

AMENDED MINUTES

**Florida Atlantic University Schools Advisory Body
Special Meeting – Via Teleconference
Tuesday, August 31, 2010, 4:30pm
A.D. Henderson University School
College of Education, Florida Atlantic University**

I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Call to order made by Ms. Daphna Smolka at 4:45pm.

II. Welcome

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

Ms. Smolka welcomed all the members of the Advisory Body. Members who were present:

Dr. Patricia Hodge – Principal/Director

Ms. Daphna Smolka – At-Large Parent Representative

Mr. Tom Ievoli – Secondary Faculty Representative

Ms. Emma del Real – Business/Community Citizen

Ms. Robin Barkes – Elementary Faculty Representative

Mr. Marc Hopin – Secondary Parent Representative

Ms. Tracie Nieporte –Elementary Parent Representative

Dr. Stephen Locke – FAU Faculty Representative

Members who were not present:

Dr. Deborah Shepherd – College of Education, Dean’s Office Representative (Excused)

Ms. Kris Moser (Excused)

Others Present:

Mr. Glenn Thomas – Assistant Dean, Pk-12 Schools and Educational Programs

Ms. Allyn Margolies – Recording Secretary

III. Introductions

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

None

V. Recognitions and Awards

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

None

VI. Principal/Director’s Report

Dr. Patricia Hodge, Principal/Director

None

VII. Action Items

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

a. Approval of Final Voting Procedures

1. Discussion prior to motion:
 - i. Two issues: (1) One vote per child or one vote per parent? (2) Do parents vote within their own constituency or across the board?
 - ii. Mr. Marc Hopin sent out an email prior to the meeting, questioning the legality of one vote per child, stating that it is disenfranchising to do so, and requesting a legal opinion prior to taking a vote.
 - iii. Based on Mr. Hopin's email, prior to this meeting Mr. Glenn Thomas spoke briefly with FAU legal counsel who stated that the board needs take whatever action it agrees on, and that any issue of legality could be addressed later.

Motion: Motion was made by Mr. Tom Ievoli to approve the choice of one child/one vote.

Second: Seconded by Dr. Patricia Hodge.

2. Discussion:
 - i. Mr. Marc Hopin objected to the Motion. He stated that the SAB is disenfranchising by having one vote per child and giving more weight to those parents that have more than one child.
 - ii. Mrs. Tracie Nieporte agreed with Mr. Hopin. She feels each parent should have an individual vote.
 - iii. Mr. Tom Ievoli stated that he believes each parent representative on the SAB is voted in to represent a particular group of parents, not all parents in all constituencies.

Roll Call Vote Taken on Motion made by Mr. Ievoli:

Yea: Ms. Robin Barkes
Dr. Patricia Hodge
Mr. Tom Ievoli
Dr. Stephen Locke
Ms. Emma del Real
Ms. Daphna Smolka

Nae: Mr. Marc Hopin
Mrs. Tracie Nieporte

Motion is passed.

Motion: Motion was made by Dr. Stephen Locke to approve parents only voting within the constituency of their child, not across the board within all constituencies (i.e., Grades K-5 vote for Elementary School Representative only; Grade 6-8 vote for Middle School Representative only; Grades 9-12 vote for High School Representative only).

Second: Seconded by Ms. Robin Barkes.

3. Discussion

- i. Mr. Marc Hopin objected to this Motion. He stated that it potentially violates the Florida Sunshine Statutes. He has requested a legal review.
- ii. Mr. Glenn Thomas stated he will report the Motion and subsequent vote to FAU legal counsel to obtain their response to Mr. Hopin's objection.
- iii. Mrs. Tracie Nieporte questioned why it would be better to vote within each constituency rather than across the board.
- iv. Mr. Tom Ievoli responded that it was a matter of numbers. If a person is running to represent a particular group, those parents directly affected by that vote should have the say as to who represents them. It would skew the vote by voting outside their own grade level group.
- v. As a means of explanation, Dr. Stephen Locke gave the example that people in California cannot vote for the Governor of Florida.
- vi. Mr. Hopin stated he has a problem with creating sub-groups, which disenfranchises parents from voting for their choice of representatives.

Roll Call Vote Taken on Motion made by Dr. Locke:

Yea: Ms. Robin Barkes
Dr. Patricia Hodge
Mr. Tom Ievoli
Dr. Stephen Locke
Ms. Emma del Real
Ms. Daphna Smolka

Nae: Mr. Marc Hopin
Mrs. Tracie Nieporte

Motion is passed.

4. Discussion

- i. Dr. Patricia Hodge asked if the SAB needed to vote on the new timeline dates and procedures for voting.
- ii. Ms. Allyn Margolies read the new timeline dates from the Draft Minutes of the SAB Committee Meeting held on August 25, 2010:
 - a. Wednesday, September 1, 2010 – Paper Ballots to be sent home to parents with Elementary and Middle School students; Electronic Ballots to be emailed to High School parents.
 - b. Friday, September 3, 2010 – All Ballots to be returned to the ADHUS Front Office by no later than 4:00pm.

- c. Tuesday, September 7, 2010 -- New Elementary School, Middle School and High School Parent Representatives to the School Advisory Body will be announced.
- d. Wednesday, September 8, 2010 – At-Large Slates will be distributed. Paper Ballots will be sent home to Elementary School and Middle School parents; Electronic Ballots will be emailed to High School parents.
- e. Monday, September 13, 2010 – All At-Large Ballots to be returned to the ADHUS Front Office by no later than 4:00pm.
- f. Tuesday, September 14, 2010 – Two (2) new At-Large Parent Representatives to the School Advisory body will be announced.
- g. Wednesday, September 15, 2010 – The newly seated FAUS’ School Advisory Body will hold its first meeting at 5:30pm in the ADHUS Media Center.

Motion: Motion was made by Dr. Patricia Hodge to accept the new procedures and dates.

Second: Seconded by Dr. Stephen Locke.

Friendly Amendment: Mr. Marc Hopin requested an amendment to the vote tallying procedure to have it performed by an impartial party with the assistance of Slattery personnel.

Friendly Amendment Accepted: Dr. Patricia Hodge accepted Mr. Hopin’s Friendly Amendment.

Roll Call Vote Taken on Motion made by Dr. Patricia Hodge:

- Yea:** Ms. Robin Barks
 Dr. Patricia Hodge
 Mr. Tom Ievoli
 Dr. Stephen Locke
 Ms. Emma del Real
 Ms. Daphna Smolka
 Mr. Marc Hopin
 Mrs. Tracie Nieporte

Unanimous Approval

VIII. Discussion Items

Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair

- a. Dr. Patricia Hodge’s Assessment Form
 - 1. On Wednesday, September 1, 2010, Ms. Allyn Margolies will send to the SAB members, via email, Dr. Hodge’s 2009-2010 Annual Report and the Principal/Director Evaluation Form.
 - 2. Each SAB member should complete the Principal/Director Evaluation Form and return it in a sealed envelope to the attention of Mr. Tom Ievoli, Personnel Committee Chair, by no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

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| IX. Committee Reports | Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair |
| a. Tabled until the next regular monthly meeting. | |
| X. Old Business | Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair |
| a. Tabled until the next regular monthly meeting. | |
| XI. Public Comment | Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair |
| None. | |
| XII. Announcements and Comments | Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair |
| None. | |
| XIII. Adjournment | Ms. Daphna Smolka, Interim Chair |
| Ms. Daphna Smolka adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm. | |