

**MINUTES**  
**Monthly Work Session**

**MEETING:** August 21, 2018

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

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<b>Opening Comments</b>	Bridget Ziegler welcomed everyone to today's work session.
<b>Review of School Avenue Community Workshops</b>	<p>Jeff Maultsby and Kathie Ebaugh presented the outcome from the three community workshops regarding the closing of School Avenue to improve the area's overall bike and pedestrian facilities. Through the workshops, the District heard community concerns, identified specific bike and pedestrian improvements, and developed consensus about what improvements were most desired by the community. Upon approval from the City of Sarasota for the vacation of School Avenue, the District will commit to working towards the construction of a north-south pathway along the west side of campus in cooperation and agreement with Ringling College. The solution from the workshops that is most preferred by the community is the west side park and walkway that would connect Bay Street up to Browning Street along the west side of the campus. Jody Dumas joined the group and a lengthy discussion ensued.</p> <p>The discussion continued onto the Five-year Capital Improvement Plan. A new classroom wing was mentioned for Pine View and a lengthy discussion ensued regarding Venice High School's overcrowding-to place leased portables on the campus and also to have further discussion to build a new high school. A meeting is scheduled for November to discuss when/where a new high school site in West Villages should be built upon the forecast of growth in the area. Due to the vote at the Board Meeting to approve the CIP, it was recommended pg. 32 be amended for the classroom wing at VHS. This will be moved to another year for construction to allow time for further discussion on the capacity of all the high schools and if there is need for a new high school.</p>

<p><b>Charter School Capital</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bowden presented a graph that displayed the allocation of capital dollars to charter schools. The graph showed the average per student capital allocation over the last 5 years and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year 2016-17 introduced the rolling 3-year average. Decision is, do you want the rolling 3-year average to be back to the \$778 figure, or do you want <i>this year's</i> allocation to be back to the 2016-17 threshold?</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued with the Board agreeing to allocate funds from the safety and security initiative that has so far come under the \$25,000,000 allocation. Mitsi Corcoran explained the funding for the charter schools and answered Board questions. Dr. Bowden said a sample motion can be provided at the afternoon meeting for the Board to vote on a change to the funding for charter schools.</p>
<p><b>Extended Day Program Access for Employee Dependents</b></p>	<p>Mitsi Corcoran and Chris Renouf discussed the Employee Childcare Program School Impact. A list was distributed with the schools participating and the utilization and revenue loss listed. The principals and employees appreciate the benefit for the staff. It is manageable with the guidelines in place, and the discretionary dollars go a long way at the schools and is appreciated.</p> <p>Discussion ensued. The district will continue forward under the current parameters due to the program working. The program serves a benefit to our employees with minimal financial impact to schools on a space-available basis.</p>
<p><b>2019 Board Meetings Calendar</b></p>	<p>The Board and Superintendent discussed the meeting calendar for 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to returning from the Holiday Break on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting is to be moved to Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> to enable Board members to discuss agenda items with staff during the week.</li> <li>• Due to Spring Break, March Board Meetings will be on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> with the work session being held on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Due to the Holiday Break in December, there will only be one workshop and meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul> <p>Caroline Zucker requested Yom Kippur be added to the <i>Holidays and Observances</i> listing on the back of the school calendar for staff to be made aware of the 'no homework' policy for such holidays.</p>

<b>School Board Procedures</b>	The procedures for Board Members to follow pertaining to travel, reimbursements, etc. was discussed.
<b>Cellphone Use Among Students and <i>Away for a Day</i></b>	Jane Goodwin discussed the cell phone use in schools. She encouraged everyone to review <i>Away for a Day</i> . Discussion ensued.
<b>Legislative Platform</b>	<p>Jane Goodwin introduced legislative issues for the Board to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School safety</li> <li>• Operational funds to hire 1 officer for each school</li> <li>• Funding for Safe School Facility Grant Program</li> <li>• Mental health</li> <li>• Local effort – capital millage rate</li> <li>• Eliminate tests for Oak Park</li> <li>• Pre-K</li> <li>• And several other issues</li> </ul> <p>A joint meeting with Charlotte, Manatee, and Sarasota School Boards is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2018 to discuss common concerns for the 2019 Legislative Platform.</p>
<b>Members Comments</b>	<p>Shirley Brown introduced the subject of ways for a donor to receive a tax deduction when donating large items. Discussion ensued regarding how we can help teachers receive the items they need for the classrooms through grants, etc.</p> <p>Dr. Bowden stated the salary study is underway. Fifty job titles are being investigated and the district and union have split the cost. A Recruitment and Retention Committee is also a joint project.</p>
<b>Adjourned</b>	The work session adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

We certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Monthly Work Session held on August 21, 2018 and approved at the regular Board meeting on September 4, 2018.

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Secretary  
Todd Bowden

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Chair  
Bridget Ziegler