

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

September 25, 2018
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 9:26 a.m. in the Board Room of the Kathleen C. Wright Administrative Center, 600 Southeast Third Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Present were: School Board Members Nora Rupert, Chair (via teleconference); Heather Brinkworth, Vice Chair; Robin Bartleman; Abby M. Freedman (via teleconference); Patricia Good; Donna P. Korn; Laurie Rich Levinson; Ann Murray; Dr. Rosalind Osgood; Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools; and Barbara J. Myrick, Esq.

(The Vice Chair assumed the seat of Chair in the Chair's absence from the Board Room.)

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. Good, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, the Agenda was approved and declared closed. Mrs. Freedman, Ms. Korn, and Mrs. Rupert were absent for the vote. (6-0 vote)

Purpose of Meeting For The School Board of Broward County, Florida to approve Agreement 59-038N - SAT and PSAT Schools Days with College Board, and any other items the Board deemed necessary.

Superintendent's Recommendation

1. **Recommendation to Approve Agreement 59-038N - SAT and PSAT Schools Days with College Board** (Approved)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Dr. Osgood and carried, to approve the recommendation to award the above Agreement. Contract Term: October 1, 2018 through August 30, 2020, 1 Year, 10 Months; User Department: Office of Academics and Department of Student Assessment and Research; Award Amount: \$1,504,302; Awarded Vendor(s): College Entrance Examination Board; Small/Minority/Women Business Enterprise Vendor(s): None. Mrs. Freedman voted no. (8-1 vote)

Most Board Members were happy that the eighth grade was removed from this item in regards to taking the PSAT. Some of the concerns discussed included, but were not limited to, the middle schools continuing to pilot the test would have to pay for it from their budget; distributing a calendar that indicated the test would be given, prior to Board approval; discussions with College Board to negotiate pricing; how the money was being spent on assessments and determining what was being done with the data from those assessments; the test was the same for both eighth and ninth grades so it should only be used in ninth grade, especially since Kahn Academy offered it for free; money should be spent on teachers; students that were Levels 1 and 2 were made to take the test when they were not prepared to do so; students that were able to afford the test should not have it paid for them; waivers were not available; and data was needed on the Level 1 and 2 students.

In regards to another matter, John Sullivan, Director, Legislative Affairs, stated that he needed one of the Board Members to volunteer to represent the Board for Broward Days. It was determined that Board Member Patricia Good would serve as the point person and that Board Member Rosalind Osgood would serve as an alternate.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. through a motion by Ms. Korn and seconded by Ms. Murray.

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