Dr. David Perry.

Motion – Motion by Ms. Maria Gordillo to table further consideration of minutes until Mr. Alfano can provide a summary that the Board can review.

Second – seconded by Ms. Gina Sands

Unanimous Approval

V. Recognitions and Awards Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Dr. Ridener awarded Mr. Fred Platt with a plaque for exemplary service to the Board. Mr. Platt accepted the plaque and encouraged the Board to move forward positively.

VI. SAC Report Dr. Marla Brady, Principal

1. SAC reviewed School Improvement Plan.
2. Request of funding to expand SAC dollars.
3. SAC Midyear Improvement Plan
4. Academic Enrichment Program
5. Two FAU interns were hired for the Spring Semester.

VII. Director’s Report Mr. Glenn Thomas, Director

Mr. Glenn Thomas briefly explained the finance committee is working through the budget.

VIII. Action Items

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Mr. David Kian, General Council, advised the Board on changes to the current By-Laws. Mr. Kian reviewed the Articles and explained which changes were considered legal and which were best practices.

Ms. Gina Sands thanked Mr. Kian for attending and his work with the current By-Laws.

The Board asked for clarification on a few changes that were made. The By-Laws will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on January 29th. The FAUS Board will then vote on them at the February 6th Board meeting.

Motion – Motion by Dr. Ridener to amend By-Laws.

Seconded – seconded by Dr. Ramasamy

Unanimous Approval

IX. Discussion Items

Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy

Education Committee – Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy informed the Board that there was no report.

Finance Committee- Mr. Jerry Alfano informed the Board the finance committee is presently working through the budget at scheduled workshops.

Personnel Committee – Ms. Gina Sands recommended the Board wait for approved By-Laws before accepting applications to fill a current vacancy on the Board. Mr. Alfano suggested the Board follow the current By-Laws.

Dr. Ridener made known the Director’s evaluations have been collected and will be presented at the next personnel meeting for review. The evaluation results will then be presented to the Board for review.

X. Old Business

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

XI. Public Comment

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

XII. Announcement, Communications and School Board Comments

Ms. Gina Sands announced author Debra Frasier will be visiting A.D. Henderson on Thursday January 17, 2008.

XIII. Adjournment

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Barbara Ridener at 7:30 PM.