



## **CITY OF COCONUT CREEK EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**Government Center  
4800 West Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063**

**Date: April 12, 2021  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting No. 2021-0412**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian Kenney at 6:04 p.m.

### **2. PRESENT UPON ROLL CALL**

Chair Brian Kenney  
Vice Chair Robert Hurley  
Colleen LaPlant  
Susan Sargis, Alternate

Absent: Madeline Gordian-Diaz and Patricia Trick

Also present: Bernadette Hughes, Assistant to the City Manager

Chair Kenney explained that Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-52, as continuously extended, and Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorized all local governments to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by both state and local law as necessary to allow local governments to continue to perform public work and take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community. He noted that the meeting was being conducted live with a quorum physically present. Assistant to the City Manager Bernadette Hughes explained the procedures for public participation and comment for the meeting.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Hughes stated that no advanced public comments were received for the meeting.

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A MOTION APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING(S). (2021-0216)

**MOTION:** LaPlant/Hurley – To approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2021, meeting as presented.

**Upon roll call, the Motion passed by a 4-0 vote.**

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **5. DISCUSSION – SCHOOL BOND PROGRAM AND DEVELOPMENT OF REPORT TO COMMISSION**

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Ms. Hughes explained she had received comments from the Board members and had started creating the report. She reviewed the Executive Summary, outlining the process the Board had gone through in order to identify successes and opportunities for each school in order to present a report to the City Commission. She recommended the Board also identify three (3) overall opportunities for the completed report.

Ms. LaPlant made suggestions on sources for additional information for the draft report.

Discussion ensued regarding progress on the bond projects, school by school. The Board reviewed the draft report with Ms. Hughes and made comments and revisions.

Vicky LaPorte, Atlantic Technical High School, gave an update on prioritizing funds and issues at ATC. She stated the most pressing issue was a leaking roof and noted that she was not aware of potentially worse issues at other schools.

Discussion continued regarding timelines for construction projects under the bond program and the school-by-school report. Vice Chair Hurley reported that Coconut Creek High School was in a six (6) phase process and stated the school was in need, so anything that the City could do should be pursued. Ms. Sargis spoke briefly on progress at Monarch High School. She noted the Smart Bond website for the school had not been updated since June 2020.

Discussion continued on next steps for updating the report.

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Chair Kenney reported on assessments at Coconut Creek Elementary School. He shared details of upcoming events at the school.

Mr. Hurley shared an update from the Guidance Department at Coconut Creek High School, noting they were working to get students in school to conduct in-person testing. He stated that there were concerns that due to barriers presented by COVID-19, and the results would not provide an accurate picture of student or teacher performance and would impact the graduation rate. Mr. Hurley shared upcoming events at the school.

Ms. Hughes added details regarding the Teen Political Forum and planned speakers for the event.

Ms. Sargis provided an update on Monarch High School. She stated an in-person graduation would be held on June 10. She addressed concerns regarding a current Senate Bill that addresses the funding formula for Bright Futures.

Ms. LaPlant provided a report on Tradewinds Elementary and Atlantic Technical High School. She stated she had been focused on the bond status for the two (2) schools since the last meeting.

Ms. Hughes shared the notes from the recent Educational Foundation meeting.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Bernadette Hughes  
Assistant to the City Manager

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Date