

MINUTES

Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Board
Wednesday, July 9, 2008
5:00 PM – 5:33 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.

Motion – Motion by Ms. Maria Gordillo to approve the Agenda.

Second – Seconded by Dr. Deborah Shepherd

Unanimous Approval

II. Welcome

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Present at the meeting were Dr. Barbara Ridener, Ms. Maria Gordillo, Ms. Gina Sands, Dr. Deborah Shepherd, Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy, Mr. Alex Nachlas, Dr. David Perry. Board Members not present: Mr. Jerry Alfano. Also present at the meeting were Mr. Glenn Thomas, Ms. Patricia Hodge, and parents.

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Amendments to the draft minutes of the June 11th Board meeting minutes were suggested.

Motion – Motion by Ms. Maria Gordillo to approve the Minutes for the June 11, 2008 as amended

Second – Seconded by Dr. Deborah Shepherd

Unanimous Approval

IV. Recognitions and Awards

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Ms. Gina Sands announced Mr. Mike Thomas will be on a special presentation of the Florida Teacher of the Year, representing the FAUS district airing on webcast.

V. SAC Report

Ms. Patricia Hodge, Asst. Principal

Ms. Hodge informed the Board there was no SAC report due to a meeting not yet held.

VI. Director's Report

Mr. Glenn Thomas, Director

Mr. Glenn Thomas announced that Henderson has been classified as an “A” school again and met all the Adequate Yearly Progress standards of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Mr. Thomas gave an update on the classroom building project. Of 38 architect firms submitting proposals, 4 were selected for interviews to be conducted on Monday, July 14th.

There are 24 principal candidates and 35 assistant principal candidates in review by the interview committee. Mr. Thomas announced interviews will be held on Monday, July 21st as well as an open forum that evening.

There is a 4% hold back on the FTE (operational) revenue due to substantial reductions and negative trending in state sales tax collections and other revenues. School superintendents and public school officials have been notified that the “hold back” may be a permanent reduction and could be followed by a second reduction in this school year (2008-09). This could possibly equate to a total 7% budget reduction to be determined when the Legislature meets in one or more special sessions following the November elections. Mr. Thomas informed the Board that a contingency plan will be developed internally and staffing will be modified over the summer, however no major announcements will be made until after the November elections.

VII. Action Items

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

The Pupil Progression Plan was presented to the Board.

Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy explained that the document is essentially the same approved plan as the 2007-08 school year. He stated that the Education Committee had reviewed the plan and made a few grammatical and format changes.

Motion – motion made by Dr. Rangasamy Ramasamy to approve the 2008-2009 Pupil Progression Plan

Second – seconded by Ms. Maria Gordillo

Unanimous Approval

The Board reviewed the 2008-2009 Board calendar. Dr. Shepherd suggested adding the times of the Board and Committee meetings to the calendar.

Motion – motion made by Dr. Shepherd to approve the 2008-2009 Board calendar as amended.

Second – seconded by Ms. Gina Sands

Unanimous Approval

VIII. Discussion Items

Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Education Committee – No report

Finance Committee- The Finance committee discussed the yearbook which has been approved by the University. The committee decided to recommend the least expensive option, but still appropriate. The yearbook budget will be brought to the August Board meeting for finalization.

Personnel Committee – The committee did not meet in July.

IX. Old Business Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

X. Public Comment Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

None

XI. Announcement, Communications and School Board Comments

None

XII. Adjournment Dr. Barbara Ridener, Chairperson

Meeting was adjourned by Dr. Barbara Ridener at 5:33 pm.