

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CHAMBERS  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>April 2012-APRIL 2013</b>	
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Dr. Magdalene Lewis, Chair	P	3	0
Vice Chair Franco Ripple	A	0	3
Gregory T. Boardman	A	1	2
Heather Brinkworth	A	2	1
Theresa Bucolo	A	1	2
Catherine Cirillo	A	1	2
Laura Clark	P	3	0
Joseph Discepola	P	3	0
Edna Elijah	P	3	0
Elaine Fiore	P	2	0
Roland Foulkes	P	1	2
Walter D. Greene III.	A	0	2
Trisha Halliday	A	2	1
Susan L. Ledbetter	P	1	1
Chester Ludwick	P	3	0
Wayne Neunie	P	2	1
Dr. Maureen Persi	P	3	0
Austin Scott	P	2	1
Lillian Small	P	2	1

**Staff**

Junia Robinson, Neighbor Support and Staff Liaison  
Charles Webster, BCPS

**Communication to City Commission**

- A. Opening** - Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call -Each member introduced themselves and it was noted a quorum (12 members present)
  - Minutes of June 21, 2012 Meeting

**Motion** by Mrs. Elijah, seconded by Ms. Small, to approve the minutes of June 21, 2012. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

- **Introduction of New Member – Susan Ledbetter**
- Guest Introductions

**B. Current Business- Joseph P. Discepola, Esq.**

Mr. Joseph Discepola began by introducing himself to the Guests stating that he has been on the Education Advisory Board for a little over two years.

Mr. Discepola said that the Board had asked Superintendent Runcie to come and meet with them, regarding some concerns at the Broward County School System (**BCPS**). Eight questions were discussed and selected at the prior board meeting. These questions were submitted to the Superintendent's office in advance. Mr. Discepola will be serving as the moderator and will be asking each question and in turn, Mr. Runcie will go up to the podium for a response.

Mr. Discepola said he wants to keep the meeting organized and move it along. He stated he will ask the question and give five minutes for a response. Once Mr. Runcie is done; the board will have the opportunity to ask follow up questions. After the eight questions are asked and answered, he will then turn it over to the audience for any questions that they may have, time permitting.

Mr. Discepola explained the role of the Education Advisory Board (EAB) "the purpose of the EAB in the City of Fort Lauderdale is to advise the City Commission on issues relating to educational matters which will impact the quality of education for City residents and also those issues that will impact educational facilities located in the City".

Mr. Discepola also gave background about Superintendent Runcie found on the Broward County Schools website.

Dr. Lewis said Mayor Seiler walked in and she would like for him to be acknowledged.

Superintendent Runcie began his opening comments by saying the school district has a lot of challenges but there is also a lot of opportunities. He said one of the things that are pretty clear is that we need to do a much better job than we

have done at establishing partnerships with our municipalities in order to show the success in all of our children. Superintendent Runcie continued by saying “I have always felt the greatest gift we can give our children is a high quality education”.

Mr. Discepola shared ground rules by asking everyone to be respectful and allow only one person to speak at a time.

Dr. Lewis thanked Mr. Runcie for a beautiful presentation, she continued by stating he was well informed and invited him to future meetings.

Dr. Runcie concluded his presentation by thanking the board for the invitation.

Mr. Discepola also thanked Mr. Runcie for his presentation. He also thanked Mr. Charles Webster for representing the BCPS at all of the EAB meetings.

Dr. Lewis also thanked Mr. Discepola, EAB board member for moderating the meeting.

### **C. New/Future Business**

Mr. Ludwick suggested that the board submit topics for future meetings.

Dr. Lewis agreed and said it was an excellent question. She asked if there were any other comments regarding the suggestion Mr. Ludwick stated.

Mr. Scott asked “what was the correct protocol for suggesting future topics for the agenda”?

**Motion** by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Discepola to invite Broward College to speak at the next meeting. In a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

### **Announcements:**

#### **1. Charles Webster, BCPS Liaison**

Mr. Webster announced that Monday is the first day of school.

### **E. Next Meeting: September 20, 2012**

#### **Meeting Adjourned at 8:27PM**

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

