

**CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD
PEMBROKE PINES, FL**

December 9, 2013

At the Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** on December 9, 2013, in the SW Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida, at 6:00 P.M., Member Card called the meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board Secretary called roll and declared a quorum.

2013-2014 CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Members Card, Richmond, and Schieren; Alternate Members DeArmas and Pacini

ABSENT: Chairman London, Vice Chairman Omran, Member Brookner

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Charles Dodge, Assistant City Manager Aner Gonzalez, Development Director Mary Jordan, Principal Bayer and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom.

[Secretary's Note: Chair of Meeting: Due to the absence of Chairman London and Vice Chairman Omran, Member Card volunteered to chair the meeting.]

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Charles Dodge spoke concerning the Parent Up-Date that had gone out to parents recently and stated this will continue on a regular basis to share information on the financial status of the system. He related information concerning the plan and process for the charter renewal with the county school board, which was approved at the City Commission meeting on December 4. He explained some of the items on the renewal, including that the high school has now been included in the renewal to facilitate the system renewal and the financial requirements for the renewal application and process. He commended the faculty and staff of the school system for their sacrifice and support of the system and he stated there will be three different allotments of monies that the teachers will receive over the next months that will provide all teachers with at least some replacement of loss salary for this school year. Mr. Dodge shared that the official recognition from Advanced Ed had been received, thus proclaiming that the City of Pembroke Pines Charter School System is recognized as a

District system and has obtained accreditation. Mr. Dodge stated that two resolutions had been passed by the City Commission on December 4, one for the local school board and one for the state legislature, expressing support for the adoption of statewide legislation and support for local funding options through the School Board of Broward County that would provide equitable funding to the City of Pembroke Pines Charter School System during the 2014 legislative session and urging the Broward Teachers Union (BTU) to join the city in its efforts to support statewide legislation providing for equitable funding for charter schools; requesting the BTU to affirm its position regarding the City's efforts. Lastly, Mr. Dodge related that Mary Jordan, Development Director, has resigned from her position, but she will still volunteer as she has a student in the Charter school.

Mary Jordan, Development Director, spoke about the SOS fundraising, the Corporate Sponsors current level, and the K12 Rewards Program. She also related the spring fundraising dates and encouraged parents to remain involved and continue to pay their pledges. She announced there will be a raffle conducted during January that is for a 2015 trip to Italy and Spain, which was donated by one of the high school teachers. The raffle will be announced in January and has a value over \$3,000. Ms. Jordan thanked everyone for their support and efforts for the fundraising events and Mr. Card thanked Ms. Jordan on behalf of the Board and the parents for her extensive work for the school system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Member Richmond, seconded by Member Schieren, to accept the November 4, 2013 minutes as corrected, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Members Card, Richmond, and Schieren, Alternate Members DeArmas and Pacini.

NAY: None

Motion passed.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

On a motion by Member Schieren, seconded by Member Richmond, to excuse the absence of Chairman London and Vice Chairman Omran, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Members Card, Richmond, and Schieren, Alternate Members DeArmas and Pacini.

NAY: None

Motion passed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Bayer related that the basketball team was having a great year and that a game was in progress at the gym, if parents would like to go attend after the meeting. He also spoke about upcoming events, including soccer games, choral and band concerts. He explained the mid-term testing process for December 17-19 and what criteria would allow a student to wave up to three exams, based on grades. He stated PSAT scores have been sent out, but have not arrived yet at the school and how parents could understand the scoring system.

OPEN FORUM:

Troy Warshaw, who has a son in the 10th grade, asked if the students who are involved in a particular sport are urged to remain in that sport year-round, including off-season training program; or are they able to participate in other sports when the first sport is in off-season. Mr. Bayer stated that there should be some communication between the parent and head coach, and if necessary, to ask the booster club to participate in the talks. Mr. Bayer would appreciate being informed, also. Parent Chunlei Wang, whose student is new this year, asked about the bus route at Grand Palms and if the bus could go into the complex for drop off. She stated the bus drops the students off

at the entrance and that some students then have a mile or longer walk to their residence in the development. Mr. Bayer encouraged her to contact the transportation authority; routes can be reviewed and they can try to accommodate a situation of a lengthy walk for a student. The mother had stated that she takes the student to the morning pick up point, so only the afternoon drop off was of concern to her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joint Communication Effort:

Member Schieren reported on November meeting of the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board.

Wellness Policy Review Committee:

Chairman London had passed a request through the Secretary from Dr. Libidinsky to have one member of the advisory board attend the Wednesday, December 11 meeting of the Wellness Policy Review Committee. Mr. Richmond volunteered to attend the meeting.

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

On a motion by Alternate Member Pacini, seconded by Member Schieren, to adjourn the meeting, the following vote was recorded:

AYE: Members Card, Richmond, and Schieren; Alternate Members DeArmas and Pacini.

NAY: None

Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 P.M.
Approved: 1/13/2014