

**DAVIE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**AUGUST 19, 2002**

**AMENDED**  
**10/22/02**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. Board members present were Chair Pj Grant (arrived 6:42 p.m.), Vice-Chair Kimberly Sereda, Shannon Arias, Jill Cohen (departed 6:00 p.m.), Alice Harrington, Debbie Meyers and John Pickett. Also present was Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Joe Brown, Patricia Cardella and Wendy Weiner were absent.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 16, 2001  
September 10, 2001  
April 29, 2002

Ms. Cohen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harrington, to approve the minutes of July 16, 2001, September 10, 2001 and April 29, 2002. In a voice vote, with Chair Grant, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cardella and Dr. Weiner being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 6-0)**

Ms. Cohen requested that item 4.3 be moved forward so that she may make her report and be excused. There were no objections.

4.3 Ms. Cohen explained that her intent was to find out if the Haskell Company had made a feasibility study on Charter Schools for the Town. Although the Haskell Company had indicated that it would provide this study, at no cost at a Town Council meeting in January, she reported that nothing had been done. Ms. Cohen advised that staff had tried to reach the Haskell Company on several occasions; however, phone calls were not returned.

A brief discussion ensued and Ms. Cohen recalled that Dr. Weiner offered to contact Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University to see if they were interested in participating. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until it heard from Dr. Weiner before inviting other companies for presentations.

**3. PRESENTATION**

**3.1 Report on Charter Schools in Broward County - Margaret Wolter, Former Member of the Charter School Task Force**

This presentation was made later in the meeting.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**4.1 Selection of Board Secretary**

Vice-Chair Sereda recalled that the Board had discussed the idea of rotating turns for secretary. Ms. Gale apprised the Board that they had to decide at this meeting and she updated them on the current arrangements to provide recording equipment and what their responsibilities were insofar as transcription.

Ms. Meyers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pickett, that the Board follow a rotating schedule in alphabetical order by last names; that if the person whose turn it was missed their turn, it would move alphabetically to the next person; and that the person who missed their turn would be the secretary at the next meeting. In a voice vote, with Chair

Grant, Mr. Brown, Ms. Cardella, Ms. Cohen and Dr. Weiner being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

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**4.2 Goal Setting**

The Board members discussed their recollections of which goals had been considered at its first meeting and decided it would be prudent to review and prioritize the original list. Ms. Gale indicated that she would research her notes and bring copies of what she had to the next meeting. It was also suggested that each Board member see what was needed for the schools in their respective districts.

**4.3 Report of Status of Feasibility Study Made by the Haskell Company - Jill Cohen**

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

3.1 Ms. Wolter explained that as a member of the former Charter School Task Force, she had a "balanced view" on Charter schools. She provided an overview and shared her knowledge of the benefits and problems regarding Charter schools. Ms. Wolter answered questions posed by Board members for a better understanding of the intent, function, operations and commitment of such an endeavor.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Update on Broward County School Board Activities**

Chair Grant reported on the Broward County School Board's five-year facilities work plan. Also discussed were school reassignment issues.

**6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

A brief discussion ensued regarding the upcoming School Board elections and candidates.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Harrington made a motion, seconded by Ms. Arias, to adjourn. In a voice vote, with Mr. Brown, Ms. Cardella, Ms. Cohen and Dr. Weiner being absent, all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

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Chair/Board Member

