

Town of Southwest Ranches
School Education Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Monday

Town Hall

September 14th, 2015

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 PM

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330-2628

Board Members Present:

Council Present:

Staff Present:

Guests:

Rosina Marrapodi-Bove

Doug McKay

Ivette Solera

Patty & Tom Good

Christina Brownlow

Richard Price

Manon Stevens

Kathy Sullivan

Call to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was established.

Kathy Sullivan motioned to approve the minutes for August 10th. Manon Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Sullivan motioned to bring back Gwen Weekley. Manon Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- I. Patty Good gave the board a synopsis of the School Board composition and duties/responsibilities to date:
 - The board is composed solely of 9 women
 - Broward is the 6th largest school district in nation
 - Patty & 2 others have our area...she (District 2) also has West Davie, Miramar & Pembroke Pines
 - She has been in since 2010 & reelected in 2012
 - Student composition is 1/3 African American, White and Hispanic
 - All of our area schools are "A" schools with good principals & parent base
 - Board hired a great attorney & they set policy together

- Board meets weekly for 6-8 hours
- They handle a \$3 billion budget
- The district is in its Centennial; expect celebrations; we are encouraged (SEAB) to do something
- Over 200,000 students enrolled this school year
- She will send the Board's legislative platform
- Board doesn't oversee charter schools or their locations; approves budgets and curriculum; contracts get approved through FL building codes; charters do not need to provide transportation or athletics
- Patty is the president of the SFL Consortium (11 school boards)
- Broward transports over 90,000 students!
- Schools serve over 145,000 meals & in every school, every student receives free breakfast
- Broward is the only school district partnered with code.org (programming course); we also have dual-language programs (13 initially, now 26); "turnaround arts" grant 1/5 in nation!; bond money going towards music equipment
- We have the Mayor's Chess Challenge & 1st Move Scholastic Chess Challenge with 34,000 students!
- The district has 60 innovative and 70 magnate programs i.e. STEM, Cambridge, IB, JROTC, Debate
- Bond money also going towards tech upgrades; bids are out for repairs (roofing issues, mold)

II. SEAB discussion items:

- Manon will report for high schools, Kathy for middle schools
- Next meeting-review scholarship, set/discuss poker date (Chris), set/discuss Chipotle night for November (Manon), set/discuss wine tasting fundraiser (Chris); set/discuss pancake fundraiser at ROCA
- November 21 is the Hawke's Bluff fundraiser sale & wine tasting at the Weekley Pavilion
- Richard discussed the NFL book-promo code SCHOLARSHIPFUND; check will come on ¼ basis to Town of Southwest Ranches Scholarship Fund; Ivette will send our non-profit info
- Richard lost his brother and his wife is undergoing cancer treatment...the SEAB has reached-out to him to help in any way possible

The meeting adjourned at 9 P.M.