

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, 1ST FLOOR CHAMBERS
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	APRIL 2012-APRIL 2013	
		Present	Absent
Dr. Magdalene Lewis, Chair	P	1	0
Vice Chair Franco Ripple	A	0	1
Gregory T. Boardman	P	1	0
Heather Brinkworth	P	1	0
Theresa Bucolo	P	1	0
Catherine Cirillo	P	1	0
Laura Clark	P	1	0
Joseph Discepola	P	1	0
Edna Elijah	P	1	0
Roland Foulkes	A	0	1
Trisha Halliday	P	1	0
Chester Ludwick	P	1	0
Wayne Neunie	A	0	1
Dr. Maureen Persi, Ed.D.	P	1	0
Austin Scott	A	0	1
Lillian Small	A	0	1

Staff

Junia Robinson, Neighbor Support and Staff Liaison

A. Opening - Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Attendance sheet was passed around and it was noted a quorum (11 members present)

- **Minutes of March 15, 2012 Meeting**

Trisha Halliday had a correction : Spelling of School – Virginia Shuman Young

Motion made by Ms.Elijah, seconded by Mrs. Cirillo, to approve the minutes of March 15, 2012. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Introduction of New Member** – Gregory T. Boardman
Mr. Boardman shared he is a Project Manager for the Broward County School Board (**BCPS**). He has worked for BCPS for ten years and grew up in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Boardman is currently in charge of the phase replacement at Fort Lauderdale High school and the new pool.
- **Guest Introductions:** Rebecca McMahan, Director of Budget, Broward County Public Schools (**BCPS**) and Mr. Omar Shim, **BCPS**, Honorable Katherine M. Leach, School Board Member Countywide, Seat 8.

Ms. Rebecca McMahan introduced herself as well as Mr. Omar Shim, Director of the Capital Budget for **BCPS**. Ms. McMahan stated that she did bring a hand out on the 2012-13 School Budget and State Funding (see attached). Ms. McMahan said they will be happy to answer any questions at the end of the presentation.

After the budget presentation, Board Member Katherine Leach was acknowledged by Chair Lewis. Ms. Leach thanked the Board for inviting her and stated that she was a member of the Education Advisory Board prior to serving as a School Board member.

B. Student Members to the Education Advisory Board

- None present

C. Current Business

1. Chair Lewis asked for suggestions from the Board regarding the format and questions for the Superintendent's upcoming visit. She asked the Board to either discuss questions for the Superintendent or fax/email suggestions to Ms. Robinson.

Ms. Robinson stated that discussing the questions would take too much time. She suggests that the Board individually email her their

questions and she will create a list with all of the questions from the Board. Ms. Robinson continued by saying once she has a list of all the questions submitted; the Board can then select from the list talking points for the Superintendent's meeting.

Dr. Persi said that was a great suggestion, she was also looking at the minutes because she was not in attendance at the previous meeting. Dr. Persi said she wondered why the Board needs to send the Superintendent questions ahead of time. She suggests the Board invites him as they invite any other group to and allow him to have a presentation of some of the things that he has accomplished. Dr. Persi continued to say that the Superintendent has a lot of responsibilities and many challenges. She says the Board should allow him to discuss upfront strategic planning, the budget and redistricting. From there, she continued to say each Board member would ask two questions at the most to save time.

Mr. Discepola responded to Dr. Persi by stating that in the last meeting, it was discussed that the Superintendent is in such "high demand" that the Board will not see him very often. This format would allow him to present and also answer some of the questions that the Board members have in particular.

Dr. Lewis stated that the Board will compile their questions and send to Ms. Robinson to prepare one list for discussion.

2. Ms. Robinson announced that Superintendent Runcie will be at the August meeting.

Ms. Robinson also announced an upcoming training session hosted by the City Attorney and Clerk's office on Monday, May 07th. The training session will cover topics such as: Sunshine laws, public records, conflict of interest and conducting a public meeting.

Ms. Robinson read an email from Mr. Foulkes, who was absent regarding Broward County Public School Technology divide.

Dr. Persi suggested the Board waits for Mr. Foulkes to present on this topic.

Mr. Webster (BCPS, Liaison) agreed with Dr. Persi regarding this matter.

Motion made by Ms. Elijah, seconded by Mr. Discepola, that this matter be addressed another time. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously

D. Communication to City Commission

None

E. New Business

None

- Announcements:

Meeting Cancelled in May to allow Broward County Public Schools Redistricting Meeting.

F. Next Meeting: June 21, 2012, 6:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28PM

(Minutes taken by EAB member: Ms. Edna Elijah and prepared by Staff Liaison Junia Robinson)