

September 6, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Board Secretary Borgstrom on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 6:07 P.M. at Charter Elementary Middle School, West Campus, 18500 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, Florida. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Secretary Borgstrom called roll and declared a quorum.

2016-2017 BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Members Prescott, Levy, McGovern, Granda, Rundell, Sylvester, Garcia and Razza, Alternate Members Madabhushi and Russell

ABSENT: Member McVey

ALSO PRESENT: Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, Jonathan Bonilla, City Comptroller; Principals Bass, Chance, Castellano, Libidinsky; and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

OATH OF OFFICE

All members present stood and took their Oath of Office for the board year 2016-2017.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Board Secretary Borgstrom called for nominations for Chairman.

On a motion by Member Rundell, seconded by Member McGovern, to nominate and elect Alan Prescott to serve as Chairman for the board year 2016-2017, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Members Prescott, Levy, McGovern, Rundell, Sylvester, Razza, and Garcia; Alternate Members Madabhushi and Russell.

NAY: None

Motion Passed

Board Secretary Borgstrom turned the meeting over to Chairman Prescott who called for nomination for Vice Chairman for the board year 2016-2017.

On a motion by Member McGovern, seconded by Member Rundell, to nominate and elect Debra Levy as Vice Chairman for the board year 2016-2017, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Members Levy, McGovern, Rundell, Sylvester, Razza, and Garcia; Alternate Members Madabhushi and Russell.

NAY: None

Motion Passed

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Aner Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager reported on activities that had taken place at the campuses during the summer, which included up grading projects and up grading the energy efficiency areas. He also reported the teachers and the City had negotiated a salary increase for this school year. In future meetings he will present information concerning financial status, fundraising and up-coming legislation matters concerning the charter schools.

Jonathan Bonilla reported on the 2015-2106 fundraising efforts which netted \$338,000.00 as of June 30, 2016. He gave breakdowns on the individual activities and spoke about the continuing parent donation for 2016-2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Member McGovern, seconded by Vice Chairman Levy, to approve the June 7, 2016 minutes as received, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Vice Chairman Levy, Members McGovern, Rundell, Sylvester, Razza, and Garcia; Alternate Members Madabhushi and Russell.

NAY: None

Motion Passed

On a motion by Vice Chairman Levy, seconded by Member Rundell, to approve the May 6, 2016 minutes as received, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Vice Chairman Levy, Members McGovern, Rundell, Sylvester, Razza, and Garcia; Alternate Members Madabhushi and Russell.

NAY: None

Motion Passed

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

On a motion by Vice Chairman Levy, seconded by Member Rundell, to excuse Member McVey from the September 6, 2016 meeting, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Vice Chairman Levy, Members McGovern, Rundell, Sylvester, Razza, and Garcia; Alternate Members Madabhushi and Russell.

NAY: None

Motion Passed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Castellano welcomed everyone and presented information concerning activities at all campuses during the month of September. He also reported on the FSA grades which had been received over the summer. The major point of all the scores showed that the Charter School grades were at least 20% to 30% higher than the

county average and higher than local traditional public schools scores. Chairman Prescott commended the staff and teachers on the excellent results of the testing. Principal Castellano presented the fall board member timeline to fill the five remaining advisory board positions.

OPEN FORUM:

Board Member McGovern requested the administration continue to work toward finding a way to consolidate the extensive number of websites for class work and home work. Principal Castellano stated that the administration is working with the Broward school media to be able to have a sign on their website to make it easier to students and parents to sign on to the sites. One parent asked about clubs during the after school hours and Mr. Castellano stated they are working on having Spanish, basketball and perhaps chess for the afterschool students.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members signed up to attend the Charter Academic Village Advisory Board meetings during the board year.

Members discussed the advisory board positions needing to be filled and the election timeline to fill the vacant position.

On a motion by Member Sylvester, seconded by Member Rundell, to approve the fall 2016-2017 Election Timeline to fill vacant advisory board positions, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Vice Chairman Levy, Members McGovern, Rundell, Sylvester, Razza, and Garcia; Alternate Members Madabhushi and Russell.

NAY: None

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Vice Chairman Levy, seconded by Member Rundell, to adjourn the meeting, the following votes were recorded:

AYE: Chairman Prescott, Vice Chairman Levy, Members McGovern, Rundell, Sylvester, Razza, and Garcia; Alternate Members Madabhushi and Russell.

NAY: None

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted

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ADJOURNED: 6:42 P.M.
APPROVED: 10/4/2016