

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

December 8, 2015  
Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in regular session at 10:29 a.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2015, in the Board Room of the Kathleen C. Wright Administrative Center, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Present were: Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair; Abby M. Freedman, Vice Chair; Members Robin Bartleman, Heather P. Brinkworth, Patricia Good, Donna P. Korn, Laurie Rich Levinson, Ann Murray, Nora Rupert; Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent; and J. Paul Carland, II, Esq.

**Call to Order** The Chair called the meeting to order. Principal Carol Lesser and students from Nova Eisenhower Elementary School (appearing through video conference) led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Minutes for Approval** Motion was made by Mrs. Brinkworth, seconded by Mrs. Bartleman and carried, to approve the official minutes for the following Board Meetings: Ms. Korn was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

September 8, 2015 - Special Meeting (amended)  
September 8, 2015 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing - District Educational Facilities Plan  
September 16, 2015 - Regular School Board Meeting  
November 3, 2015 - Special - Expulsions

**Added/Changed Items** The Superintendent requested that the Board permit the following changes to the agenda:

- **Minutes for Approval** - Added: September 16, 2015 - Regular School Board Meeting
- **Speakers** - Withdrawn: Lynda Olds, Raymond Slapikas
- **Open Items** - Revised/ Additional Information: EE-9, EE-10

The Chair approved the changes and announced the changes to the Agenda proposed by the Superintendent were accepted by the Chair after being determined that good cause had been established for said changes.

**Close Agenda** Upon motion by Mrs. Rupert, and carried by acclamation of the Board, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. Ms. Korn was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

**Special Recognition for the Superintendent**

School Board Members congratulated and gave recognition to Mr. Runcie for being named Superintendent of the Year by the State of Florida. They thanked him for his leadership and all that he does for the children and this District.

### **Special Presentations**

- Recognition in Support of Broward League of Cities Scholarship Program
- Recognition in Support of Turnaround Arts
- Recognition in Support of Celebrating 50 years: Dorothy Raffa, Food and Nutrition Services, Oakland Park Elementary School
- Recognition in Support of American Heart Association - Present Plaque to Superintendent Runcie & Board Members
- Recognition in Support of National Homeless Youth Awareness Month (Resolution #16-30)

These special presentations may be viewed in their entirety at:

<http://www.browardschools.com/School-Board/Special-Presentations>

**Reports** The following reports were presented:

- Broward County Association of Student Councils and Student Advisor to the Board - Isaac Weiser, Alternate Student Advisor
- Broward County Council PTAs/PTSAs - Renee Grutman for Maxine Lewers, President
- Employee Unions/Groups - Sharon Glickman, President, Broward Teachers Union
- Facilities Task Force - Nathalie Lynch-Walsh, Chair
- Human Relations Committee - Vicky Rosenthal, Chair

These reports may be viewed in their entirety at:

<https://becon223.eduvision.tv/Default.aspx?q=d0F7qPKKlcfmtjfULqo9AQ%3d%3d>  
(Click on School Board Meeting 12-8-15.)

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Runcie spoke on the Hour of Code. This week marks Computer Science Education Week that aims to raise awareness and understanding for computer science and computing careers. It is estimated by 2020, there will be 1 million more computer science jobs than computer science students in the field. This will provide an incredible opportunity for students as they learn more about this foundational field. It is not about turning students into computer programmers or coders, it is about creating enhanced opportunities for critical thinking and finding ways to better engage students. This week, schools across the District will be marking Computer Science Education Week by participating in the Hour of Code, which was organized by the national non-profit organization, Code.org. In 2013, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) became the first school district in the nation to partner with Code.org to increase computer science courses in the District's schools. He was proud to share that since the start of this partnership, the number of students in computer science courses and curriculum had increased to more than 38,000 elementary, middle, and high school students. In addition, 100% of high schools now offer computer science courses for students. Since 2014, more than 560 of District teachers have participated in professional development in this area.

### **Speakers**

Youssef Wardani  
Patrick Lawlor  
Trudy Jermanovich  
Michael Sirbola  
Gilbert Faublas  
Jonnie Dixon  
Juliete Brown  
Gary Thomas

**Consent Agenda** Following identification of those items Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda for the remaining items (**identified by \***). Ms. Korn was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **A. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **A-1. Resolution in Support of Florida School Boards Association 2014-2015 State Assessment & Accountability System (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Good and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 16-92 in Support of Florida School Boards Association: Resolution The 2014-2015 State Assessment & Accountability System. (9-0 vote)

Mrs. Bartleman stated at the last two (2) town hall meetings that were held, the people did not think the Board and Superintendent were taking a stand on testing. She read the last paragraph of the resolution and assured everyone that the Board stood for a well-rounded education, accountability, and no high-stakes testing on this issue.

Mrs. Rupert was proud to acknowledge that Broward County was the first County in the State of Florida to have a resolution against high-stakes testing that she brought forward three years ago.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

During the discussion of Agenda Items JJ-1 through JJ-5, JJ-7, and JJ-8, Mrs. Rupert clarified her statement earlier regarding the resolution against high-stakes testing for the record. She wanted it made known that Mrs. Rich Levinson brought forth the first resolution against high-stakes testing on May 30, 2012 and former Board Member, Maureen Dinnen, also presented a resolution on July 24, 2012 against high-stakes testing.

## **B. BOARD MEMBERS**

## **E. OFFICE OF STRATEGY & OPERATIONS**

### **E-1. Pre-Qualification of Contractors - Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Pre-Qualification Certification (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Good and carried, to approve the recommendation by the Superintendent indicated in the Superintendent Recommendations - Tracking Report. (9-0 vote)

Mrs. Brinkworth was concerned there was only one (1) vendor. She asked when projects were done for paving/sealcoating, pollutant storage, or painting, for example, were they routed through a general contractor (GC). There were a lot of GCs listed, but not a lot of individual vendors to go to, and when GCs were used, there was always an additional cost. She asked staff to follow-up with her and the Board as to whether or not a GC was used to route projects through.

A vote was taken on this item.

### **\*E-2. Termination of Bid - 12-015N - Cafeteria Equipment (Approved) SEE ITEM EE-7**

Approved the termination of Bid 12-015N - Cafeteria Equipment. Bid Term: September 7, 2011, through December 31, 2016, 5 Years, 3 Months; User Department: Food and Nutrition Services; Award Amount: \$2,250,000; Awarded Vendor(s): ABC Restaurant Supplies and Equipment; Calico Industries, Inc.; Curran Taylor, Inc.; Edward Don and Company; Great Lakes Hotel Supply Co.; Lace Food Service; Lee Equipment Company; Restaurant Depot, Inc. d/b/a Restaurant Warehouse; M/WBE Vendor(s): None.

## **F. OFFICE OF ACADEMICS**

### **\*F-1. Approve Request to Add High School Ethics Honors Course (Approved)**

Approved the Request to Add a New Course submission to Florida Department of Education for the High School course: Ethics Honors.

## **G. OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **\*G-1. Personnel Recommendations for Instructional Appointments and Leaves for 2015-2016 School Year (Approved)**

Approved the personnel recommendations for the 2015-2016 appointments and leaves as listed in the attached Executive Summary and respective lists for instructional staff. All recommendations are made with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

### **\*G-2. Personnel Recommendations for Instructional Separation of Employment or Discipline for the 2015-2016 School Year (Approved)**

Approved the personnel recommendations for separation of employment or discipline as listed in the attached respective lists for instructional staff. All recommendations are made with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

### **G-3. Personnel Recommendations for Non-Instructional Appointments and Leaves for the 2015-2016 School Year (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the personnel recommendations for appointments and reassignments as listed on the attached Executive Summary, respective lists, and individual appointments for Non-Instructional Employees. All recommendations are made pending security clearance and with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida. Ms. Korn was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

No discussion was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

Newly-appointed District personnel were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**G-4. Personnel Recommendations for Non-Instructional Separation of Employment and Discipline for the 2015-2016 School Year (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the personnel recommendations for separation of employment and discipline as listed on the attached respective lists for Non-Instructional staff. All recommendations are made with the understanding that these individuals will comply with regulations/policies as set forth by the Florida Department of Education and The School Board of Broward County, Florida. Ms. Korn was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

Mrs. Rupert had a concern on Kenel Belizaire. He filled out the paperwork in August 6, 2015, not knowing that it was incorrect until a letter was sent to him dated September 10, 2015. She felt the employee made an attempt to notify his employer and asked staff to provide what steps were taken, aside from the September letter, to show staff made an effort to work with this employee.

Eric Chisem, Director, Talent Acquisition & Operations, replied he believed the appropriate contact was made with the employee and would provide the requested backup.

A vote was taken on this item.

**\*G-5. Supplemental Pay Positions List 10 (Approved)**

Approved the recommended supplemental pay positions of employees for the 2015/2016 school/fiscal year.

**H. OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

**I. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**I-1. Proposed School Board of Broward County, Florida 2016-2017 School Calendar (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Bartleman and carried, to approve the Proposed School Board of Broward County, Florida 2016-2017 School Calendar. Mrs. Good voted no. (8-1 vote)

Mrs. Good stated she received feedback by a lot of areas and no one she spoke with, from her district in particular, wanted this calendar. She knew there were several points raised at the workshop about the financial impact on vocational schools/technical colleges. She also had raised a question at the workshop on the impact of graduations and asked staff to comment on it.

Mr. Chisem responded if Calendar Option 1 was chosen there would be a substantial impact on graduation, especially with Memorial Day on the schedule, in which nine (9) graduations would be lost during that week. There were concerns in securing a venue for the additional nine (9) graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Good said her issue was that parents felt it was disingenuous to have two (2) calendar options, with one torn apart after going to the Board and not being an option any longer, which really did not give parents the opportunity to provide input on the two (2) viable options. Mrs. Good emphasized it was important in the future, if two (2) options were going to be provided, that it is communicated to parents and allows everyone to voice their opinion. She said in fairness to everyone, all the information must be out for the public, which did not happen in this case. Many of the parents expressed that the decision had already been made for them. This was the first time since she served on the Board, where there was only one (1) viable calendar and did not leave a choice for parents.

In addition, Mrs. Good was concerned that the message parents received regarding testing was that it would not take place before the break or, if it did, there may be an additional midterm exam when students return. She wanted to ensure parents that when student returns from their winter break, that they would not be given any type of major testing. It would be a disservice to parents that wanted one (1) option over the other because of that opportunity.

Valerie Wanza, Chief School Performance & Accountability Officer, assured the Board that the exams would be given prior to the school break and would be communicated to all the schools.

Mrs. Good added that staff needed to understand what happened last year regarding colleges so it would not happen again this year. She concluded by stating that staff must have at least two (2) viable options for parents to consider next year and did not want their time wasted.

Mrs. Brinkworth concurred with her colleague and said that she also heard the same sentiments and that parents were looking for more of an equal distribution of days across the semesters and clean breaks. She asked staff to ensure middle schools were notified as well. The message she received from parents was that the opportunity for feedback did not exist. Parents need to be treated like their feedback matters and not send a message that a decision had already been made.

Mrs. Rich Levinson appreciated the comments from her colleagues, especially from the parents who wanted the other calendar. There were pros and cons for both calendars when they came to the Board. She felt there was ample time for feedback. She wanted to mention that for the next three years, they should not have this problem since Labor Day falls early so they would not have to push a few days of the semester into the next year. Mrs. Rich Levinson also felt there would have been a teacher-component in the decision, as they would have had to start on August 8, 2016. She believed there were problems with communication because many thought there were exams after the winter break.

Representing Broward County, Mrs. Bartleman agreed with her colleague where people felt the choices were disingenuous. She heard from many that wanted the Wednesday start date to be considered for next year since Palm Beach was doing it. Starting on Wednesday seemed to fix the quarters and semesters for Palm Beach. She would like staff to bring that as an option as well for next year.

Mrs. Freedman received many emails that wanted the exams before the break and felt it should have been communicated better with constituents, which would have alleviated many of the concerns from parents.

Ms. Korn stated since the workshop, she had been asked about the Wednesday start date from teachers, students, and parents and the positive impact it would have, not only on the calendar, but in the classroom as well. She looked forward to seeing that as an option next year.

A vote was taken on this item.

## **J. OFFICE OF FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION**

**J-1. Approve Amended RFP Forms - RFP Design/Build Services - Stranahan HS - GOB Renovations - P.001683 RFP 16-071F - Northeast HS - GOB Renovations - P.001684 RFP 16-072F - Blanche Ely HS - Building Renovations - P.001646 RFP 16-043C (Approved)**

Motion was made by Ms. Murray, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to approve Amended RFP Forms, RFP 16-071F -Design/Build Services - Stranahan HS - GOB Renovations - P.001683 -RFP 16-072F -Northeast HS - GOB Renovations - P.001684- RFP 16-043C -Blanche Ely HS- Building Renovations - P.001646. (9-0 vote)

Mrs. Rupert referred to page #12-23 of the Disparity study and where it recommended incentive credits of 10%-15% of the maximum points during the evaluation of proposals to specified groups. She wanted this information added to the stipulation in the "J" Agenda Items. Her concern was the points awarded as prime were only being given to sub-contractors.



In addition, Mrs. Rupert asked if there would be an opportunity to separate specialty services from large design contracts to allow the M/WBEs and other groups that were under-utilized to be prime on the SBBC contracts.

Jeffrey Moquin, Chief of Staff, replied they tried to make some incremental changes in the scoring and participation goals that were part of the Request for Proposals (RFP). He said a task force has been formulated to review all of the recommendations because some are more substantive and may require policy changes. Mr. Moquin added that the size of these contracts was much larger where the bonding capacity would be an issue. They added the opportunity for an M/WBE to be part of the design/build team itself, and not just the sub-contractor that came in at the construction phase.

Mr. Runcie stated if an M/WBE entity bids as a prime contractor, they would receive an additional 10 points on their evaluation. This structure would not put any M/WBE at a disadvantage. In addition, he said they took some of the items and broke them down so that smaller, minority-owned businesses would be able to competitively compete as well.

Mrs. Rupert thanked the Superintendent for his response, but reiterated that it did not address the prime awardee where the disparity was found. She asked if the specialty services would be able to be separated.

Mr. Runcie responded that it would be coming forward with future RFPs.

Mrs. Rupert felt Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were put together well, but J-1 was lacking and somewhat vague. She inquired why the cost of scoring varied from one RFP to another.

Shelley Meloni, Director, Pre-Construction, replied Item J-1 was for a design/build and the other items were Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which evaluated consultants, so it was a different set of criteria being used.

Mrs. Brinkworth thanked the Chief of Staff for meeting with her on this item. She asked the Superintendent if the timeline would be impacted.

Mr. Runcie responded that the timeline would not be affected in moving the work for Stranahan forward.

Referring to page 4 of 298 on the Stranahan project, Mrs. Brinkworth inquired what the owner's costs covered.

Mrs. Meloni replied the owner's costs reflected a 5% charged against projects for both Heery International, Inc. and Adkins North America.

Mrs. Rich Levinson questioned staff on the status as to what the media center renovations would resemble.

Mrs. Meloni replied they were working to establish what it would look like and there were some renovations that needed to take place within the space. They would like to make the media centers more than just a library and have been in constant communication with the Innovative Learning & Arts department to make that determination.

Ms. Korn was concerned with the educational specifications and wanted to know who was handling it.

Mrs. Meloni stated her department, the Heery team, and several other District departments were working collaboratively to determine and define the educational specification of those spaces. She said they would take advantage of the "user" input from those schools that have already utilized some of the improvements.

Mr. Runcie asked staff to document the input from schools and those involved with the improvements for the Board.

Ms. Korn wanted to ensure the most recent approval from the Board was being given correctly to the public. As a checks and balance, she suggested the Capital department review the specific information before it comes to the Board.

Mrs. Bartleman had concerns on the budget and if there was enough budgeted.

Mr. Runcie stated the amounts from the needs assessment were only estimates and he realizes the amounts may be more or less than the estimate; however, they will review it on an annual basis to ensure they are on track.

Mrs. Good wanted to ensure the District is continuously communicating what is taking place and to do outreach at every opportunity. She also asked the Superintendent to ensure Board Members were well-informed about the movement and up-to-date issues pertaining to the bond so they would be able to share the information when they are out in the community.

Mr. Moquin stated as the bond program starts scaling up, the items coming to the Board for approval would continue to increase. He acknowledged the tremendous amount of work from staff and Procurement. It is difficult to appreciate the amount of administrative burden that is associated with the logistics of getting these items out from departments such as Legal, Official School Board Records (OSBR), and Public Information Office (PIO).

Mr. Moquin said the Board would need to be prepared as a master calendar is developed with a litany of projects to come forward, which may include additional special meetings to approve the items. He appreciated the work of all the staff in the entire District for their part on these projects with the bond.

Mr. Runcie wanted to especially point out the effort by Official School Board Records and the long hours they have put in to get the work completed.

Dr. Osgood appreciated the staff being very responsive and pro-active in bringing their items to the Board.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

**J-2. Approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Atlantic Technical College P.000415 - and Approve the RFQ Form - and Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Form- RFQ 16-082F  
(Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services for Atlantic Technical College P.000415, and approve the RFQ Form, and approve the Professional Services Agreement Form, RFQ 16-082F.  
(9-0 vote)

Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were moved and discussed concurrently.

Mrs. Rupert did not see the pre-design responsibilities pertaining to field verification tests provided by the designer in any of these items, which was usually included. She said if a design professional was required to perform the field verification tests, a vast amount of changes could be avoided later on.

Motion to Amend (Withdrawn)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to add language that addresses pre-design responsibilities as far as field verifications of as-builds provided by the owner to design consultants to ensure that design professionals were required to perform that field verification as part of their responsibilities.

Mrs. Meloni referred to page 3 of 28, Attachment #2 under 2.0 Pre-Design, and stated this section would cover the pre-design responsibilities as requested by Mrs. Rupert.

Based on the assurances by staff that language pertaining to pre-design responsibilities was covered under 2.0 Pre-Design on page 3, Mrs. Rupert withdrew her Motion to Amend with consent by the Board.

Mrs. Brinkworth thanked staff for the way they presented their items. She referred to J-2 and asked staff to provide what the status was for the 2014-15 carry-over schools. Referring to J-9, she inquired why staff chose to stick with a package for this one.

Mrs. Meloni replied the RFQ was prepared by two different groups and would be packaged in different ways to attract different size firms.

Mrs. Brinkworth asked when different types of approaches are used, that there be an ability to look back and reflect on which one was more successful in attracting the most number of bids/respondents and to ensure the goal was accomplished in attaining the most number of respondents.

Ms. Murray commented on the packaging and felt it should be kept simple.

A vote was taken on these items.

**J-3. Approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Broadview Elementary School P.001638 - and Approve the RFQ Form - and Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Form - RFQ 16-083F (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services for Broadview Elementary School P.001638, and approve the RFQ Form, and approve the Professional Services Agreement Form, RFQ 16-083F. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on these items.

**J-4. Approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Coconut Creek Elementary School P.001413 - and Approve the RFQ Form - and Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Form - RFQ 16-084F (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services for Coconut Creek Elementary School P.001413, and approve the RFQ Form, and approve the Professional Services Agreement Form, RFQ 16-084F. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on these items.

**J-5. Approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Cypress Elementary School P.001412 - and Approve the RFQ Form - and Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Form - RFQ 16-085F (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Cypress Elementary School P.001412, and approve the RFQ Form, and approve the Professional Services Agreement Form, RFQ 16-085F. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on these items.

**J-6. Approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Lauderdale Lakes Middle School P.001637 - and Approve the RFQ Form - and Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Form - RFQ 16-086F (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Lauderdale Lakes Middle School P.001637, and approve the RFQ Form, and approve the Professional Services Agreement Form, RFQ 16-086F. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on these items.

**J-7. Approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Maplewood Elementary School P.001639 - and Approve the RFQ Form - and Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Form - RFQ 16-087F (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Maplewood Elementary School P.001639, and approve the RFQ Form, and approve the Professional Services Agreement Form, RFQ 16-087F. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on these items.

**J-8. Approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Margate Elementary School P.0001647 - and Approve the RFQ Form - and Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Form - RFQ 16-088F (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Margate Elementary School P.0001647, and RFQ Form, and Approve the Professional Services Agreement Form, RFQ 16-088F. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on these items.

**J-9. Approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services - Package A - Oakridge Elementary School - Package B - Pompano Beach Middle School and Pompano Beach Elementary School - and Approve the RFQ Form - and Approve the Professional Services Agreement Form - RFQ 16-093F (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rich Levinson, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve Authorization to Advertise for Professional Design Services for Package A, Oakridge Elementary School and for Package B, Pompano Beach Middle School and Pompano Beach Elementary School, and Approve the RFQ Form and Approve the Professional Services Agreement Form for RFQ16-093F. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items J-2 through J-9 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on these items.

**K. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**K-1. General Fund Amendment as of September 30, 2015 (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the attached General Fund Amendment as of September 30, 2015. (9-0 vote)

Mrs. Brinkworth referred to page 5 under Student Personnel Services, and stated the Board needs to see where every dollar was being spent at the turnaround schools. Some turnaround schools are not receiving the same resources and she said there should be equity among all of them.

Mr. Runcie replied he would work with Leslie Brown, Chief Portfolio Services Officer, to put a report together with that information and would send it to the Board.

Ms. Korn appreciated her colleague's comments about equity, but she did not feel each school should receive the same amount if the need was not there or if the need was greater.

Mrs. Rich Levinson commented that she had requested the same information and did not think her colleague meant for every school to receive the same amount. There just needs to be an accountability of every dollar that is spent.

Mrs. Brinkworth clarified her comment regarding equity was if X amount of money was being spent in a school and was working at that school, then what investment would have to be made at other schools for the same result. The Board needs to know what kind of investment it takes to turn around a school.

Mr. Runcie agreed and said it was his intention to come back to the Board later this year to have another 3-5 more turnaround schools and put the resources into them to move the schools forward.

A vote was taken on this item

**\*K-2. Special Revenue (Grants) Amendment as of September 30, 2015**  
**(Approved)**

Approved the attached Special Revenue (Grants) Amendment as of September 30, 2015.

**K-3. Capital Fund Amendment as of September 30, 2015** **(Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the attached Capital Fund Amendment as of September 30, 2015. (9-0 vote)

Mrs. Brinkworth referred to Exhibit C and asked what CFR was for in the chart under "Item." In addition, she questioned why it did not go through the Board.

Omar Shim, Director, Capital Budget, said it stood for Capital Funding Request. He explained their process allows them to approve funding up to \$500,000 without Board approval.

Mrs. Rich Levinson inquired if this school was originally scheduled for the fiscal year 2017, was it then moved up on the schedule to do it now.

Mr. Shim answered yes, it was moved up on the schedule.

Mrs. Rich Levinson stated she had an issue with that not coming to the Board beforehand. There had been a certain order for the schools and one school cannot be allowed to jump ahead of another school.

Tony Hunter, Chief Information Officer, replied at the beginning of the year there were two schools identified as turnaround schools. The first school was already in the 2015-16 school year, the second school was not. They made a request to Capital Budget to see if the funds could be moved to support the efforts of the turnaround school for this school year.

Mrs. Rich Levinson asked why was it approved to be moved up two (2) years and could it not have waited another year.

Mr. Hunter responded it was actually only one year because all schools will be finished by next year. All schools could have waited until next year, but the conversation was to put all the resources behind the turnaround schools to ensure they had the best opportunity for success this year.

Mrs. Brinkworth stated she understood when there are multiple turnaround schools and a different model was used to bring in different administrators. She questioned when resources are allocated for specific schools, how would anyone know it was working if the same model was not being used. She said the same thing was not being done at all the turnaround schools and that was the problem. The fact that this was not brought to the Board, when other items were brought to the Board, did not make any sense.

Mrs. Bartleman believed there was an inconsistency with this item. In Item KK-1, technology upgrades were being brought to the Board. It showed the capital and Safety, Music & Art, Athletics, Renovation & Technology (SMART) had to be amended to be in compliance with the law, but in this item, a change was made in SMART without the legal piece amending the capital plan.

Mr. Hunter replied this change was requested prior to the capital budget being approved this year.

Mr. Shim added, this was an initiative at the beginning of the school year and overlapped many processes they were doing with the 5-year option plan. To align it to the initiative for the turnaround schools, the funding was requested and deemed important to the academics of the school.

Mrs. Bartleman said this should have been a "KK" item. Any change to the SMART or capital program has to be voted on by the Board. She expressed her level of discomfort with this item.



Mrs. Freedman expressed if the public was being told there was an order in which the schools were scheduled, then that order needed to be followed. She was not comfortable in bumping the item up on the schedule.

Mrs. Good did not understand why staff was asking for approval if the funds were already spent. The issue had to do with integrity and there should not be any fluctuating from the timeline in any form. She asked the Superintendent to assure her and the rest of the Board that anything related to the SMART bond that pertains to funding or timeframe, come to the Board.

Dr. Osgood stated during the Student Success Opportunity School (SSOS) process, when a school gets to the point where it needs to be a turnaround school, it becomes priority. She believed the Board needed the complete picture from staff, such as the budget, programmatic piece, and every place from where the dollars were being spent. The Board did not have the opportunity to say whether or not it was in favor of this item. Dr. Osgood said if a school needs to be repurposed by changing the SMART schedule, the repurposing should not be done.

Mrs. Good emphasized that one group of parents cannot be told one thing and another group of parents something different. When the public hears there were changes made, the Board needs to be able to explain those changes. She asked for assurances from the Superintendent that when it comes to the SMART program, the discussions need to take place at a Board meeting and a situation like this would not happen again.

Mr. Runcie replied he would give his assurance for any future changes and items would be brought to the Board. The technology work moved faster than the anticipated schedule and he, along with staff, did not want any projects to be impacted. He confirmed no schools were impacted by the technology piece.

Mrs. Bartleman agreed every amendment should come to the Board first. In addition, she believed funding for SSOS schools should come from somewhere other than the SMART program.

Ms. Korn stated whatever is being spent from SMART must be itemized as to what dollars were from the bond and what were from the capital. The Board needs to see what dollars are being spent. She also expressed she did not want move projects up before others that were scheduled. If there comes a time when additional dollars are available, she would not want to wait to complete another project because it was supposed to be a year later. Ms. Korn encouraged staff if they have dollars available that it be brought to the Board Members so they could take advantage of the opportunity.

Mrs. Rupert said she was disappointed the schedule was not followed and the item was not brought to the Board. She asked if all schools on the Year 1 schedule received their technology before Walker Elementary. She also wanted to know if the District Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP) would have to be amended for the \$133,000.

Mr. Hunter responded no, all schools would not receive their technology before Walker, but they all would have their technology during Year 1; there was no date order given to schools.

Mr. Shim added this item was only amending the current budget, but an amendment would probably be made to the DEFP to remove it from the budget of 2017.

Ms. Murray clarified when the DEFP was passed this year, there was X amount of dollars, with a plan in place to spend those dollars. Then the bond passed for \$800 million. When the SMART program evolved, that confused everyone because it combined both the bond money and the DEFP money. She suggested when staff talks about the SMART program they might want to color-code the DEFP and bond money to make it easier to understand from where the dollars were extracted.

Mrs. Brinkworth asked, at the time the decision was made to accelerate the \$133,000 spending in August, what percentage of the 2014-15 carry-over technology projects were completed, as well as the 2015-16 projects.

Mr. Hunter did not have the percentage of projects that were completed but would check and provide it to the Board.

A vote was taken on this item.

## **L. OFFICE OF PORTFOLIO SERVICES**

### **L-1. Grant a Temporary Access Agreement to the City of Coral Springs for Coral Springs High School (Approved as Amended)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to approve the Grant of a Temporary Access Agreement to the City of Coral Springs for Coral Springs High School. **This motion was superseded by Motions to Amend (page 19).** Mrs. Rich Levinson was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

Mrs. Good did not see language where the City would bring the property back to its original state.

Motion to Amend (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Good and carried, to amend the agreement under Article 2-Special Conditions, 2.02 Right of Entry, to add the following language: "(c) The Fire Department will restore the Property to similar conditions as existed before the temporary fire station usage, unless advised by the school principal." Mrs. Rich Levinson was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

A vote was taken on the Motion to Amend.

Mrs. Good wanted to ensure there was a baseline assessment to determine whether or not any hazardous material was left on the property by the City after their departure.

Second Motion to Amend (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Good and carried, to amend the agreement under Article 2-Special Conditions, 2.14 Environmentally Hazardous Material, to add the following language at the end of the paragraph: "The District will conduct a pre- and post-environmental hazardous assessment on this site in coordination with the City at their expense." Mrs. Rich Levinson was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

A vote was taken on the Second Motion to Amend.

The Chair received input from the audience on the item as amended.

A vote was taken on this item as amended.

**\*L-2. Grant of Utility Easement to Florida Power and Light to Provide a Secondary Power Feed for the Main Computer Center at Technical Support Services Center (Approved)**

Approved the grant of a Utility Easement to Florida Power and Light (FP&L) to provide a secondary power feed for the main computer center at Technical Support Services Center.

**OPEN ITEMS**

**AA. RESOLUTIONS**

**BB. BOARD MEMBERS**

**BB-1. Membership in National School Boards Association's National Affiliate Program-Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Ms. Murray and carried, to approve membership in the National School Board Association's National Affiliate program - Council of Urban School Boards of Education (CUBE). Mrs. Bartleman was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

No discussion from the Board was held on this item.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

## **CC. BOARD POLICIES**

### **CC-1. Use of Service Animals In School District Facilities (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to adopt amendments to School Board Policy #4001.2 "Use of Service Animals In School District Facilities" at this final reading. Mrs. Bartleman was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

No discussion from the Board was held on this item.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

### **CC-2. Proposed Revised Job Description for the Facilities Serviceperson Position (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt the revised job description for the Facilities Serviceperson position. This is the final reading. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items CC-2 through CC-7 were moved and discussed together.

Mrs. Brinkworth commented that she hoped the Board would be seeing the new format soon for the job descriptions.

Mrs. Bartleman gave positive comments regarding the Work Opportunities from Within (WOW) program at the Central Bus Terminal & Warehouse and the participation from students. This is the first job description that included "special diploma." She thanked the Human Resource department and employees for all the work they have done.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

**CC-3. Proposed Revised Job Description for the Facilities Serviceperson and Grounds Maintenance Position (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt the revised job description for the Facilities Serviceperson and Grounds Maintenance position. This is the final reading. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items CC-2 through CC-7 were moved and discussed together.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

**CC-4. Proposed Revised Job Description for the Facilities Serviceperson Aide Position (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt the revised job description for the Facilities Serviceperson Aide position. This is the final reading. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items CC-2 through CC-7 were moved and discussed together.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

**CC-5. Proposed Revised Job Description for the School Site Repairperson Position (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt the revised job description for the School Site Repairperson position. This is the final reading. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items CC-2 through CC-7 were moved and discussed together.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

**CC-6. Proposed Revised Job Description for the Campus Monitor Position (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt the revised job description for the Campus Monitor position. This is the final reading. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items CC-2 through CC-7 were moved and discussed together.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

**CC-7. Proposed Revised Job Description for the Security Specialist Position  
(Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt the revised job description for the Security Specialist position. This is the final reading.

Agenda Items CC-2 through CC-7 were moved and discussed together.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

**CC-8. Proposed New Job Description for the Transportation Geographical  
Information Coordinator Position (POSTPONED 11/03/15 RSBM)  
MEMO TO VOTE DOWN (Not Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Good and carried, to approve the new job description for the Transportation Geographical Information Coordinator position. Approval is requested to advertise the position after the first reading. This is the first reading. (0-9 vote)

No discussion was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

**CC-9. Revisions to Policy 6000.1: Student Progression Plan (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to adopt revisions to Policy 6000.1: Student Progression Plan, at this final reading. (9-0 vote)

The Superintendent had to leave the meeting and the Chief of Staff assumed his seat on the dais.

Mrs. Freedman was concerned about 30 students that might be affected by the Broward College courses, in which they might not satisfy the graduation requirements.

Daniel Gohl, Chief Academic Officer, replied the number was down to two students and they have continued to work with the students to advise them of their options and would ensure no one would be adversely impacted for graduation.

Mrs. Rich Levinson emphasized the need to have this policy brought forward sooner and staff needs to allow for three readings. She believed this was the most important policy that needs to be in place before the beginning of the school year.

Ms. Korn stated there was a scrivener's error on page 78 of the redline, letter b., the word "meting" should be replaced with "meeting."

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

## **DD. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF AUDITOR**

## **EE. OFFICE OF STRATEGY & OPERATIONS**

### **EE-1. Transportation Agreement for Non-Profit Organization Recreation Program (Approved)**

Motion was made by Ms. Korn, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and the Special Olympics Florida - Broward County, to provide school bus transportation for its recreation program for the period of one year.  
(9-0 vote)

No discussion from the Board was held on this item.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

### **EE-2. Grants Applications - Post-Submission (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to approve the submission of the following grant applications (Items A - O):  
**A.** Broward College...Plantation High, \$5,000 (requested) **B.** Broward College...Whispering Pines, \$5,000 (requested) **C.** City of Deerfield Beach - Deerfield Beach High, \$100 (awarded) **D.** City of Deerfield Beach - Deerfield Beach High, \$100 (awarded) **E.** City of Deerfield Beach - Tedder Elementary, \$100 (awarded) **F.** Dizzy Feet Foundation, \$13,639 (requested) **G.** EPA National Diesel Rebate Program..., \$465,000 (requested) **H.** Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, \$17,057 (requested) **I.** Nature Works Everywhere - Bright Horizons, \$2,000 (requested) **J.** Nature Works Everywhere - Lake Forest Elementary, \$2,000 (requested) **K.** South Florida Health Foundation, \$100,000 (requested) **L.** State Farm Good Citizenship Grants, \$37,700 (requested) **M.** Title I, School Improvement Initiative 1003 (a) 2015-2016, \$1,205,170 (requested) **N.** Univision "Premio Verde Escolar", \$2,000 (awarded) **O.** U.S. Department of Education..., \$1,051,346 (requested).  
(9-0 vote)

Mrs. Rupert congratulated Deerfield Beach High and Tedder Elementary on their awards. She referred to page 7 of 15, under Schools Included, and inquired if there were more than the 33 elementary schools that did not have an art specialist.

Donna Haynes, Curriculum Supervisor, Innovative Learning and Arts, replied it was currently 33 elementary schools.

A vote was taken on this item.

**EE-3. Community Foundation of Broward Grant Agreement (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to approve the Grant Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and Community Foundation of Broward, Inc. The Agreement period begins the day after Board approval and ends on June 30, 2016. (9-0 vote)

Mrs. Rich Levinson thanked the Community Foundation of Broward for being such a great partner and affording this District so many grants for the students.

A vote was taken on this item.

**EE-4. First Amendment and Renewal to Agreement - 14-004P - Group Medical Benefits for School Board Employees (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to approve the first amendment and renewal to agreement for the above RFP. Contract Term: January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, 1 Year; User Department: Benefits & Employment Services; Award Amount: None; Awarded Vendor(s): Aetna Life Insurance Company; M/WBE Vendor(s): Benefits Outsource, Inc.; Creative Ad Images, Inc.; McKinley Financial Services, Inc.; A Graphic Difference d/b/a Signs by Tomorrow; and Bi-Ads, Inc. d/b/a Westside Gazette. Ms. Korn was absent for the vote. Mrs. Freedman voted no. (7-1 vote)

The Superintendent returned to the meeting and assumed his seat on the dais.

Mrs. Rupert stated one of the complaints she received was the non-participation of certain doctors and was hoping this new contract would address that issue. She inquired if there was a customer satisfaction survey sent to employees to receive feedback as to whether or not they were happy with the insurance. She did not see anything in the documents provided.



Dildra Martin-Ogburn, Director, Benefits & Employment Services, replied the survey was sent out to employees and was recently closed. They were in the process of compiling the data. The focus on this survey dealt with the dependent-plan model.

Mrs. Rupert said she would support this extension due to the efforts by staff, but she would not do so next year if a customer survey analysis was not conducted and provided in the backup.

Mrs. Good agreed the customer survey was critical to have as well. There had been concerns with providers dropping out, not only from employees, but also personally. She was trying to understand the Enhanced National Network of Aetna and wanted to know why it could not happen next year.

Dr. Ogburn responded they had to transition to a complete platform, which was something they went through when the District moved from a fully-insured model to a self-insured model. She said there were a lot of meetings that had to take place, as well as contract negotiations. They would have liked for this to have started in 2016, but there was already a contract in place for three years (2014-2016). The enhancements listed for 2016, were items they were able to get Coventry to agree to.

Mrs. Good appreciated the work staff had done. She heard that Aetna had more providers than Coventry and many physicians did not feel the same with Coventry. Being self-insured, it is a problem when employees are not getting the kind of quality care they should be receiving. She was very concerned moving forward with an extension because of the numerous complaints from employees. She had hoped those serving on the committee were present to answer questions, especially if they were part of a bargaining group. Before she could support this item, she needed to know who was part of the committee, what bargaining groups were there, and the sentiments they shared the meetings that ensured they wanted this extension.

Dr. Ogburn replied there were two (2) representatives from Broward Teachers Union (BTU), two (2) from Federation of Public Employees (FOPE), one (1) from Educational Support & Management Association of Broward, Inc. (ESMAB)/Confidential Office Personnel Association (COPA), the Chief Human Resources & Equity Officer, a representative for the Chief of Staff, and the Teacher of the Year. All were part of the Superintendent's Insurance & Wellness Advisory Committee and voted unanimously for the contract extension. The main reason was Aetna purchased Humana and Anthem had recently purchased Cigna. The committee felt with all of the changes in the industry, they were not sure what the impact would be in the marketplace for an RFP.

Mrs. Good asked how was staff going to communicate the one-year extension to employees.

Dr. Ogburn said they were preparing documents and would send out a communication piece to inform employees.

Mrs. Good wanted the Superintendent to ensure employees knew where the recommendations were coming from so they would not think staff was making the decision for the extension. She reiterated that she did not believe everyone was receiving the quality care they should be receiving and that the list of dwindling doctors was an issue. There needs to be quality, high caliber doctors for the employees. She indicated the District pays a lot for self-insured insurance and she hoped by going through the transition to Aetna, it would provide better physicians and customer service for the employees. Mrs. Good explained she originally was not going to support this item, but would reluctantly, only because of the recommendation by the Committee.

Mr. Runcie agreed that the best coverage needed to be provided to employees. The Committee was well-functioning and informed, and any collection of data and information would be shared with the Committee to address concerns.

Mrs. Freedman stated Coventry would not be providing the same providers as Aetna when the two companies merged. They contract with the doctors separately. The money collected for Aetna and the money disbursed to doctors is different from Coventry. The reimbursement to physicians under Coventry is a lot less and doctors do not want to sign the Coventry documents because their costs would not be recovered.

Mrs. Freedman said when Coventry sold Aetna, it appeared the two were under one umbrella, but they are two different providers.

Dr. Ogburn replied the transition would take place in 2017 under the Aetna platform.

Mrs. Freedman was concerned that providers had not received any information from Coventry in regards to the merge with Aetna. By extending this agreement to 2017, it would take away the District's ability to tell Coventry if they did not contract with providers, the District would not continue to use them. In addition, staff should consider what would happen when the Aetna doctors reject the lower fee schedule of Coventry and choose not to be a provider. Mrs. Freedman believed the District should have the power to receive a better rate and get better providers since it is one of the largest groups in Florida. If this contract is renewed and does not allow employees to see their own doctors, it would send a message that they were not valued. She has had so many complaints from individuals and because of that, she would not be able to vote for this item.

Dr. Osgood stated Coventry managed the District's policy and wanted to know if the District had to pay more if the doctors were reimbursed more.

Dr. Ogburn responded the District pays an administrative fee to properly administer the plan and negotiate the best price and doctors.

Mrs. Bartleman added if the District has to pay the doctors more in order to have more providers, it would come out of the general budget. Every group will fight the District for higher reimbursements if the Board has to go through this each time. She said the Committee provided a plan for the family and she would rather discuss the self-insured model.

Mrs. Bartleman suggested waiting to see exactly who is merging with which company.

Mrs. Good stated she had alluded to customer service. Which ever company the District decided to contract with, must be able to provide the services that they promised, which had not happened with the current company. She clarified she was not trying to get away from being self-insured. Her issue was that the District should get what it pays for, including customer service. Mrs. Good reiterated that it was important to receive survey results back from employees and inquired if a survey was sent out on the family plan.

Dr. Ogburn replied a survey on the family plan was conducted through Gallaher Bassett and was sent to all employees.

Dr. Osgood commented she was always in agreement for improving customer service; however, if the District is paying a company to manage its insurance, the District should not be doing the work. She suggested having a workshop with the Committee to better understand the process.

A vote was taken on this item.

**EE-5. Recommendation of \$500,000 or Less- 56-039E - Luminex Mainframe Virtual Tape System (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Bartleman and carried, to approve Agreement with Luminex Software, Inc. Contract Term: December 9, 2015 through December 8, 2019, 4 Years; User Department: Information & Technology; Award Amount: \$393,593; Awarded Vendor(s): Luminex Software, Inc.; M/WBE Vendor(s): None. (9-0 vote)

Mrs. Good inquired how this company was selected.

Mr. Hunter replied there are two mainframes in the District. One was extremely old and the other one was newer. There was only one vendor to support the technology for both mainframes, particularly the older one.

The Luminex group has an agreement with IBM to be able to support the virtual tape solution for the very old mainframe.

Mrs. Good asked if it was a sole source, why was it not described in the item.

Mr. Hunter referred to the Executive Summary, third paragraph from the bottom, which stated due to the unique operating system requirements of the mainframes and tape drives, this was the only solution that could be deployed.

Mrs. Good stated that was not on the copy she received.

Maurice Woods, Chief Strategy & Operations Officer, apologized and said he would follow-up on why the correct copy was not distributed, but assumed that the online version was correct.

Mr. Hunter reassured her that this was the only company that could service the District's two mainframes and that was why there was only one bid.

Mrs. Good asked staff to provide a memo that stated the rationale.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

**EE-6. Agreement with Lisa Kaczmarczyk Consulting**

**(Approved)**

Motion was made by Ms. Murray, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve the Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and Lisa Kaczmarczyk PhD Consulting. The Agreement period is from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items EE-6 and EE-11 were moved and discussed concurrently.

Mrs. Rich Levinson shared that this grant for \$1.3 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) had already been approved, but she asked staff to explain what this exciting grant was all about.

Lisa Milenkovic, Science Curriculum Supervisor, replied this grant was an elementary computer science integration in developing a model for learning and researching how to best integrate computer science in the elementary school day. It is an exploratory integration pilot study where they will be developing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) problem-based modules so students learn how to solve problems using STEM and computer science. The District was one of 20 projects selected across the country as part of the STEM Plus Computing initiative. The Literacy department will also be collaborating jointly with her department to infuse STEM into literacy at the elementary school level.

Mrs. Rich Levinson thanked staff and believed it was very valuable to integrate into all areas of teaching. She looked forward to the results of the pilot.

A vote was taken on these items.

**EE-7. Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater - 16-033B - Cafeteria Equipment - SEE ITEM E-2 (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the recommendation to award the above contract. Contract Term: January 9, 2016 through December 31, 2017, 2 Years; User Department: Food and Nutrition Services; Award Amount: \$1,600,000; Awarded Vendor(s): Eleven (11); MWBE Vendor(s): None. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items EE-7 through EE-10 were moved and discussed concurrently.

Mrs. Good inquired if there was a reason there was only one vendor and what was the reason for a five-year contract.

Ivan Perrone, Treasurer, replied a survey was given to about 16 vendors and a few indicated they did not want to provide a proposal to the RFP.

Mr. Runcie added that the District had reached out to the vendors to garner interest, and one of the common themes, not limited to this, was the indemnification clause and requirements and asked staff to elaborate.

Mr. Perrone responded, in addition to submitting the proposals to the Demand Star, they also submitted to 16 additional firms in order to be more competitive. Unfortunately, only one bid was received. The reason for a five-year contract was to protect the District from future price increases by having fixed rates.

Mrs. Good was concerned that there was only one vendor that would be locked-in for five (5) years in a contract that was almost \$1.4 million. There may be some pros by having a five-year contract, but she was not sure if this was best company and did not think the District should be locked-in for five (5) years.

Benjamin Leong, Chief Financial Officer, commented that this was a personal service contract and not a commodity where the price would be reduced. The fees continue to rise with a personal service contract, so it would be an advantage to lock-in for five (5) years. He was comfortable with this firm and felt the fees were very competitive. The District would only incur fees on any transactions it makes, such as refinancing.

Mrs. Rich Levinson asked how the prices compared to counsel in the previous contract.

Mr. Peronne replied they were very competitive and even slightly decreased.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on these items.

**EE-8. Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater - 16-060T - Emergency Debris Clean Up and Removal Services (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the recommendation to award the above contract. Contract Term: December 9, 2015 through November 30, 2018, 3 Years; User Department: Physical Plant Operations; Award Amount: \$6,800,000; Awarded Vendor(s): Custom Tree Care, Inc.; Asplundh Environmental Services, Inc.; Ceres Environmental Services, Inc.; and Bergeron Emergency Services, Inc.; M/WBE Participation: (See page 2 of Executive Summary). (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items EE-7 through EE-10 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on these items.

**EE-9. Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater - 16-024H - Investment Advisory Services (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the recommendation to award for the above contract. Contract Term: January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020, 5 Years; User Department: Treasurer's Office; Award Amount: \$1,200,000; Awarded Vendor(s): PFM Asset Management LLC; M/WBE Vendor(s): (See page 2 of Executive Summary). (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items EE-7 through EE-10 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on these items.

**EE-10. Recommendation of \$500,000 or Greater- 17-001H - Disclosure  
Counsel Services (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the recommendation to award for the above contract. Contract Term: January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020, 5 Years; User Department: Treasurer's Office; Award Amount: \$1,365,000; Awarded Vendor(s): Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.; M/WBE Vendor(s): (See page 2 of Executive Summary). (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items EE-7 through EE-10 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on these items.

**EE-11. University of Chicago Agreement (Approved)**

Motion was made by Ms. Murray, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve the Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and The University of Chicago. The Agreement period is from January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2017.

Agenda Items EE-6 and EE-11 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on this item.

**FF. OFFICE OF ACADEMICS**

**FF-1. Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
and College Board for the administration of SAT School Day for Juniors at  
each Broward County District High School (Approved)**

Motion was made by Ms. Korn, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the new Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and College Board. This agreement will begin on the date the agreement is executed by both parties and end on June 30, 2016. Mrs. Freedman and Mrs. Rich Levinson voted no. (7-2 vote)

The Board had a lengthy discussion on this topic, in which everyone was not in agreement. A couple Board Members did not believe money should be spent to have a day that would allow all students to take the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) test when many had already taken it multiple times. There was already a financial assist for those students that could not afford to take the test. Any students on Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) would be able to take the test free.

In addition, there was concern as to whether the SAT test was better suited for students vs. the American College Test (ACT) test, and whether or not the District should be deciding which test was best for all students, rather than leaving that decision to the individual student.

On the other hand, there was support from some Board Members who thought it would allow every student a chance to take the test and would benefit those who slipped through the cracks because they could not afford the test, did not have a credit card to pay for it, or did not qualify for FRL.

Motion to Postpone (Withdrawn)

Motion was made by Mrs. Freedman to postpone this item to determine if the contract could be altered so the District would not be paying for students who were not taking the test. In addition, staff is to provide the backup data that supports how this testing was beneficial in other counties. This item was withdrawn to allow comment from other Board Members.

Staff was asked to provide data from other counties that showed this program had worked. In addition, it was suggested that staff verify if the District would receive a credit for the students that did not take the test; quantify what was being tracked and how it occurred; and determine a way for those students to take the test that were not on FRL and could not afford it.

Motion to Amend (Withdrawn)

Motion was made by Mrs. Freedman, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson to amend the contract language with College Board that would allow the District to receive a credit, based on the percentage of students that did not show up to take the test. This motion was withdrawn to allow staff to obtain more information for the Board.

Staff stated Deerfield Beach had a 92% participation of their students taking the SAT, Fort Lauderdale had 98%, and they would have to get the percentage of Taravella's participation. In order to receive a credit for those students that did not take the test, that would be an issue that to go through the College Board's legal department, as well as the District's, and could take a considerable amount of time.

Due to the information received from staff, the Motion to Amend was not brought back to the table.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.



## **GG. OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **GG-1. Re-opener of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) effective July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Ms. Murray and carried, to adopt the amendments of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) effective July 1, 2015. (9-0 vote)

No discussion from the Board was held on this item.

The Chair received input from the audience.

A vote was taken on this item.

## **HH. OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

### **HH-1. Termination of Employment Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and J. Paul Carland, II (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the termination of Employment Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and J. Paul Carland, II. (9-0 vote)

The Board offered congratulatory remarks, thanked Mr. Carland for his service, and wished him well in his new endeavors.

A vote was taken on this item.

## **II. OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **II-1. Value Adjustment Board (VAB) Direct Cost Billing (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve payment for semi-annual billing for the School Board's share of the VAB direct cost. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items II-1 and II-2 were moved and discussed concurrently.

Mrs. Rich Levinson had a concern for Item II-2 and having read all the pages given to the Board there were quite few people that came forward and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) believed the respondent's testimony. She believed as School Board Members, it was their job to ensure those students were in a safe environment. If the employee was reinstated as the ALJ recommended, what would happen in terms of monitoring the situation in case what was said was the truth.

Mr. Runcie stated they were going to find a placement for the employee, probably at a high school, and will monitor the situation. Given the circumstances with this case, the Board was correct in their initial action, and the safety of the students will be the priority.

Dr. Wanza added that they went through the current vacancies and at this particular time, there was not a vacancy at the secondary level, for which this employee was certified. They have identified a vacancy at a school that would not put her in direct contact with a dedicated class and they were working with the principal to come up with a monitoring/support plan to ensure the students' safety was monitored.

Mrs. Bartleman had concerns that employees could make allegations, and if false, without any repercussions.

Mr. Moquin replied in Policy 4.9 had a provision in 5.8, where it states if an employee knowingly that makes false accusations, they could be investigated.

Tria Lawton-Russell, Administrative Counsel, added that the Department of Education (DOE) was still reviewing this matter and have not made a determination yet if they will file charges, so there is still a possibility there could be ramifications.

A vote was taken on these items.

## **II-2. Broward County School Board vs. Deborah Tersigni (Adopted)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to adopt the Amended Recommended Order rendered on October 22, 2015 by Cathy M. Sellers, Administrative Law Judge, in the matter of Broward County School Board vs. Deborah Tersigni, Case No. 13-2900TTS, before the State of Florida Division of Administrative Hearings and enter the proposed Final Order. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items II-1 and II-2 were moved and discussed concurrently.

A vote was taken on these items.

## **JJ. OFFICE OF FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION**

### **JJ-1. Change Order #2 - Lake Forest Elementary School - Advanced Roofing, Inc. - Repair Roof on Building 4 - Project No. P.001484 (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve Change Order #2, Lake Forest Elementary School, Advanced Roofing, Inc., Repair Roof on Building 4, Project No. P.001484, in the amount of \$60,361 CREDIT, -0- days. (9-0 vote)

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Agenda Items JJ-1 through JJ-5 and JJ-7 and JJ-8 were moved and discussed concurrently.

Mrs. Brinkworth wanted to ensure when an end project comes before the Board, that the entire project budget is presented with the actual cost to complete and that the Direct Owner Purchases are not pushed aside. She would like to see all expended dollars, whether they were through a Direct Owner Purchase or contracts.

Frank Girardi, Director, Construction, replied at the end of the project they would determine what the final cost would be. On some of the items there was a significant difference between the contracted amount and the final amount, in which those savings would go back to the capital reserve. He said the dollars expended would come from the Capital department.

Mrs. Brinkworth referred to JJ-7 and asked if the "Note" under the Financial Impact on the Agenda Request Form (ARF) was a correction to the Adopted District Educational Facilities Plan (ADEFP) an indication the correction had been made.

Mrs. Meloni stated they would clarify if the correction was made, and would correct the ADEFP if necessary.

Referring to JJ-7, Mrs. Rupert inquired if the 300 days for Change Order #1, under the Summary Explanation and Background on the ARF, were days already delayed or in the future.

Mr. Girardi said part of it was delayed and the rest was the added work that would come into play with the removal of the Light Weight Concrete (LWC). He would provide the final completion date to the Board.

The Chair received input from the audience on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

**JJ-2. Change Order #1 - Forest Hills Elementary School - Hyvac, Inc. -  
HVAC Upgrade/Replacement - Project No. P.000827 (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve Change Order #1, CREDIT in the amount of \$127,378, for the Direct Owner Purchase of the HVAC equipment replacement.  
(9-0 vote)

Agenda Items JJ-1 through JJ-5 and JJ-7 and JJ-8 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

**JJ-3. Change Order #3 - Parkway Middle School - Advanced Roofing, Inc. - Roof Replacement Buildings 22 and 24 - Project No. P.001617 (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve Change Order #3, Parkway Middle School, Advanced Roofing, Inc., Roof Replacement Buildings 22 and 24, Project No. P.001617, in the amount of \$55,486 CREDIT, -0- days. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items JJ-1 through JJ-5 and JJ-7 and JJ-8 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

**JJ-4. Change Order #12 - Fort Lauderdale High School - Kaufman Lynn Construction, Inc. - Remodeling/Renovations - Project No. P.000687 (f.k.a. 0951-27-01) (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve Change Order #12, Fort Lauderdale High School, Kaufman Lynn Construction, Inc., Remodeling/Renovations, Project No. P.000687, in the amount of \$91,227, -0- days. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items JJ-1 through JJ-5 and JJ-7 and JJ-8 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

**JJ-5. Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage - South Plantation High School - Miami Skyline Construction Corp. - Regional Athletic Complex - Project No. P.000424 (f.k.a. 2351-21-01) (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve the Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage in the amount of \$25,000 for Miami Skyline Construction Corp., Regional Athletic Complex, Project No. P.000424. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items JJ-1 through JJ-5 and JJ-7 and JJ-8 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

**JJ-6. Renewal of Partnership Agreement between - The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and - Broward County Board of Commissioners - (Water Resources Division) (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve a one (1) year renewal of the partnership agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida, and Broward County Board of Commissioners (Water Resources Division) commencing December 11, 2015, in the amount of \$209,900. Mrs. Rich Levinson was absent for the vote. (8-0 vote)

Mrs. Rupert commented that she felt the Water Resources Division was a wonderful partnership.

Mrs. Good inquired how staff was keeping track or monitoring every aspect of the program and how it was functioning.

Lisa Milenkovic, Curriculum Supervisor, replied they receive an annual report and are in constant communication with the county. They also keep track of the teachers that participate in professional development and follow-up with them to ensure the professional development is being implemented.

Mrs. Good stated there were not as many schools participating in these initiatives, so she asked what was the District doing to encourage more schools to participate.

Guy Barmoha, Director, Math, Science, and Gifted, responded there might not have been as many schools participating in the entire grant, but there have been other schools that applied to different aspects of the grant. He said they would encourage schools to apply.

Mrs. Good said she would like to see more involvement. She believed the county did a terrific job with their staff and she was very supportive of this item. She looked forward to receiving more information from staff and finding better ways to encourage participation.

The Chair received input from the audience on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

**JJ-7. Change Order #1 - Flamingo Elementary School - Advanced Roofing, Inc. - Roof Replacement Building 1, Section A - Project No. P.001620 (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve Change Order #1, Flamingo Elementary School, Advanced Roofing, Inc., Roof Replacement Building 1, Section A, Project No. P.001620, in the amount of \$214,341, - 300-days. (9-0 vote)

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Agenda Items JJ-1 through JJ-5 and JJ-7 and JJ-8 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

**JJ-8. Approve Increase in Funding and Approve Joint Partnership Agreement between - Broward County and The School Board of Broward County, Florida - School Zone Traffic Signalization - Westglades Middle School - Project No. P.001695 (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Rich Levinson and carried, to approve an increase in funding for the project from \$150,000 to \$283,200 and approve the Joint Partnership Agreement between Broward County and The School Board of Broward County, Florida for the School Zone Traffic Signalization project at Westglades Middle School, Project No. P.001695. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items JJ-1 through JJ-5 and JJ-7 and JJ-8 were moved and discussed concurrently.

The Chair received input from the audience on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

**KK. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**KK-1. SMART Technology Programs - Funding (Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the acceleration of SMART Technology projects at Stranahan High School, Indian Ridge Middle School and Sawgrass Springs Middle School from the 2016-17 fiscal year to the current 2015-16 fiscal year. (9-0 vote)

Mrs. Good inquired why this was being accelerated.

Mr. Hunter replied for Indian Ridge and Sawgrass Springs Middle Schools, it was to install a telecom system this year that the Board approved, along with an upgrade of the infrastructure of the switches. To not align the infrastructure with the telecom work, would cause significant performance issues. The computer gap money would not be moved for these two schools, only the infrastructure dollars to support the telecom system. Stranahan High was already in this year's funding and this item was to move it to the end of Year 1 of this year's schools.

Mrs. Good stated that information was a critical piece and it should have been stated in the Summary Explanation and Background that it was being aligned due to the construction occurring now. She appreciated that it was shared verbally, but those kinds of issues need to be part of the item. She would not be able to support the item as it is.

Mr. Runcie asked staff to bring the Stranahan item back in January with the requested information, since the work had not yet been started.

Mrs. Bartleman wanted to ensure staff would have a line item showing the \$1 million was being placed back into the reserve that was being removed now.

Mrs. Rich Levinson thanked staff. She appreciated and agreed with her colleague's comments regarding having the information for the telecom/ infrastructure work being embedded in the documentation; however, she did not want to hold up the work by postponing the item.

Mrs. Good concurred with the comments from staff and her colleagues and requested that a memo with a rationale regarding the timeframe change be sent to the Board.

A vote was taken on this item.

## **LL. OFFICE OF PORTFOLIO SERVICES**

### **LL-1. Premium Services Agreements Approval**

**(Approved)**

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the Premium Services Agreements between The School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC), and specified governing boards. (9-0 vote)

No discussion was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

**Adjournment** This meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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