

**MINUTES**  
**Workshop/Monthly Work Session**

**MEETING:** April 17, 2018

**PRESENT:** Board Members: Bridget Ziegler, Chair; Jane Goodwin, Vice Chair; Shirley Brown; Caroline Zucker; Eric Robinson; Superintendent Todd Bowden

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 8:30 a.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<b>Opening Comments</b>	Bridget Ziegler opened the work session by commenting to everyone that we are all here for the right reasons - to maintain focus on the greater interest of our students and community. There is a lot of work in the agenda today and I'm looking forward to healthy and productive discussions as we move forward.
<b>Pinecrest Academy Gulf Coast Application</b>	<p>Natalie Roca highlighted the application and approval process for a charter school. Each of the charter school applicants are to present an overview of their proposal to enable discussion with the Board Members.</p> <p>Pinecrest Academy Governing Board present: Judith Marty, President &amp; Chair; Shannie Sadesky, Vice-Chair; Carlos Alvarez, Director; Fernando Barroso, Operations; and Carrie Montano, Principal.</p> <p>The Pinecrest Academy school model provides a standards-based, research-based curriculum and instruction program incorporating a STEM theme. The members explained the history of Pinecrest Academy, the locations of their other schools, person in charge of day-to-day running of the school, how to be involved in the community, and the goals for student success, amongst other topics. Discussion ensued.</p>
<b>Dreamers Academy Charter Application</b>	Dreamers Academy Governing Board present: Thomas Chaffee, Chair; Steve Zickafoose, Vice-Chair; Al Weidner, Treasurer; Geri Chaffee, Secretary; Dan Kennedy, Board Member, Elizabeth Cuevas-Neunder

	<p>The Dreamers Academy proposes to offer a Dual Language Two-Way Immersion educational program. Students will become bilingual and biliterate in English and Spanish, learn cross-cultural skills, and attain high levels of academic success.</p> <p>After much discussion over the years regarding such a program with the Chaffees, Dr. Bowden suggested to them that a charter school application might be their best route to impact this particular student population. The best way to be most impactful is to show the district the way. Being very encouraged with the work they have done so far, the district is anxious to see the results. An awareness has been raised on something the district can do better, and the Dreamers Academy has provided a solution. Discussion ensued.</p>
<p><b>Test Calendar</b></p>	<p>Denise Cantalupo presented and discussed the testing calendar which includes all the various tests that are being administered at this time in all elementary, middle, and high schools.</p>
<p><b>School Safety &amp; Security Options and Budget Implications</b></p>	<p>The Superintendent, Scott Lempe, Mitsi Corcoran, and Michael Andreas presented the School Safety and Security Options and Budget Implications to the Board. A very in-depth packet of information was presented: Cost Analysis of SRO/SRD Models (4 different proposals); Comparative Statement of Revenues, Appropriations, and Fund Balance for 2015-16 to 2018-19; Internal Police Department Cost Projections; Projections at "Full Cost", Proposals from Municipalities, Continue Current Contracts – Accept Proposed Terms, Continue Current Contracts – Negotiate Previous Terms; 2018-19 General Fund Budget of all Schools and Departments 1% Reduction.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued with the Superintendent presenting the proposals to the Board. In the end, the Board decided the best proposal is to standup an internal police force. This would be a two-year implementation plan. The plan is to hire sworn law enforcement officers with arrest powers who will be under the exclusive command and control of the school district. The first year is to hire the leadership team to help with the hiring of the rest of the staff. The first step is to move into the elementary schools, then the following year into the middle and high schools. The four municipalities will be approached to see if they would continue the contract to staff the middle and high schools at their current staffing levels for the 2018-19 school year.</p> <p>If the district started its own department, the district would enter into mutual aid agreements with all of the municipalities law enforcement agencies. Training would be</p>

	<p>done at any of the municipalities or at Suncoast Technical College. Vehicle purchases for the staff was discussed.</p> <p>The 2018-2019 1% Reduction will only affect the targeted central administration cuts; not the schools. There would be immediate savings in the 2018-2019 school year with additional savings the following year. Cost savings: 1<sup>st</sup> year – up to \$450,000 in savings; 2nd year – replace the contracts at the middle and high schools with the district police force – savings will be more than \$1 million in the 2019-2020 school year.</p> <p>The Board thanked the Superintendent and staff for the tremendous work in providing the very detailed information to guide a conversation.</p>
<b>Mental Health Plan</b>	<p>Laura Kingsley, Sonia Figaredo-Alberts, and Debra Giacolone presented the Behavioral Health Plan: Focus on Prevention. This plan has been worked on intensively this year. Name change from <i>Mental Health Plan</i> to <i>Behavioral Health Plan</i>. Instead of asking a child “What’s wrong with you?”, we want to ask, “What happened to you, and how can we help you succeed in school?”</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued on this very important topic, including the following synopsis of the plan: 1) What we currently do: Support our Families, Support our School and District Staff, Support Community Projects and Agencies; and 2) How to Utilize State Funding to Target Deeper Support.</p>
<b>Revised Board Operating Procedures</b>	<p>Bridget Ziegler presented the revised Board Operating Procedures. Discussion ensued regarding topics such as Board Members obtaining a district phone, no texting at the Board table, professional dues, local expense allocation, mileage, correspondence copied/ distributed, vacation notification, and to add an annual retreat.</p>
<b>Recessed Reconvened</b>	<p>Recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m. Reconvened at 1:30 p.m.</p>
<b>Adjourned</b>	<p>The Monthly Work Session adjourned at 2:30 p.m.</p>

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Monthly Work Session held on April 17, 2018 and approved at the regular Board meeting on May 1, 2018.

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Secretary  
Todd Bowden

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Chair  
Bridget Ziegler