

Approved in Open Board Meeting February 21, 2018

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

November 21, 2017
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, met in special session at 10:07 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; Heather Brinkworth, Vice Chair; Robin Bartleman; Abby M. Freedman; Patricia Good; Donna P. Korn; Laurie Rich Levinson; Ann Murray; Dr. Rosalind Osgood; Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools; and Barbara J. Myrick, Esq.

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

Close Agenda Upon motion by Mrs. Freedman, seconded by Mrs. Rupert 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 As Acting Chair, the Superintendent asked for nominations for Chair of The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

The name of Mrs. Rupert was placed in nomination for the office of Chair by Mrs. Bartleman.

Close Nominations for Chair Motion was made by Ms. Korn, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to close nominations for Chair. (9-0 vote)

Vote Following a unanimous vote, Mrs. Rupert was elected Chair of The School Board of Broward County, Florida for the ensuing year.

Superintendent Runcie then turned over the gavel to Mrs. Rupert who assumed the role of Chair and conducted the remainder of this meeting.

Nomination of Vice Chair

The Chair asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of The School Board of Broward County.

The name of Mrs. Brinkworth was placed in nomination for the office of Vice Chair by Mrs. Bartleman.

Close Nominations for Vice Chair

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to close nominations for Vice Chair. (9-0 vote)

Vote

Following a unanimous vote, Mrs. Brinkworth was elected Vice Chair of The School Board of Broward County, Florida for the ensuing year.

Members of the audience thanked the outgoing Chair for her services and congratulated the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair on their elections.

Statement by Superintendent

Mr. Runcie thanked Mrs. Freedman for her services in the role as Chair for 2016-2017 and presented her with a crystal plaque and bouquet of flowers. Mrs. Rupert was also presented with a bouquet of flowers as she began her term as Chair for 2017-2018.

Statements by Board Members

The Chair thanked the Superintendent and opened the floor to her colleagues to share their gratitude to Mrs. Freedman for serving the past year as Chair.

Mrs. Good thanked Mrs. Freedman for her efforts in the past year and she congratulated both Mrs. Rupert and Mrs. Brinkworth and said they would do a phenomenal job.

Mrs. Bartleman congratulated Mrs. Rupert and she thanked Mrs. Freedman for her leadership and for expanding the opportunity for the community to speak.

Mrs. Murray thanked Mrs. Freedman for having the Board meetings ending at a reasonable hour every week. She stated that a lot of changes occurred under Mrs. Freedman's leadership that were not easy adjustments to make, in which she was truly grateful. She encouraged Mrs. Rupert to follow the same path.

Ms. Korn stated the stress and pressure of being a Chair could not be fully appreciated until one had served in that role and she thought Mrs. Freedman did a fantastic job and thanked her for her leadership. She addressed Mrs. Rupert and requested if there could be some Board trainings in the coming year that she believed were critically important. She said she looked forward to some inroad opportunities as in the past year.

Mrs. Brinkworth thanked Mrs. Freedman for her time as Chair and appreciated her leadership in handling a lot of changes very well. She congratulated Mrs. Rupert and looked forward to having better meetings and relationships in the coming year.

Mrs. Rich Levinson thanked Mrs. Freedman for her leadership. She indicated it was not an easy job being Chair, but it was a happy day when the role was finished. She also extended congratulations to both Mrs. Rupert and Mrs. Brinkworth.

Mrs. Rupert thanked Mrs. Freedman and said it was not easy with all the ups and downs in trying to make the business aspect palatable for everyone and ensuring the work was done in a timely manner, in which she did a terrific job.

Mrs. Freedman stated it had been a pleasure representing her colleagues. She believed Broward County was truly fortunate to have nine (9) individuals on this Board that represent their district or county with passion and different backgrounds. She said people did not understand how difficult and challenging this endeavor was to ensure students were receiving the best education possible and that the best individuals were working for Broward County. She thanked her colleagues for their service and for supporting her this past year. She also thanked the Superintendent for always being available and ensuring everything was working to the best of their abilities. In addition, she thanked Ms. Myrick for her guidance and support throughout the year.

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

- September 19, 2017 – Special School Board Meeting
- September 19, 2017 – Second Public Hearing – Budget

ITEMS

A-1. Resolution 15-96, Designation of Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Meeting Dates, Names and Addresses of Members and Secretary (Adopted)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 15-96, designating the election of Chair, Vice Chair, meeting dates, names, and addresses of Members and Secretary. (9-0 vote)

The adoption of this resolution was required by Florida Statutes 1001.371, Organization of Board, and Florida Statutes 1001.362, Officers chosen at general election.

There was no financial impact to the District.

No discussion was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

A-2. Resolution 15-97, Authorization of Facsimile Signatures (Adopted)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 15-97, Authorization of Facsimile Signatures. (9-0 vote)

The adoption of this resolution was in accordance with Florida Statute 116.34, Facsimile Signatures and said resolution must be filed with the Secretary of State. A facsimile signature has the same legal effect as a manual signature.

There was no financial impact to the District.

No discussion was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

A-3. Resolution 15-98, Authorization of Signatures and Use of Manual, Stamped or Facsimiles (Adopted)

Motion was made by Ms. Korn, seconded by Mrs. Good, and carried, to adopt Resolution No. 15-98, Authorization of Signatures and Use of Manual, Stamped, or Facsimiles. (9-0 vote)

The adoption of this resolution was required by banks used as depositories for the funds of The School Board of Broward County, Florida.

There was no financial impact to the District.

No discussion was held on this item.

A vote was taken on this item.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to recommend that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, elect School Board representatives to Agencies/Organizations/ Committees, as listed on the attachment. (9-0 vote)

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

Broward County Public Safety Coordinating Council Advisory Board

2017-2018 Representative(s): Robin Bartleman

Current Representative(s): Robin Bartleman

Mrs. Bartleman stated no one ever contacted her from this advisory board. The Chair asked Jeffrey Moquin, Chief of Staff, if he had any information on this advisory board. He stated they would reach out to the contact person from the organization to determine what the issues were and forward that information to Mrs. Bartleman.

Broward League of Cities

2017-2018 Representative(s): **Patricia Good**

Current Representative(s): All Board Members

Alternate: Nora Rupert

Mrs. Good questioned if two (2) School Board Members had to be designated as a representative. Mrs. Rupert agreed and asked Mr. Moquin for clarification. Mr. Moquin stated his recollection was that "All Board Members" was listed to ensure there would always be two (2) representatives, in the event someone was not able to attend. Mrs. Good did not recall that conversation and believed it was important to have two (2) individuals from this Board attend the League events. Mrs. Rupert concurred and said it should go back to the way it used to be listed. Mr. Moquin asked the Chair to identify the two (2) representatives and he would contact the Executive Director, obtain clarification, and send notification to the Board.

Mrs. Good indicated she wanted to continue as the Contact and Mrs. Rupert stated she would like to continue serving as the Alternate representative. The consensus of the Board was to change the representation back as it was previously with Mrs. Good as the Contact and Mrs. Rupert as the Alternate.

Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board

2017-2018 Representative(s):

Current Representative(s): Ann Murray

Alternates: Abby M. Freedman, Dr. Rosalind Osgood

Staff Representative: David L. Watkins

Ms. Murray indicated this was an inactive committee. She said she had asked that this be looked at a couple of times but had no response. She did not believe there had been any active participation from anyone. She stated her assistant advised her that the facility was without a superintendent and had been for some time; however, once the person was hired and in place, they would be re-activated. Mr. Moquin said he would follow-up on this and include the Board on all inquiries.

Florida School Boards Association, Inc. (FSBA)

(Postponed)

2017-2018 Representative(s):

Current Representative(s): Ann Murray

Alternate: Patricia Good

There was a lengthy discussion on this topic, in which there was some confusion as to who was appointed as representatives. Both Ms. Murray and Mrs. Rupert believed they were the Contact, which would serve on FSBA's Board of Directors. In the discussion, it was stated that Ms. Murray was appointed as Contact through this Board last year and Mrs. Good was the Alternate. Somehow the roles were switched when Mrs. Rupert was appointed by FSBA to serve on their Executive Board and after her term, continued serving on the FSBA's Board of Directors. The question was asked to General Counsel if a change could be made at an FSBA meeting to change the contacts without this Board voting on it. Ms. Myrick stated she was not familiar with the FSBA's bylaws or what it allowed or did not allow. She said this Board should appoint whom they wanted to be its representative today, as well as an alternate. Several Board Members wanted clarification on FSBA's bylaws and processes in correlation with the processes that took place every year at the Organizational Meeting for this Board and they were willing to postpone this item until further research was obtained.

Motion to Postpone (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Good, seconded by Mrs. Brinkworth and carried to postpone assignment to this committee until the December 5, 2017 School Board Operational Meeting. (9-0 vote)

**Medical Marijuana Advisory Board - New
2017-2018 Representative(s): Abby M. Freedman**

(Approved)

This was a new committee that required a School Board Member to serve as a representative. Mrs. Good and Mrs. Freedman indicated they were interested in being the contact. Mrs. Good said she would remove her name for consideration.

Motion (Carried)

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartleman, seconded by Ms. Korn and carried, to appoint Mrs. Freedman as the School Board's Representative to serve on the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board. (9-0 vote)

A vote was taken on the Motion.

A vote was taken on Item 4. as amended.

Adjournment This meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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