

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

December 15, 2015
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 10:32 a.m., Tuesday, December 15, 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 (absent), Heather P. Brinkworth, Patricia Good (via teleconference), Donna P. Korn, Laurie Rich Levinson, Ann Murray, Nora Rupert; Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent; and J. Paul Carland, II, Esq.

Call to Order The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Close Agenda Upon motion by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Ms. Murray and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. Mrs. Bartleman and Mrs. Good were absent for the vote. (7-0 vote)

A moment of silence was held for John Parsons, a teacher from South Plantation High.

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

October 6, 2015 - Regular School Board Meeting (amended)

Superintendent's Recommendations

1. **Recommendation for the Appointment of an Interim General Counsel**
(Approved)

Motion was made by Ms. Korn, seconded by Ms. Murray and carried, to approve the Employment Agreement with Barbara J. Myrick, Esq., as Interim General Counsel for The School Board of Broward County, Florida. Mrs. Bartleman and Mrs. Good were absent for the vote. (7-0 vote)

Mr. Carland explained the process for this item was to appoint an interim General Counsel while the Board engaged in its search process. A discussion was held on December 7, 2015 with the Legal Services Committee to discuss the Board's options. A consensus was reached with those present that bringing forward Barbara Myrick's name to the Board as interim appointment would be best for the organization and the office at this time.

Mr. Carland indicated he spoke with Ms. Myrick and she would be happy to serve the Board in this capacity if it was the Board's desire. The office was 100% behind Ms. Myrick and he believed this was a great choice for the School Board and would serve it well. Mr. Carland said the Board would continue to receive a high level of service from Ms. Myrick and the office going forward, and he recommended approval of this item.

No discussion from the Board was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

2. Recommendation to Advertise for the Position of General Counsel ("GC") (Approved)

Motion was made by Ms. Korn, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried, to approve the recommendation to advertise the General Counsel's ("GC") position in order to launch the recruiting effort and establish a closing date for application submissions, as well as a salary range for the advertisement. Mrs. Bartleman and Mrs. Good were absent for the vote. (7-0 vote)

No discussion was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

3. Re-opener of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and the Federation of Public Employees (Food Service) effective August 16, 2014 - August 15, 2016 (Adopted)

Motion was made by Ms. Murray, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to adopt the amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The School Board of Broward County, Florida and the Federation of Public Employees (Food Service) effective August 16, 2015. Mrs. Bartleman was absent. (8-0 vote)

Staff said the agreement reached this year was the result of hard work, meeting long hours, and dedication on both sides. In spite of difficult issues at the table, they were able to work through them together and bring closure to this year's negotiations. Recognition was given to all those involved for their support.

No discussion by the Board was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. by motion from Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Good and acclamation of the Board.

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