

August 22, 2023

The regular meeting of the **EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chair Spradley at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 22, 2023, in the Carl Shechter SW Focal Point Senior Center, 301 NW 103rd Avenue, Pembroke Pines, Florida.

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

Absent: None

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

PRESENTATION:

Members met with Armando Arana, Coordinator, Governmental Affairs, Legislative Affairs and Community Relations, Broward County Public Schools. He was just appointed to the position in July 2023. He gave some background information on his previous experience, with this being his first county school appointment. He brought information concerning the new superintendent, the programs of interest to the board members, specifically gifted and vocational training information. He also spoke about school safety, the SMART program and the progress of projects specifically in Pembroke Pines. Members had provided him with questions in advance of the meeting and he presented both verbal and visual answers. He is interested in having a presentation before the Commission on the SMART program and how the program is being completed in Pembroke Pines at a future Commission meeting. Members informed him of the past endeavors of Charles Webster to have a county wide meeting of the 15 city Education Advisory Boards and he was very open to exploring that type of meeting for information exchange.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Member Jones-Ferguson, seconded by Member Hawks, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023 meeting as received passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

There were no absences.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members are continuing to have little response from their schools. Due to Mr. Swanson resigning, there will be consideration of the redistribution the schools list but for now board will wait to see if the three open positions will be filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members were informed by the board secretary that Alternate Member Brent Swanson has resigned, stating his teaching schedule precludes him attending meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Spradley at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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ADJOURNED: 8:14 P.M.

APPROVED: 9/26/2023