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**Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Board
Wednesday, November 7, 2007
5:00 PM – 5:45PM
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 Mr. Jerry Alfano, Ms. Maria Gordillo, Dr. Barbara Ridener, Ms. Gina Sands, Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Mr. Glenn Thomas, Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy, Dr. David Perry. Board members that were not present were Mr. Alex Nachlas. Guests present at the meeting were Dr. Marla Brady, Mr. Marc Hopin, and a few parents.

III. Approval of Minutes Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Dr. Deborah Shepherd stated the School Board Policy 4.00 was sent to the Education Committee

Motion – Motion by Mr. Jerry Alfano to approve the Minutes for October 3, 2007

Second – seconded by Dr. Shepherd

Unanimous Approval

IV. Recognitions and Awards Dr. Marla Brady, Principal

1. A.D Henderson School was given an invitation to reapply for the United States Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award in 2009 by the Florida Department of Education, but because the ADHUS had received the nations high and prestigious award for the first time in its 35 year history in 2004 and there is a required five year period between successive awards, the school was unable to make application.
2. Amanda King was the only 8th grader at the state high school swimming championships and placed 8th of 24 state competitors.
3. Mr. Glenn Thomas announced that President Brogan has approved permanent status for four teachers. He also approved for two promotions.

V. SAC Report

Dr. Marla Brady, Principal

1. SAC reviewed and approved final format and data plan for 2006-2007.
3. Request of funding for OASIS plan has been approved.
4. Implemented AM Morning fitness program on November 6th, 2007.
5. More funding requests are being submitted.
6. SAC continues to need a secretary.

VI. Director's Report

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Director

A request for the board to meet with parents was asked at the October 3rd board meeting. Dr. Brady spoke about the result of her meetings and provided the board with the immediate target areas.

Mr. Jerry Alfano stated the locker room floor will be repainted on a weekend within the next few weeks in response to parental concerns.

Mr. Glenn Thomas described the Master Plan progress. One of the issues that is being evaluated is the rerouting of traffic for pedestrians to safely walk across the parking lot. The placement of future buildings, including the relocatable units is being finalized. Also, the sharing of common facilities between Slattery and Henderson is being considered for the future.

Mr. Thomas also discussed the specific possible location of the concrete locatables.

Budget Report – State projected \$165,000 budget reduction for the school FTE, but the actual reduction after the legislature's special session was \$17,000.

The October FTE count is complete; the student population is still above the class size reduction targets approved three years ago.

VII. Action Items

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Interim Chairperson

Approval of the Student Assignment Policy 4.0

Motion – motion by Ms. Gina Sands to approve student assignment policy as amended.

Second – seconded by Ms. Maria Gordillo

Unanimous Approval

VIII. Discussion Items

Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy

Education Committee – Proposed immediate change for screening of all kindergarten students to only those who have speech difficulties.

Finance Committee- Mr. Thomas explained the executive order signed by the Governor to require school districts to look through the emissions policy for school bus idling. Currently the committee is putting a policy together for approval.

Mr. Jerry Alfano informed the board that the Finance committee is still working on the activity fee and will be completed for a vote by January 2008.

Personnel Committee – The Committee did not meet in October. Dr. Ridener mentioned Mr. Thomas has been waiting on Director’s evaluations. Dr. Ridener will follow up for next Personnel meeting.

IX. Old Business

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

X. Public Comment

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Dr. Ridener introduces Mr. Marc Hopin for a three minute speech.

Mr. Hopin stated that he observed at the October Board meeting some Board members being critical of the parents in attendance because the parents were not following Board policy regarding grievances. Mr. Hopin stated that in his opinion the Board is in no position to criticize parents for failing to follow Board policies in light of the Boards repeated inability to follow its own policies, Florida Statutes and Florida Sunshine Laws. He sited several specific examples of repeated violations including the lack of notice given for today’s meeting. He put the Board on notice that he would report further Sunshine Law violations to the proper authorities.

In response, the Director stated that today’s meeting was noticed on a school calendar and he showed the Board and Mr. Hopin a calendar that was for sale by the booster club for \$10. Mr. Hopin replied that parents and members of the public should not be required to pay \$10 to receive meeting notices and that School Board Policy and Florida Sunshine Laws require that the Agenda for the meeting be made available in advance of the meeting as well.

Mr. Hopin raised concerns about the approval of the school budgets for the current school year. He is continued to be concerned about the Activity fee

budget. Mr. Hopin thanked the Board for its efforts and his appreciation for the opportunity to assist the Board on certain matters.

Ms. Gina Sands thanked Mr. Hopin for his support and Dr. Ridener planned to update the policy online.

Dr. Ridener directed the board to receive training and information related to the Sunshine laws from David Kian, General Council as recommended by Mr. Jerry Alfano.

XI. Announcement, Communications and School Board Comments

The Board Meeting has been changed to January 16th.

The Committee meetings will be held January 22nd.

Mr. Fred Platt's letter of resignation was read.

XII. Adjournment

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Barbara Ridener at 5:45PM.