

**DAVIE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD  
OCTOBER 15, 2001**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Board members present were Chair John Pickett, Vice-Chair Pj Grant, Debbie Meyers, Jill Cohen, Grettel Guerra (arrived at 5:47 p.m.), Kimberly Sereda and Wendy Weiner. Also present was Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Patricia Cardella, Cynthia Elliott and Alice Harrington were absent.

Board members were provided with a summary of Chair Pickett's presentation to the Town Council October 17th meeting. This summary was reviewed and discussed.

Ms. Meyers advised that the Broward County School Board would be implementing a new procedure for determining boundaries and that communities would have "no voice" as residents could no longer go to their "advisory" in their zones. Therefore, she expressed that it was pertinent for the Board members to find out what the communities wanted in order for that information to be conveyed to Council so that it could "be our voice," as was being done in other municipalities. Board members discussed the possible means by which it could ascertain this information. Vice-Chair Grant advised that the School Board's boundary recommendations would be made public on November 27, 2001, at a School Board workshop and that public input could be made at the "Community Forum" scheduled for February 2002.

Ms. Meyers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Weiner, to approve the summary for presentation to Council. In a voice vote, with Ms. Cardella, Ms. Elliott and Ms. Harrington being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 7-0)**

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 Overview of Charter School Program - Betsy Donate**

Charter Schools Coordinator Betsy Donate distributed literature and provided a comprehensive presentation on the function and intent of the Charter Schools Program. Upon completion of her overview, Ms. Donate answered Board member's questions.

A recess was taken at 6:48 p.m. and the Board reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

**2.2 Broward County School Liaison - Fran Klauber**

Broward County School Board Liaison Fran Klauber indicated that her intention was to listen, provide input, and to obtain information or research material for the Board as it desired.

In the discussions that ensued, Ms. Klauber recommended several contacts for the Board to pursue its research of Charter Schools. It was the consensus of the Board that although they were interested in learning about the Charter School program so that it may discuss the prospect intelligently, there was not a defined need for this option at this point in time. Chair Pickett expressed that he believed the immediate needs to be addressed were safety through traffic, smaller classrooms, incentives for teachers, and how to make the atmosphere in schools more desirable. Discussions continued regarding the Board's direction, issues of concern, and different ways encouraging parental participation and input. Upon Chair Pickett's request, Ms. Klauber indicated that she would be able to provide him with a list of Davie Schools' PTA/PTO chairpersons and/or presidents. Ms. Klauber offered to provide a Parent Information Handbook Guide, school maps, and any other resource material that the Board may need.

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**3. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

Vice-Chair Grant apprised that she had attended a School Board workshop meeting which addressed the school calendar. She advised that there would be no school calendar changes for the next school year.

Vice-Chair Grant reiterated that on November 27th, the School Board would be announcing the various boundary scenarios to the public. Ms. Klauber clarified the procedure which would go into effect following that announcement.

**5. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

There was a brief discussion regarding current newspaper articles.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair/Board Member