

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD, LEF OF
WEST BROWARD COUNTY, INC.
IMAGINE CHARTER SCHOOL AT WESTON

MEETING MINUTES
Date: February 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

- Mr. Sandoe called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Board members present: Patrick Sandoe, Donald Francey, and Priscilla Prado Stroze. The following persons were also present: Paul Eichner, (attorney), Nadine Laham (Principal), Jacky Vernon (Region Director Imagine Schools), Elsa Forthmuller (Region Finance Manager), Karen Gross (Business Manager), Sylvia Allen, Erika Royal Barnes, Susan Padilla and Candy Teolis

PUBLIC NOTICE:

- Ms. Laham confirmed public notice

Motion to amend all meeting minutes to include Ms. Padilla to the roll call by Priscilla Prado Stroze, seconded by Don Francey. All Aye (3-0)

Motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended made by Priscilla Prado Stroze, seconded by Don Francey. All aye (3-0)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Fun Run:

- Was an awesome event that was run by a new group of parents.
- \$50,000.00 collected going to infrastructure to support technology from the bond money.
- The infrastructure upgrade will cost us \$80,000-\$90,000 to do correctly. Still need \$40,000-\$50,000 more money than we have raised to date.

Testing:

- There is a testing period the week of 3/17 for the 4 & 5 grades Florida Standards Writing Test. The day after we return from Spring break starts the second half of the testing (Grades 3-5 Math & ELA; Science – grade 5) followed by the End of the Year course exams, STAR & FAIR testing and 1st & 2nd grade end-of-year exams.
- The school has ongoing, since January, Florida Standards Assessment camps for the kids to get familiar with the format. As the school gets new material, they pass it on to the teachers.

3rd Grade:

- 3rd grade is a possible retention year. New portfolios are being put together. They have a new portfolio district-wide that, in the event there is an issue with retention will be administered to the third graders in question.

Training:

- Ms. Laham and Ms. Vernon went to Orlando for an Imagine Schools' Summit with new academic roll outs for 2015-2016.

Board Applicants:

- 2 resumes were submitted for Board positions
 - Autumn Karlinsky
 - Veronica Diaz

Sylvia Allen is leaving the school. An opportunity presented itself to have all her children at Calvary Christian. She is willing to stay on the Board until the end of the year, but then will need to be replaced.

→ Don Francey is interested in rotating to the middle school board.

A motion to table the board applicants until the next meeting was made by Priscilla Prado Stroze, seconded by Don Francey. All aye (3-0)

The Board agreed that it would like to hear from the applicants in person. It was requested that the applicants be invited to the next meeting.

Reconsideration of the offer letter:

Mr. Sandoe asked that this be added to the agenda. The Board was not all on the same page as to the amount of the transaction. Mr. Francey expressed concerns and had not been present at the last meeting. He wished to discuss his concerns with the Board.

Don Francey's concerns: From Day 1 wanted a solution to help the school to be in a financially sustainable solution. There are concerns about talent leaving and talent retention.

Mr. Francey is in favor of purchasing the property but didn't feel comfortable doing it at a much higher price than the one they had originally offered. He and others had breakfast with Mr. Edelman in late 2014. At that meeting, the school was transparent regarding its finances. They discussed a 19.5M purchase price. Mr. Edelman never countered.

Don Francey recommends that we put our initial offer in writing. And open the door for negotiations.

Paul Eichner says that the Board agreeing with that Mr. Francey's position makes good business sense.

Priscilla
Paul Sandoe recommended generally keeping the letter as is but changing the price to 19.5M

A new introductory paragraph was suggested by Paul Eichner, which referenced the original meeting between Mr. Francey, Ms. Vernon and Mr. Edelman.

BOARD ACTION:

A motion was made by Priscilla Prado Stroze to approve the letter as amended by Mr. Eichner.

The new language to be included:

"Dear Mr. Edelman, the Board discussed the option of purchasing the property and based on the breakfast meeting on 11/20/2014, the Board is moving forward with this communication.

Seconded by Don Francey.

All aye (3-0)

A motion to amend the purchase offer letter to a price of 19.5M and with an expiration date of February 27, 2015 was made by Priscilla Prado Stroze, seconded by Don Francey

All aye 3-0

Motion to accept resolution No. 2015-01 with deletion of first sentence of section 2 and inclusion of dates in paragraph 6 (d). was made by Priscilla Prado Stroze, seconded by Don Francey
All aye 3-0

Motion by Priscilla Prado Stroze to table election of officers to next meeting seconded by Don Francey.
All aye 3-0


PUBLIC INPUT:

Someone needs to verify with Karl Huber that he didn't give Mr. Edelman a new number in more recent conversations with him. Need to confirm that there was a subsequent conversation with Mr. Edelman wherein Mr. Huber had said to Mr. Edelman that he had heard that he had an offer for 21.5M from someone representing Imagine Schools and that he asked Mr. Edelman if he would consider it and Mr. Edelman told him no.

Property appraisal question by Sylvia Allen regarding whether it was possible to get a property appraisal that doesn't cost \$50,000?

Next meeting to be held on March 17, 2015 at 5:30

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:15 p.m.


LEF Governing Board President
3/17/15