

August 23, 2022

The regular meeting of the **EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chair Spradley at 7:01 P.M., Tuesday, August 23, 2022, 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, Member Jones-Ferguson, Alternate Member Swanson

**Absent:** Members Hawkes

**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 June 28, 2022 meeting as received passed unanimously.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

A motion by Member Swanson, seconded by Member Jones-Ferguson, to excuse the absence of Member Hawkes from the August meeting passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Members discussed the school assignment list and updated the list.

Vice Chair Mansfield reported the shortage of substitute teachers is an issue at West Broward High School, in addition to the current teacher shortage. Members concurred it is county-wide. There could be several factors that have led to teacher shortages, including the pandemic, enrollment in college for education degrees has dropped more than expected, salary and benefits could make a difference, besides the usual reasons of retirement and moving to new county or community. Administration relates that recruitment and retention have been very hard.

Members discussed the county education referendum and the recently released grand jury report on the Broward School Board members.

Discussion of Somerset schools announcing they are peanut and nut free zones for the entire school ensued and Dr. Sporillo related how the FSU campus handles students with peanut/nut allergies in the cafeteria.

Dr. Sporillo reported on the question from June about the school speed limit flashing signs and the signs with times for school zones. She discussed with the City Engineer and he stated that if a sign is not functioning at the proper time or the times on the signs are incorrect, to please contact him and he will address the issue with the County.

Members discussed resuming the Student Ambassador program. Dr. Sporillo will speak with administration about a date in January or February 2023, to concur with a City Commission meeting, so that the students may attend the Commission meeting as part of their day.

Members discussed speakers for future meetings. Dr. Sporillo will contact Angel Gomez to see if he is available in September or October to speak with the board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Spradley at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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**ADJOURNED:** 7:45 P.M.  
**APPROVED:** 8/23/2022