

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

**MEETING MINUTES
Date: June 13, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sandoe called the meeting to order at 5:47p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Patrick Sandoe, Erika Royal Barnes, Veronica Diaz, Priscilla Prado Stroze, Pascale Royal, Jhanet Garcia, Don Francey, Sylvia Allen and Jason Montan. The following persons were also present: Paul Eichner, (attorney), Nadine Laham, (Principal), Jacky Vernon (Region Director Imagine Schools), Theresa Sumner (Assistant Principal), Karen Gross (Business Manager), Elsa Forthmuller (Finance Director), Rod Sasse (Imagine Regional Director) .

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Ms. Laham confirmed public notice was given via the website, email blast and posted on the front door of the school.

APPROVAL OF May 16, 2016 MINUTES

- A. Mr. Francey motioned to amend the May 16th minutes to correct the misspelled 'summary'. And to change 'Thomas' to 'Taylor' under Principal's Update. Seconded by Mr. Sandoe. All ayes 9-0
- B. Mr. Francey motioned to accept the May 16th 2016 minutes as amended in above referenced changes. Mr. Sandoe seconded the motion. All ayes 9-0.

APPROVAL OF May 23, 2016 Special Meeting MINUTES

Mrs. Stroze made the motion to accept the May 23rd, 2016 special meeting minutes. Mr. Francey seconded the motion. All ayes 9-0

PAUL EICHNER

- Mr. Eichner introduced the Paiz Real Estate Team. They were given the same background information that the other two teams were given prior to their presentations.

Presentation by Paiz Team:

- The Paizes are a husband and wife real estate team with EWM Realty based out of Weston Florida. They have children currently attending Imagine Weston. They have extensive commercial real estate experience and knowledge of triple net leases.

SUMMATION OF BREAKFAST MEETING WITH MR. EDELMAN

- Mr. Francey, Mr. Eichner and Mrs. Kreitzer meet with Imagine Landlord, Mr. Edelman. Various items were discussed including the 'facelift' of the school property. Ms. Kreitzer touched on some threshold amounts to be explored. A factor in addition to the original list discussed is the opening of the Franklin Academy Middle School/High School. It was proposed that newer schools be toured and evaluate the current school compared to what is being offered by others today. Mr. Edelman explained that he is not the sole decision maker, he represents his partners, while he is sympathetic to our situation, the decision is not solely his to make.

REGION DIRECTOR: JACQUELYN VERNON –

- Ms. Vernon went line by line through the financial support Imagine Weston (both elementary and middle) has received from Imagine Schools. From 2005 to present, Imagine Schools has contributed over \$3,000,000. Imagine Schools views it's schools to be 'like family'. Whenever the school has been in financial need, they have been like the parent and been there to keep us out of financial distress.
- The Board requested that Ms. Vernon and Ms. Forthmuller work up a pro forma that illustrates how the benefits from the consolidation of the two schools and the six items on the Weston Lease Agreement negotiations would impact Imagine Weston's sustainability.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE AND NEW BUSINESS:

- Test scores and results show that as a whole the school did well.
- Classes are being added back to Kindergarten and first grade to start building the elementary back up after the last Middle school build up.
- Non Imagine students are coming in to Middle School as there has been some competition from Franklin Academy.
- School is approximately 95% full. There is a large waiting list for elementary.
- Moving up ceremonies for Kindergarten and 5th grade were very nice.
- Many thanks from the staff to the Board for the All In For Excellence distribution. Ms. Prado-Stroze, Ms. Diaz and Mrs. Allen attended the breakfast to thank the teachers and staff and express the Board's appreciation for all they do all year through. The teachers were pleasantly surprised to receive their gift cards.
- Thank you to the Board. From all of us to ALL OF YOU!

- Contracts are pending but not all are ready. COL-USA Cleaning, BAS will be reviewed and SLA Management Dining and A1A Transportation have yet to be received.
- Imagine Weston will be visited by the District. Broward County Charter School support office will come to inspect and report on our school.

MS. PRADO-STROZE MOTIONED TO TABLE ITEMS #8 & 9 AND PROCEED TO ITEM #10. MR. MONTAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL AYES 9-0

STATE STATUTE: new initiatives that will be included in our school handbook. The below sentence must be added to our handbook in order for the school to be eligible to compete for a grant for funding. This policy is in regards to the Uniform Policy. **“The policy must allow reasonable accommodations based on a student’s religion, disability or medical condition”** Funding is on a first come first serve basis. The sooner the application is turned in the better. Ms. Prado-Stroze motioned to authorize Mr. Sandoe to sign the amended uniform policy. Ms. Diaz seconded the motion. All ayes 9-0.

BOARD ACTION

- Contracts are pending review/provision
- Budget- preliminary (State of Florida legislature has not approved the State budget yet)

PUBLIC INPUT

- Ms. Gross expressed her personal thanks for the ALL IN giftcard.

BOARD INPUT

- Ms. Prado-Stroze inquired about the volunteer hours requirement. She acknowledged that the \$150 is prohibited by the state opinion. But what does the school do to enforce the hours policy. As a public charter school, we cannot charge and cannot take money in exchange for volunteer hours. At the end of the year, the school leader can say that you cannot come back, but the Imagine Schools philosophy does not support that.
- About AIFE - there is still some confusion about why we collect the money.
- The Board should be more vocal about supporting volunteering and AIFE.
- Ms. Garcia expressed concern that field trip chaperones/volunteers must be able to speak English. The Board instructed the school to look at field trip policy to include background checks and language fluency skills.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

July 11th, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Ernie R. Burns

**MEETING OF GOVERNING BOARD,
IMAGINE WEST BROWARD, INC.
dba IMAGINE MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST**

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13, 2016

Call to order

- Mr. Sandoe called to order the regular meeting of the Imagine Middle School West governing board at 9:02p.m. May 16, 2016.

Roll Call

- The following board members were present: Patrick Sandoe, Erika Royal Barnes, Veronica Diaz, Priscilla Prado Stroze, Jhanet Garcia, Don Francey, Sylvia Allen, Pascale Royal, and Jason Montan. The following persons were also present: Paul Eichner, (attorney), Nadine Laham, (Principal), Jacky Vernon (Region Director Imagine Schools), Theresa Sumner (Assistant Principal), Karen Gross (Business Manager), Elsa Forthmuller (Finance Director), Rod Sasse (Imagine Regional Director)

Public Notice

- Ms. Laham confirmed Public Notice was given via website, email blast and posted on the front door of the school.

Approval of Minutes

- Ms. Prado-Stroze motioned to approve the May 16th, 2016 & May 23rd meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Montan. All ayes 9-0.

Executive Summary

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Board Action:

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Public Input:

- None

Boad Input

- None

Adjournment

- The next MS Governing Board meeting will be scheduled to take place on Monday, July 11th, 2016, at approximately 5:30pm.
- Mr. Sandoe adjourned the meeting at 9:04p.m.

Erika R Barnes