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Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting : 2018 : 11 : 08 : Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.



BOARD MEETING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018
DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
14155 58TH STREET NORTH
CONFERENCE ROOM 191
CLEARWATER, FL 33760**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brian Aungst, Jr., Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Brian Aungst, Jr.	Board Chair	Present
Susan Rolston	Board Vice Chair	Present
Rick Butler	Board Secretary	Present
Bob Dillinger	Public Defender	Present
Michael Grego	Superintendent	Absent
Bernie McCabe	State Attorney	Present
Michael Mikurak	Board Member	Present
James Millican	Board Member	Present
Patrice Moore	Sixth Judicial Court Judge	Present
Karen Seel	Pinellas County Commissioner	Present
James Sewell	Board Member	Present

II. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approve Board Minutes for October 11, 2018
- B. Accept Financial Report for October 2018
- C. Accept Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2018

Mr. Aungst asked for a motion to approve the Consent Items.

Item I.A. was amended to show Judge Patrice Moore was present at the October 11, 2018 regular Board meeting.

The consent items were approved as amended.

ACTION: Dr. James Sewell moved to approve the Consent Items as amended; seconded by Mrs. Susan Rolston. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Commissioner Karen Seel arrived after the vote on the Consent Items.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Executive Committee's Recommendation on Chief Executive Officer's Annual Evaluation and Base Salary Increase

Mr. Aungst provided an overview of the process and results of Dr. Marcie Biddleman's annual evaluation, and announced the Executive Committee recommends providing Dr. Biddleman a three percent increase, equal to staff increases for FY19.

There were no comments or discussions.

ACTION: Honorable Bernie McCabe moved to Approve the Executive Committee's Recommendation on Chief Executive Officer's Annual Evaluation and Base Salary Increase; seconded by Mr. Michael Mikurak. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

- B. Appoint CEO Search Committee

Vice-Chair, Mrs. Susan Rolston, outlined the committee process and requested seven Board members to serve on the Search Committee. Mrs. Rolston announced Dr. Mary Grace Duffy, a consultant with Cambridge Hill Partners, Inc., would assist with the search. Mrs. Rolston plans to hold up to two meetings of the committee prior to opening the search in January 2019. These meetings will allow the committee to discuss the cost of a national search, revise the CEO's position profile, and establish a timeline. She recommended appointing funded agency staff and community members to participate. The committee will report their findings at the January 10, 2019 regular Board meeting.

The Search Committee, led by Mrs. Rolston, will include Commissioner Karen Seel, Judge Patrice Moore, Mr. Michael Mikurak, Mr. Bob Dillinger, Dr. James Sewell, and Mr. Bernie McCabe.

Mr. Aungst commented on beginning the search process now because four Board gubernatorial appointees are currently awaiting reappointment.

There were no questions.

ACTION: Mrs. Rolston moved to Appoint a CEO Search Committee; seconded by Mr. Mikurak. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

- C. Approve Memorial Room Dedication

Mr. Aungst read the recommended action and asked Ms. Lynda Leedy, Chief Administrative Officer, to provide details. Ms. Leedy reported on Board consensus to rename Room 191 as the Edmonds Neri Room to honor two deceased former Board members: Mrs. Maria Edmonds and Mr. Raymond Neri. Their portraits and a plaque will be hung on the wall near the right entrance to the conference room. A dedication ceremony will be scheduled following the January 10, 2019 regular Board meeting. Both families will be invited to attend.

There were no comments or discussions

ACTION: Division Chief Millican moved to Approve a Memorial Room Dedication; seconded by Judge Moore. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

- D. Approve Funding Recommendations for Children's Literacy at Faith-Based Organizations Invitation to Negotiate (ITN)

Mr. Aungst reviewed the ITN process and asked Mr. Brian Jaruszewski, Chief Financial Officer, to provide the staff recommendation.

Mr. Jaruszewski explained due to the accelerated timeline prescribed by the Board, the Executive Team, which includes Dr. Biddleman, Ms. Judith Warren, Chief Operating Officer, Ms. Leedy, and himself, served as the review team for the two proposals submitted: one from R'Club Child Care, Inc., and one submitted by the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg. He referred to the materials provided to the Board. [See attached.]

Mr. Jaruszewski stated there was a one point difference in the scoring of the applications. He briefly reviewed the similarities and differences between the applications and said both applicants are well qualified, yet they presented different approaches. Mr. Jaruszewski announced the Executive Team's recommendation is to fund both the R'Club and the YMCA.

The Board discussed their understanding of the intent of the ITN, which is to select one provider, not two. They emphasized the main goal is to make sure the children are served.

The discussion then centered on the number of children served and the cost per child.

Board members voiced their ideas on a new competitive solicitation process to fund a comprehensive, replicable, and efficacious literacy enrichment program that could be scaled to serve children in the five Pinellas County high-risk areas. The members emphasized a model to increase attendance and participation.

Questions were asked about the current number of sites, number of children served, and targeted service levels (TSL). The Board asked Mr. Jaruszewski if he was confident with the administrative oversight provided by the R'Club and the YMCA. He said he was.

The Board asked if separating the faith-based literacy program over two sites could lead to increased attendance. Mr. Jaruszewski said the split will leverage the strengths of the two applicants. The Board commented on duplication of services.

Dr. Biddleman said the ITN recommendation is intended to get the best from both agencies through collaboration.

The Board suggested beginning with a small, replicable model that can be expanded to the five high-risk areas. Mr. McCabe motioned to "go back to the drawing board".

Mrs. Rolston, who attended the review team meeting, and said Ms. Connie Dierking, Head of the Literacy Program at Pinellas County Schools, expressed concern at the meeting about the aggressive outcomes.

Mr. Aungst summarized the points made by the members: to include a robust, countywide approach for the high-risk areas, continue with the status quo for the current fiscal year, and bring the results to the Board.

Mr. McCabe suggested status quo while something is being developed. He mentioned that there have been examples in the past where models have been replicated.

Mr. Aungst inquired as to whether there was an opportunity to expand the number of children who are being served today, and if so, can that be accomplished.

Mr. Jaruszewski said the number of children being served is an outreach effort and operational dynamic of the actual program, along with technical and operational support.

Mr. Aungst called for public comment. The following individuals provided their comments:

- Mr. Vince Cocks, Maximo Presbyterian Church
- Dr. Ricardo Davis, Concerned Organization for Quality Education of Black Students, Inc. (COQEBS)
- Ms. Rene Robinson-Flowers, Pinellas County School Board Vice-Chair, and R'Club Chair
- Mr. Arthur O'Hara, Executive Director, R'Club Child Care, Inc.
- Mr. David Jezek, President and CEO, YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg
- Ms. Felisha Handy, Program Director, YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg
- Pastor Frank Peterman, Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist Church

The Board questioned the difference between the YMCA's calculation of daily attendance and the number reported in JWB's GEMS program. They also discussed the effectiveness of having the program offered at school-based sites as a way to improve attendance.

The Board indicated staff will have six months to develop the solicitation and requested staff report on their progress at the November 29, 2018 Board workshop. The discussion then focused on the differences among the types of solicitations.

Commissioner Seel stated she supports the applicant who received the higher score and replicating the program in the five high-risk areas. She said the county's solicitation evaluation process includes community members. She stated for the record that she is concerned we are staying with the status quo with only five churches involved at the present time. With that being said, the Board was given some proposed measures for faith-based literacy and they should be implemented immediately, and they should be part of the current contract if that is what is continued as the status quo, and they should be measurable and tracked.

The Board asked for and received from staff confirmation that the current contract with the YMCA to provide the services is through September 30, 2019.

Mr. McCabe amended his motion to include rejecting both ITN applications, staying with the status quo, and directing staff to create, within six months, a new Request for Proposal (RFP) for a replicable literacy program model to be provided in the five countywide high-risk zones.

ACTION: Mr. McCabe moved to Reject both ITN Applications, staying with the *status quo*, and Directing Staff to Create Within Six Months, A Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Replicable Literacy Program Model to be Provided in the Five High-Risk Zones; seconded by Dr. Sewell. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

After the vote, Mr. Aungst commented on program funds allocated for literacy services and encouraged the adults in the community to see that the money is utilized.

There were no more comments or questions.

E. Approve Cancellation of Regular December 2018 Board Meeting

Mr. Aungst requested cancellation of the December 13, 2018 regular Board meeting due to the Board workshop on November 29, 2018 and the Children's Summit on December 14, 2018.

There were no comments or questions.

ACTION: Mr. Dillinger moved to Approve the Cancellation of the Regular December 2018 Board Meeting; seconded by Mrs. Rolston. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

F. Approve South County Community Council Appointment

Mr. Aungst read the qualifications of Mr. LaShante Keys and requested approval of his appointment to the South County Community Council.

There were no comments or questions.

ACTION: Dr. Sewell moved to Approve a South County Community Council Appointment; seconded by Division Chief Millican. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Faith-Based Mini-Grants – *Joanne Reich, Faith-Based Community Coordinator*

Ms. Warren introduced Ms. Joanne Reich, JWB Faith-Based Community Coordinator, who presented an overview of the results of the recent faith-based mini-grant process that resulted in \$46,257 being awarded to 11 small faith-based entities to strengthen the community.

Commissioner Seel requested a copy of the presentation.

There was no discussion.

V. CEO REPORT

Dr. Biddleman reviewed recent events: Staff Appreciation Day, Make-A-Difference Day, and the CASA Annual Peace Breakfast. She invited the Board to attend the annual staff Thanksgiving Potluck on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at noon in Room 191.

Dr. Biddleman announced 32 St. Petersburg College childhood educators received scholarships from JWB.

Dr. Biddleman requested the Board prioritize the items on the draft Board Workshop agenda. [See attached.]

Mr. Dillinger requested a discussion item for a suggested referendum to change the Special Act to allow JWB to expand its focus to the elderly. Mr. McCabe commented he preferred to keep the two operations separate and encouraged the community to consider a referendum to create the Elderly Welfare Board.

The members continued to discuss various priorities including stable housing for families and efficient utilization of JWB resources. Dr. Biddleman said the Family Services Initiative (FSI) assists with the prevention of homelessness for families with children. She will provide the Board with data at the workshop.

The Board agreed the workshop agenda includes:

1. Literacy RFP Update
2. Impact of the voter's rejection of Amendment 1
3. Children's Mental Health Initiative Update
4. Stable Housing for Families

The stable housing presentation is allotted a 15-minute time limit and will be the first agenda item.

There were no further questions or discussions.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Aungst asked if there were any requests from the Board to discuss the Information Items. There were no requests.

VII. OPEN AGENDA

Mr. Aungst reminded the Board of the upcoming Board workshop on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 1:30 PM in Conference Room 191, and the Children's Summit on Friday, December 14, 2018.

Mr. Rick Butler announced staff anniversaries.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Aungst moved for adjournment at 10:41 AM. No further discussion, all in favor; motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by:



Rick Butler
Board Secretary
01/10/18

Proposed Measures for Faith-Based Literacy

Gains in Reading Skills

- **80% of participants will meet their targeted growth measure as reported by the i-Ready Student Growth Report.**

Details: Reading gains are defined as meeting or exceeding the Typical Growth goal by the end of the school year. Participants will be included for analysis if they have at least two diagnostic assessments through i-Ready. Analysis will be stratified by program attendance and hours spent on task in i-Ready. The program staff will conduct regular data chats with the program participants.

Gains on standardized reading assessment score

- **80% of students will demonstrate Learning Gains on the Florida Standardized Assessment (FSA) English Language Arts (ELA).**

Details: Learning Gains is defined by the Florida Department of Education for students that have two consecutive scores (last school year to present school year). The Learning Gains criteria for FSA can be found in the Guide to Calculating School and District Grades which is published annually on the FLDOE.org website.

Regular Attendance

- **70% percent of participants will attend regularly, as defined by 70% or more of the program days available to them.**

Details: This measure is tracked by attendance entered into roster services on a monthly basis in GEMS.

Parent Engagement

- **75% of participants will demonstrate a minimum of five family engagement activities in a school year.**

Details: as evidenced by attendance at program events and review of individual participant's progress (can be both in-person or by conference call). The program staff will keep track of the data in GEMS.



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- Strategic Plan Status and Strategic Focus Area Portfolio Performance Reports
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- Funding Cycle Alignment

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Vince Cocks

Spokesperson For (list group or faction: if applicable):

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ILL. D. FUNDING OR RECOMMENDATION FOR CITIZENSHIP LITIGATION TO FIGHT BIAS

Name/Entity:

CONGRESS ORGANIZATION FOR CENTERING JUSTICE OF BLACK STUDENTS (COJBS)

Spokesperson For (list group or faction: if applicable):

DR. RIC DAVIS, PRESIDENT

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Name/Entity: Pinellas County School Board, Ron Flannery R Club Vice Chair

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RFP Process

Name/Entity:

Arthur O'Hara - R Club

Spokesperson For (list group or faction: if applicable):

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Name/Entity:

Felisha Handy / David Jereh YMCA

Spokesperson For (list group or faction: if applicable):

YMCA

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Faithbase item

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Faithbase item / Frank Paternan

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