

Approved in Open Board Meeting September 26, 2017

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

July 25, 2017
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
(First District Educational Facilities Plan Public Hearing)

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 5:42 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 Brinkworth; Patricia Good; Donna P. Korn (absent); Laurie Rich Levinson; Ann Murray; Dr. Rosalind Osgood; Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools; and Barbara J. Myrick, Esq.

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

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

• **Superintendent's Recommendation** - 1. Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan For the Five Years Beginning July 1, 2017 - Revised

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, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. Ms. Korn and Mrs. Rich Levinson were absent for the vote. (7-0 vote)

Purpose of Meeting For The School Board of Broward County, Florida to discuss and approve the Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan (TDEFP) for the five years beginning July 1, 2017, and any other items the Board deemed necessary.

1. **Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan (TDEFP) For the Five Years Beginning July 1, 2017** (Approved)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to approve the Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan for the Five Years Beginning July 1, 2017, which includes the purchase of a District Facility for administrative purposes. By approving the Five-Year Plan, the School Board hereby amends any parts or provisions of the 2011-16 State Educational Plan Survey to be consistent with this facilities plan. Ms. Korn was absent. (8-0 vote)

Announcement by Chair

Welcoming the audience to the first public hearing for the 2017-2018 Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan (TDEFP), the Chair stated that the District Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP) was to keep the public and the School Board fully informed as to whether the District was using sound policies and practices that met the needs of students and warranted public confidence in the District's operations.

Explaining the legal procedure required for this hearing, the Chair announced this was the first of two hearings for the DEFP. Individuals wishing to address the agenda item were required to sign in as a speaker. At the end of the presentation and before the Board voted, each listed speaker would be called to the floor and given three (3) minutes to address the Board. She thanked the audience for their support and attendance at this hearing. The Chair introduced the Superintendent and asked him to give a brief overview of the TDEFP.

Statement by Superintendent

The Superintendent thanked the Board for their input at the workshop on June 20, 2017 and indicated that the plan as presented today, was revised based on that workshop and the signing of House Bill (HB) 7069 by Governor Scott. He said HB 7069 adversely impacted the District's Educational Facilities Plan and would result in a revenue loss over the next five (5) years in millage levy for traditional innovative schools in the range of \$87 - \$123 million. This revenue loss was handed to the District while it still had unmet needs resulting from aging school facilities, infrastructures, equipment, and vehicles.

In spite of HB 7069, the Superintendent stated this Tentative District Educational Facilities Plan would continue to deliver the commitments made in the Safety, Music & Art, Athletics, Renovation, & Technology (SMART) Program. He indicated the District had set up a reserve for the resources that may be needed to address economic changes in the construction market as the program continued to be implemented.

The Superintendent said Broward County's economic recovery would continue to increase the value of property and, as a result, about \$20 million was identified to fund some critically needed items that were not part of the SMART Program.

In closing, the Superintendent stated with the Board's approval, the millage rate to be advertised for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 would be the lowest rate requested of taxpayers in over a decade. The rate in Broward had declined steadily and, in fact, the rate being recommended was lower than the rate for the other counties in the tri-county area. He said it was important to point out that the District had identified over \$2 billion in Capital Outlay needs, in which many of those needs were still not funded, and that the SMART Program was the first step in an incremental approach to meet some of those needs.

Judith Marte, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion by the Board

Some Board Members had concerns on the recommendation of the Ariba Procurement System for \$2.2 million and whether there were other options, why it was not being created by staff internally, and if it could be taken off the Recommendations list. The Superintendent commented that this was an upgrade and the conversations regarding it were about how to implement and improve policies and trying to manage the hundreds of millions of dollars. Another recommendation that raised concern by some Board Members was the Digital Classrooms for \$2 million and that no backup was provided to show what the \$2 million was being applied towards. Staff was asked to provide a carryover column for the District-wide Non-Facility Funding (page 245 of TDEFP book) when this comes back for adoption, as well as a breakdown/itemization on several of the recommendations.

The Chair received audience input on this item.

Ms. Marte reviewed the requests from Board Members that would be included in the next Budget Public Hearing for adoption.

A vote was taken on this item.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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