

EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION MINUTES

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Educational Commission was held on July 2, 2019

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME:

Chairman Pro Tem Veazey called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doris Langon, Cheryl Rutherford, Kijuana Marshall, Tonya Davis

GUESTS:

Geraldine Tyler

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION: District 162 Practices

Lengthy discussion was held regarding student exposure to foreign languages and field trips. The commissioners could not understand why these two areas of educational enhancement were not available to all students.

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Tyler offered the correction of the last name of the guest from Metcalf to Medcalf. Commissioner Davis offered the correction of her first name from Tanya to Tonya. The minutes were approved with those corrections.

As a side discussion, Commissioner Langon asked about the status of all commissioners based upon comments by Trustee Liaison Watkins who has stated that she would be replacing commissioners. Chairman Veazey reminded the commission that President Burke stated that he wanted all commissioners to remain and that he expects action at an upcoming village board meeting to make it official. Veazey also reminded all of President Burke's comments regarding the roles and rights of commissioner as compared to Trustee Liaison Watkins'.

AGENDA ITEM: Special (Superintendent) Meeting Follow-Up

The commissioners reviewed the "Potential Next Steps" produced from the meeting. After lengthy discussion, it was clear that the thirteen items listed all were linked to three of the items listed. After restructuring the original list, the new list of next steps appears as follows in this order of importance:

1. Create greater partnership between the schools and community

- Improve HOA awareness and mobilize them to act
- Increase exposure to school's fine arts programs
- Make community aware of how to volunteer in schools
- Identify and recruit volunteers with 'special' expertise
- Create special community/school programs for troubled youth
- Improve schools alumni outreach
- Identify PTSO contacts and develop relationships

2. Create and promote career programs

- Investigate and raise awareness of the benefits of charitable contributions to the schools
- Develop "service day" program for all students in conjunction with community

3. Improve marketing of schools

- Create a "branding" program for the schools

In follow up to the earlier discussion, it was initially agreed that a letter to Dr. Davis regarding foreign language and field trip enrichment for all students be prepared and sent. However, there was considerable uncertainty about taking that action later in the discussion. As a result, the commission will review this issue at our next meeting in an effort to reach consensus on proper wording before sending.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

The membership agreed to follow past practice and will not meet again until September.

In follow up to past discussions regarding when we will meet in the future, Chairman Veazey also polled the members present regarding when we will meet in the future. There was unanimous opinion that we maintain the meeting schedule since the creation of the commission and meet on the first Tuesday of each month.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.