

June 6, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by acting Chair McGovern on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 6:04 P.M. at the Central Elementary Middle School Campus Cafeteria, 12350 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida. All stood for the pledge. Secretary Borgstrom called roll and declared a quorum.

2022-2023 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chair McGovern, Vice Chair Sylvester, Members Nicolas, Baptiste, Siddiqui, Longoria, Phillips and Bartkowicz, Alternate Members Levy

ABSENT: Members Osorio and Huckabee; Alternate Member Allen

ALSO PRESENT: Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant Public Services Director and Nalini Sohit-Vazquez, Controller; Principals Castellano, Augustin, and Chance; Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Aner Gonzalez, Jonathan Bonilla and Nalini Sohit-Vazquez presented the 2023-2024 Charter Academic Village Proposed Budget and took questions from the board members on some items. Mr. Gonzalez presented informative commentary. Questions concerned the incoming monies from the recent Florida law concerning sharing of the local tax referendum monies, use of digital textbooks, staffing changes as they related to placement in the budget.

A motion by Member Baptiste, seconded by Member Nicolas, to approve the 2023-2024 Elementary and Middle School Proposed Budgets as presented and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Member Phillips, seconded by Member Sidiqqi, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A motion by Member Bartkowicz, seconded by Member Longoria, to excuse Member Osorio from the June meeting passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principals Castellano, Chance and Augustin presented certificates of appreciation to the board members for their campuses. A special recognition was made to Chair McGovern who has served on the board for 13 years and will no longer be in the charter system. Charter Central campus was recognized for hosting the board meetings each month for the last two years and the excellent assistance of the campus staff.

Principal Castellano spoke about construction happening at east, west and central campuses during the summer, so parents should be aware if they need to visit the campus. There was discussion of clear backpacks, Mr. Chance responded that the Charter school will have to follow the Broward District decision. There will be a town meeting (conducted by the Broward District) on June 12, to which all are welcome to attend and express their opinion. The Broward School Board will meet after that to vote on the clear backpack issue. The question of choosing a particular vendor was addressed, Mr. Bonilla stated he would have procurement look into contracting with a particular vendor.

Principal Augustin presented two additional members for the East Elementary Campus Board members and the board ratified their membership.

A motion by Member Baptiste, seconded by Member Longoria to accept Charissa Sanders as the second regular member and Sharmia Laijle as the alternate member for the East Campus Elementary campus passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

There were no questions or comments during the open forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

ADJOURNED: 7:19 P.M.

APPROVED: 09/12/2023