

**CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**

PEMBROKE PINES, FL

September 6, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 6:06 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: Members McGovern, Baptiste, Sylvester, Siddiqui, Osorio, Nicolas, Longoria, Bartkowicz, and Phillips. Alternate Member Allen

ABSENT: Alternate Member Pusta

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant Public Services Director; Principals Castellano, Augustin, Sporillo and Chance; Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

OATH OF OFFICE

All members present took the Oath of Office for the Board Year 2022-2023. The Secretary called roll and declared a quorum.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Board Secretary took nominations for Chair and called the roll for voting. The Board Secretary turned the meeting over to the Chair, who called for nominations for Vice Chair. The board members voted.

A motion by Member Sylvester, seconded by Member Siddiqui, to elect Member McGovern to serve as Chair for the 2022-2023 board year passed unanimously.

A motion by Member Phillips, seconded by Member Osorio, to elect Member Sylvester as Vice Chair for the 2022-2023 board year passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jonathan Bonilla, Assistant Public Services Director, spoke about fundraising, that the current reserves in the budget are at 10%. He encouraged parents to participate in the pledge contribution and upcoming SOS dress down days. A pre-pay option for the semester dress down days is available through the website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Member Phillips, seconded by Member Longoria, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting as presented, passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

There were no requests for excused absences.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Castellano introduced all campus principals and assistant principals to the parents. Thanked the City Commission, which serves as the governing board for the charter schools, for their support. He stated a Raising Positive children seminar will take place on October 6. At this time it has not been determined if the session will be in person or via WebEx, but that information will be provided soon. He thanked Commissioner Siple for her continued involvement in that series.

Commissioner Siple spoke about the seminars also and the success they have provided to students and parents. More open communication and understanding of perspectives has helped in many situations and home. She also provided gun locks and offered to provide more if there was a need.

Mr. Castellano had the Elementary and Middle Pro-Active Guide To Discipline presented to the board and changes were discussed. Discussion concerning lifting of

hair color restrictions, no longer needing to wear belt and shirts not having to be tucked in were the main topic.

A motion by Member Bartkowicz, seconded by Member Longoria, to approve the Elementary School Guide To Proactive Discipline and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

A motion by Baptiste, seconded by Member Longoria, to approve the Middle School Guide To Proactive Discipline and to send to City Commission for final approval passed unanimously.

Mr. Castellano presented the election timeline to fill the Central Elementary regular member and alternate positions for East Elementary, Central Elementary, and Central Middle on the board.

A motion by Member Nicolas, seconded by Member Longoria, to approve the Election Timeline for East Elementary Alternate, Central Elementary for one Regular member and one Alternate and Central Middle for one Alternate Member, as amended due to the change of the October meeting date, passed unanimously.

A motion by Member Longoria, seconded by Member Osorio to ratify the meeting date change for October 4, moving it to October 11 passes unanimously.

OPEN FORUM:

Several members spoke about the traffic change of West Campus and general issues at other campuses. Mr. Castellano explained after meetings with City Engineers, this new drop off and pick up traffic flow was developed. It has provided some relief in the traffic problems around the school and currently appears to be safer, quicker and more productive. At Central there is some question about students getting into cars at

pickup time and then cars in front of them do not have their child, so it holds up the line. A new pickup id system should be in place soon to assist in this area. Another area of concern was teacher retention and salaries. Mr. Castellano and Jonathan Bonilla spoke to the fact that the tax monies paid by county residents for schools does not follow the student. That the Charter schools only receive 70 cents on the dollar of the specified county tax for schools. This is due to the wording of the state instructions on how county tax monies are shared between traditional and charter schools. They explained this is a long time situation, conversations with the county school board to have the county share equally with charter schools have been unfruitful and even the teachers' union, which represents most of the charter school teachers, refused to support the equal share of tax revenue with charter schools. But the City will continue to seek support on the state and county level. Currently the tax funds not shared with Pembroke Pines Charter Schools is around 7 million dollars annually. The new form of testing, FAST, was discussed, and parents had been advised that the first assessment was underway in the classrooms. The testing is all done on computer, so it does take time for the entire student body to complete the testing. These tests are assessments of the student's base, with the first one, and how they progress over the year taking two more assessments. The third one, in spring, will also be used as a gage for promotion. Students are learning how to type in the classrooms as part of their preparation for the testing. A parent spoke about the sidewalk at Central Campus, south side going toward ball park having level issues and places were there are trip hazards.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members discussed the Joint Communication Effort with the Charter Academic Advisory Board meetings and signed up to attend one meeting during the school year.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair McGovern adjourned the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

ADJOURNED: 7:23 P.M.

APPROVED: 10/10/2022