

May 4, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the **CHARTER ELEMENTARY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Chair Fernandez, on Tuesday, May 5, 2021, at 6:01 P.M. in the City Clerk's Conference Room at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida. The Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board is holding a "virtual" meeting using communications media technology ("CMT").

CITY HALL IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID 19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND HEALTH ALERTS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC). GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS' EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-316 EXTENDED THE FLORIDA STATE EMERGENCY ORDER FOR ANOTHER 60 DAYS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2020. PEMBROKE PINES EMERGENCY ORDER 1952 WAS ADOPTED NOVEMBER 18, 2020 REGARDING THE CONTINUATION OF CONDUCTING PUBLIC MEETINGS ON AN ELECTRONIC VIRTUAL PLATFORM USING COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY ("CMT"). THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES UTILIZES THE CISCO WEBEX VIRTUAL PLATFORM. In accordance with this order, and due to prohibition on public access to City Hall because of the risk to public health, the City is holding the meeting virtually.

2020-2021 CHARTER ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD:

PRESENT: Chair McGovern, Vice Chair Dawkins, Members Laljie, Gill, Osorio, Crute, Perez, Sabniveesu, Baranwal and Siddiqui, Alternate Members Phillips, Sylvester and Cambry (all via WebEx)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Aner Gonzalez, City Comptroller Jonathan Bonilla; Principals Augustin, Chance, Castellano and Libidinsky (all principals via WebEx); Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Aner Gonzales spoke about the 2021-2022 Charter School Budget and indicated that the process should be finalized later this month, as soon as there is a final budget signed by the Governor. At this time it appears the budget has increased the per student funds by \$53 per student. The City administration will present the 2021-2022 budget to the advisory board on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Jonathan Bonilla, City Comptroller, spoke about fundraising efforts. He reminded parents about the Charter Foundation raffle for a Florida Pre-paid College Scholarship with a value of \$28,000. There are 1000 tickets available for \$100 each to be included in the raffle. The raffle will end on May 14 and the winner will be announced on May 19 at the City Commission meeting. This is a great way to support the foundation and multiple family members are eligible to purchase the raffle ticket. There is a link on the school website and the ticket can be purchased online. He also reported that the SOS Parent Donation has raised closed to \$32,000 this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Member Sabniveesu, seconded by Member Osorio, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting as corrected, passed unanimously.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

A motion by Member Osorio, seconded by Vice Chair Dawkins, to excuse the absence of Members Osorio, Sabniveesu, Gill and Baranwal and Alternate Member Phillips from the April meeting, passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Chance reported testing is underway in the school and thanked parents, teachers and students for responding in positive manner to the situation. He also spoke about the sports teams for middle school students that are available this spring.

Mr. Chance presented the timeline for Advisory Board Member Election for 2021-2022 and asked the board to approve the timeline.

A motion by Member Crute, seconded by Member Perez, to approve the 2021-2022 Election Timeline for the Charter Elementary Middle School Advisory Board passed unanimously.

Mr. Chance also thanked all the assistant principals for their dedication to the schools, as this is National Principal Recognition Week. He showed photos of each assistant principal and he also reported that Ms. Iznaga and Ms. DiGioia will be retiring this year, both have been with the charter system for many years. He also thanked Vice Chair Dawson for participating in the interview process for the new assistant principals for next school year.

OPEN FORUM:

Parent questions centered on lottery inclusion for siblings, volunteer hours carrying over to the next year, and several spoke to thank the two retiring assistant principals for their service. Those questions came from Vice Chair Dawkins, Member Siddiqui, Parents Alicia Jones, Vanessa Guevara, and Nicole Moss-Solomon.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Vice Chair Dawkins, seconded by Alternate Member Cambry, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

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ADJOURNED: 6:42 P.M.
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