

March 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the **EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chair Spradley at 7:04 P.M., Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in the Carl Shechter SW Focal Point Senior Center, 301 NW 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Pembroke Pines, Florida.

**Present:** Chair Spradley, Vice Chair Mansfield, Members Jones-Ferguson and Hawkes;

**Absent:** Alternate Member Swanson

**Also present:** City Liaison Dr. Sporillo and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion by Vice Chair Mansfield, seconded by Member Jones Ferguson, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting as corrected passed unanimously.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

There were no excused absences.

**PRESENTATION:**

Members spoke with Megan Turetsky, Director of Legislative Affairs for Broward County Public Schools, via WebEx. She currently is in Tallahassee for the legislative session. She spoke and answered questions from members about her role for the district, the voucher bill that was recently signed by the Governor, and curriculum areas that might be affected by legislation still before the two chambers of the State Congress. She stated that a question asked about curriculum will be passed along to the district curriculum department and she will try to get an answer soon.

On the voucher bill, there is now discussion as to how it will be accounted for – either by the school districts, who will be required to report the distributions of all monies, or by a State established accountability committee, which would also have to

report all distributions of monies. The funding for the vouchers is not yet finalized, as the house and senate have different budget avenues for the voucher payments.

She also spoke about the legislation still being discussed aimed at moving school day start times for middle and high school students to later in the morning. (Middle school would not start before 8:00 AM and high school would not start before 8:30 AM.) The logistics of transportation and after school activities is very much a part of the discussions.

She offered to send her "Friday Legislative Update" to Dr. Sporillo weekly and then it will be forwarded to the board members. She answered questions with the board for about fifteen minutes. She also related that she has interviewed candidates for the district community education advisory board coverage and is hopeful a placement will be made by the end of April for a representative to be able to go to the advisory boards in the cities and continue the efforts of Angel Gomez.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Members are continuing to have little response from their schools.

Dr. Sporillo was asked questions about the testing implemented this year (that replaced FCAT and FSA) and she explained it is an assessment type of testing, carried out over three testing dates during the school year. Now in May there will be a third testing period. She did state that this third test is to be used more for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade promotion assessment, those that need summer school to promote and 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade assessments. The test now covers math and ELA, with science the same test it was before. The tests are all done on the computer. These allow monitoring progress of

ability for the school grade, for students, and for teacher assessments. Reading will be added next year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Spradley at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

**ADJOURNED:** 7:44 P.M.  
**APPROVED:** 5/23/2023