

MINUTES
Work Session

MEETING: October 3, 2017

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

CALLED TO ORDER: 2:00 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Sarasota STEM Charter School Application- Natalie Roca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On August 1, 2017 the district received the Sarasota STEM charter application • The school will be a Science Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy for K- 8 students • The proposed plan is to open in 2018-19 with an enrollment of 714 VPK – Grade 6 students in year one, adding grades 7 and 8 in subsequent years to reach a projected enrollment of 890 students by year 5 • The school will be located at 930 N. Beneva Road in Sarasota County • The applicant proposes to use an Educational Service Provider (ESP), Alliance Educational Services, Inc., to provide comprehensive education services, HR services and business management services to the school • The district Charter Review Committee (CRC) used the Florida <i>Charter School Application Evaluation Instrument</i> to evaluate the application for compliance with state statutes and its evidence of meeting standards necessary for the operation of a high quality charter school. • Ratings are divided into three standards – Educational Plan, Organizational Plan and Business Plan • The preliminary total summary rating was as follows: 26% Meets; 48% Partially Meets; 26% Does Not Meet

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Members discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the application with the representatives. • On October 10, 2017 the applicant will have the opportunity to participate in the CRC Capacity Interview to answer any additional questions • The School Board will take action to approve or deny the application at the November 7, 2017 School Board meeting
<p>2018 Employee Group Benefit Insurance Rates and Fees- Mitsi Corcoran Lynn Peterson Arthur J. Gallagher Representatives AON Representatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for reducing claims and costs for the self-insurance program was discussed; details on pharmacy spending, Medicare and Medicare Supplement education for retirees, and an update on the Wellness program were reviewed • A feasibility study conducted by Arthur J. Gallagher & Company for an on-site medical center was discussed, to include the cost of operating the center. The possibility of partnering with Charlotte and Manatee counties was discussed. • The utilization challenges and opportunities of a medical center were discussed • A summary of expenses was shared/discussed; it is projected the District could save \$1.2 - \$2.0 million per year in claims expenses • Sarasota County Schools rate history was reviewed from 2009 to present • An updated financial analysis was discussed in detail
<p>Adjourned</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Monthly Work Session adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Monthly Work Session held on October 3, 2017, and approved at the regular Board meeting on October 17, 2017.

Secretary
Todd Bowden

Chair
Caroline Zucker