



Brevard Public Schools

January 28 Rule Development and Board Workshop

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Educational Services Facility

2:00p.m.

The School Board of Brevard County, Florida met for a Rule Development and Board Workshop on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at the Educational Services Facility, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida. Notice of the meeting was advertised in the Eagle newspaper on Thursday, December 16, 2019. The affidavit of publication with a copy of the ad attached is filed in the Affidavit File in the Board Office.

Date: Jan 28 2020 (2:00 p.m.)

Opening Exercises

1. Opening Exercises

Chairman Misty Belford called the meeting to order at: 2:02 p.m.

Roll Call

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Misty Belford, Cheryl McDougall, Tina Descovich, Matt Susin and Katye Campbell

Pledge of Allegiance

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Chairman Belford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Order of Business

Rule Development (Policy)

4. Board Policy 2371 HOPE Scholarship

📎 [2371 - Exe. Summary, NEOLA and New Proposed \(1-13-20\).pdf](#)

Chairman Belford asked if there was anyone present who wished to publically address the revisions to Board Policy 2371 HOPE Scholarship.

-There was no one present who wished to make comments.

5. Board Policy 5350 Student Suicide

📎 [5350 Execu. Summary, Current, NEOLA, Redline, Clean & AP \(1-13-20\).pdf](#)

Chairman Belford asked if there was anyone present who wished to publically address the revisions to Board Policy 5350, Student Suicide.

-There was no one present who wished to make comments.

Ms. McDougall asked who are the "appropriate people mentioned in letter e, #4. Ms. Moore explained that it is part of the process and will be listed in the procedures as part of the policy.

6. Board Policy 8390 Animals on District Property

📎 [8390 Exec. Summary, Neola, New Proposed and AP \(1-14-20\).pdf](#)

Chairman Belford asked if there was anyone present who wished to publically address the revisions to Board Policy 8390, Animals on District Property.

-There was no one present who wished to make comments.

7. Board Policy 8400 Environmental Health and Safety Issues

📎 [8400 Execu. Summary, Current, NEOLA, Redline, Clean & AP \(1-14-20\).pdf](#)

Chairman Belford asked if there was anyone present who wished to publically address the revisions to Board Policy 8400, Environmental Health and Safety Issues.

-There was no one present who wished to make comments.

8. Board Policy 9160 Public Attendance at School Events

📎 [9160 Exec. Summary, Current, NEOLA, Redline, Current \(1-14-20\).pdf](#)

Chairman Belford asked if there was anyone present who wished to publically address the revisions to Board Policy 9160, Public Attendance at School Events.

-There was no one present who wished to make comments.

Order of Business

9. Alternative Learning Center Update

📎 [Alternative Learning Center.pptx](#)

Misty Bland, director of Alternative Education, went over the presentation. Ms. Campbell had questions about outside counseling. Ms. Bland said that it is possible for outside counseling to continue; but has to be agreed upon by the family. Ms. Belford asked about ESE services. Ms. Bland said they are working on making improvements but services are offered. Ms. Descovich asked when students are receiving group counseling. Ms. Bland explained that they work with student schedules. Ms. McDougall asked about the contact with social workers and/or guidance counselors. Mr. Susin asked why it is so hard to fill the social worker position in the South Area. Chris Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, said there are several factors. There is a high demand for them and fewer coming out of colleges. There were questions about stipends. It was referred to Dr. Thedy and she cautioned that it would need to be looked at in totality. Ms. McDougall suggested that the Board and staff work together to get the word about the impact social workers have in our alternative learning programs. There was some discussion about improvements to the grounds on the alternative learning sites.

Ms. Moore thanked Ms. Bland for the work she has done with improvements and explained the next steps. Ms. Campbell offered to mentor students once they have returned to school from the ALC. Mr. Susin will reach out to Rotary and Kiwanis groups to find mentors.

Closing Remarks

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Ms. Belford had two additional items to discuss. The first was on divesting investment funds. Board consensus was to have General Counsel Gibbs seek an Attorney General opinion on the divestiture of investment funds in light of recently learning that a small portion of district funds were invested by our contract investment advisor in banks that had been punished for violating U.S. sanctions or anti-money-laundering laws (even though U.S. prosecutors did not allege that public money was used to fund illegal activity). The Board will circle back to this issue in 90 days to review whether or not an AG opinion has been handed down.

Next Ms. Belford wished to discuss the expulsion hearing process. General Counsel Gibbs had provided her with some suggestions of ways to improve the process and some possible options. Ms. Belford asked for each Board member have a conversation with Mr. Gibbs regarding these options and Mr. Gibbs will provide Board member feedback to Ms. Belford. She asked for Dr. Mullins to garner staff opinions and suggestions. Ms. Campbell recommends they go ahead and establish the pre-hearings with the Board chair as she feels this will improve the process.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment

Chairman Belford adjourned the workshop at: 4:00 p.m.

For further details pertaining to this meeting, please refer to the published video on the School Board of Brevard County's website (www.brevardschools.org).

Chairman: _____ Secretary:
