

Approved in Open Board Meeting February 22, 2017

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

November 22, 2016
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 12:08 p.m. in the Board Room of the Kathleen C. Wright Administrative Center, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Present were: School Board Members Abby M. Freedman, Chair; Nora Rupert, Vice Chair; Robin Bartleman; Heather P. Brinkworth; Patricia Good; Donna P. Korn; Laurie Rich Levinson; Ann Murray; Dr. Rosalind Osgood; Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent; and Marylin Batista-McNamara, Esq.

Call to Order Presiding, the Superintendent called this meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Minutes for Approval Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to approve the official minutes for the following Board Meetings: (9-0 vote)

July 26, 2016 - 1st Public Hearing - Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan (TDEFP)
August 2, 2016 - Regular School Board Meeting

Close Agenda Upon motion by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Korn and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. (9-0 vote)

Purpose of Meeting Annual Organization of the Board as required by Florida Statute 1001.362.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Nomination of Chair The Superintendent, acting as Chair, asked for nominations for Chair of The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

Abby M. Freedman was nominated for the office of Chair by Mrs. Rich Levinson and seconded by Dr. Osgood.

Close Nominations for Chair Motion was made by Ms. Korn, seconded by Mrs. Rupert and carried by acclamation of the Board, to close the nominations for Chair.

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Vote Following a unanimous vote, Abby M. Freedman was elected Chair of The School Board of Broward County, Florida for the ensuing year. (9-0 vote)

The Superintendent then turned over the gavel to Mrs. Freedman who assumed the role as Chair and conducted the remainder of this meeting.

Statement by Chair

Mrs. Freedman thanked the Superintendent and her colleagues, for giving her the honor and privilege to serve as Chair for the next year. She thanked all that were present at the meeting for this special moment. She stated Dr. Osgood had been a tremendous mentor to her all year. She thanked the Board for trusting her in this new position. She indicated there were three (3) "Ps" the Board would always be: positive, passionate, and patient. She said the Board would treat each other like the pillar of the character traits. She congratulated those that were re-elected for another four (4) years and stated they were all tremendous women and it would be an honor to serve with them as Chair.

Mrs. Good personally thanked Dr. Osgood for her spirit, and stated she channeled positive energy within this chamber and community, and constantly reminding the Board it was here for the children. She thanked Dr. Osgood as a colleague and as a mother, and said her passion was always in the right place, her heart.

Mrs. Brinkworth stated Dr. Osgood had served with passion and a tremendous amount of grace and she appreciated Dr. Osgood's commitment to the community and the children. She said she was going to miss the sports analogies and metaphors. Mrs. Brinkworth said it was an honor to server with Dr. Osgood and thanked her for her leadership this past year.

Ms. Murray said she appreciated and respected Dr. Osgood for having a Christian heart and felt she had gained a friend on the Board. Ms. Murray indicated Dr. Osgood had handled people in the audience that did not have the friendliest tone and she showed character, fortitude, energy, and courage that was needed to serve on the Board.

Mrs. Rich Levinson thanked Dr. Osgood for her tremendous leadership this past year. She said Dr. Osgood had many challenges in her personal life and was a role model to everyone she came in contact with, especially caring for all children in Broward County. She thanked Dr. Osgood for her passion, commitment, and everything she represented in Broward County Public Schools and was honored to call her a good friend.

Ms. Korn said Dr. Osgood had done the work as Chair with so much decorum and had done it in a way to make the Board look strong. She continued by saying Dr. Osgood had been an awesome voice for the Board and, as her colleague, it had been a blessing to have her as her leader. She stated she would miss Dr. Osgood serving in that role.

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Mrs. Bartleman indicated Dr. Osgood was very committed to the students in this county and had inspired her as a Board Member, to walk in her shoes. She said Dr. Osgood had done an amazing job for students and this Board, and stated being a Chair was not easy; it was a hard job and she had done it very, very well. Mrs. Bartleman thanked Dr. Osgood for what she had done for the children, which was truly her passion.

Mrs. Rupert stated Dr. Osgood had an unwavering spirit for children. In addition, she had been extremely respectful to the Board to ensure every Member was valued and had the necessary time to be able to say what they needed to say, which she truly appreciated. Dr. Osgood never minimized anyone's voice, which was a true gift that she had given the Board, and Mrs. Rupert said she would miss it.

Mrs. Freedman stated she took the word friend very seriously and through the years Dr. Osgood had always been there to support her and had made her a better person. She thanked Dr. Osgood for being her friend, for representing the Board, and for serving as Chair, which was a tremendous undertaking that was done with grace. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Freedman presented a plaque to Dr. Osgood in appreciation for her service as Chair of the School Board during the 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Osgood thanked her colleagues for allowing her to serve as Chair of the Board and for challenging her to grow and be a better person and leader. She stated she was so grateful to be a part of the leading lady team. She believed the best was yet to come for the Board and if it continued to keep kids first and not operate for selfish ambition, but from a place for serving and valuing each other, God would use the Board to do some even greater things.

Nomination of Vice Chair Mrs. Freedman asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

The names of Heather Brinkworth and Nora Rupert were nominated for the office of Vice Chair by Dr. Osgood and Ms. Korn, respectively.

Mrs. Brinkworth stated she appreciated Dr. Osgood submitting her name for consideration for the position of Vice Chair but was going to respectfully nominate Mrs. Rupert and she asked that her name be removed for consideration.

Mrs. Freedman officially removed Heather Brinkworth's name for consideration.

Close Nominations for Vice Chair Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Mrs. Good and carried by acclamation of the Board to close nominations for Vice Chair.

Vote Following a unanimous vote, Mrs. Rupert was elected Vice Chair of The School Board of Broward County, Florida for the ensuing year. (9-0 vote)

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Mrs. Rupert expressed her thanks for the opportunity, stating she would try to live up to the expectation and was very humbled by the opportunity.

The Board congratulated Chair Freedman and Vice Chair Rupert on their elections.

A-1. Resolution No. 17-91, Designation of Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Meeting Dates, Names and Addresses of Members and Secretary (Adopted)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 17-91, designating the election of Chair, Vice-Chair, meeting dates, names and addresses of Members and Secretary. (9-0 vote)

No discussion was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

A-2. Resolution No. 17-92, Authorization of Facsimile Signatures (Adopted)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 17-92, Authorization of Facsimile Signatures. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items A-2 and A-3 were moved concurrently.

No discussion was held on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

A-3. Resolution No. 17-93, Authorization of Signatures and Use of Manual, Stamped or Facsimiles (Adopted)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 17-93, Authorization of Signatures and Use of Manual, Stamped or Facsimiles. (9-0 vote)

Agenda Items A-2 and A-3 were moved concurrently.

No discussion was held on these items.

A vote was taken on these items.

4. Appointment of School Board Representatives to Agencies/Organizations/Committees (Approved as Amended)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to recommend that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, elect School Board representatives to Agencies/Organizations/Committees. (9-0 vote)

Upon review of the items, the changes made below were indicated in **bold**.

2016/17 Representative(s):

Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board

Staff Representative: David L. Watkins

Current Representative(s): Ann Murray

Alternates: Abby M. Freedman, Dr. Rosalind Osgood

Ms. Murray indicated the Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board was non-functioning this past year. She asked staff to research this and advise the Board if this advisory board had been dissolved.

Jeffrey Moquin, Chief of Staff, responded he would research with staff and communicate the results of the findings back to the Board.

Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards:

Current Representative(s): ~~Nora Rupert, Patricia Good~~

2016/17 Representative(s): Nora Rupert

Alternate: Dr. Rosalind Osgood

Mrs. Good stated she currently served as the representative and Mrs. Rupert would be the alternate. She wanted to clarify the documentation showed there were two (2) representatives but there was actually only one (1) representative. Mrs. Rupert took the lead role with the Florida School Board Association and it worked hand-in-hand with the Florida Consortium. Mrs. Good stated she was removing herself for consideration and would no longer be the appointee for the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards. Dr. Osgood announced she would like to become an alternate.

Broward County Children's Services Board (CSB)

Current Representative(s): ~~Nora Rupert~~

2016/17 Representative(s): Robin Bartleman

Mrs. Bartleman stated she agreed two (2) meetings ago to sit on the CSB because

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Mrs. Rupert was stepping down. She said the CSB met on Fridays and had a stringent attendance requirement that mandated someone could not miss three (3) meetings or they were released. Mrs. Bartleman indicated an alternate was not allowed but she would check to see if there was a possibility for alternating responsibilities.

United Way of Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse

Current Representative(s): ~~Dr. Rosalind Osgood~~

Alternate(s): Robin Bartleman, Ann Murray

2016/17 Representative(s): Heather Brinkworth

Dr. Osgood stated she would like for someone else to take the lead as the representative for the Broward Commission on Substance Abuse. Dr. Osgood said this committee met on the second Thursday each month at 7:45 a.m., at the United Way. Mrs. Good inquired how many people served on it. Mrs. Freedman stated there were three (3); one (1) representative and two (2) alternates. Mrs. Brinkworth indicated she would serve on that committee as the representative.

Broward County Housing Council

Current Representative(s): ~~Abby M. Freedman~~

2016/17 Representative(s): Heather Brinkworth

Mrs. Freedman asked for someone to be placed as the representative. She stated this committee met in the morning, approximately four (4) times a year. Mrs. Brinkworth indicated she would serve as the representative and inquired if she could have an alternate. Mrs. Freedman replied no.

Florida School Boards Association, Inc. (FSBA)

Current Representative(s): ~~Nora Rupert~~

Alternate: ~~Ann Murray~~

2016/17 Representative(s): Ann Murray

2016/17 Alternate: Patricia Good

Mrs. Rupert could not be an alternate because she was on the Executive Board. She said three (3) representatives were from Broward that served on the FSBA Board. Ms. Murray indicated she was already the representative but an alternate was needed. Mrs. Good agreed to be the alternate.

The Chair received input from the audience.

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A vote was taken on this item.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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