

FAMU DRS School Board Meeting

Minutes

April 19, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mr. Terry Watson, Board Chair

Attendance: Mr. Terry Watson, Dr. Gennifer Bell, Dr. Patricia Hodge, Mr. Samuel Houston and Dr. Tony Manson

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Terry Watson, Board Chair, opened up the meeting and allowed for introductions for those that were present
- II. Meeting minutes tabled – quorum not met.
 - a. All meeting minutes need to be online.
- III. Administrative Update (Dr. Patricia Hodge)
 - a. DOE Changes to School Grades –
 - i. DOE is in the process of making changes to criteria for students and schools in reference to the FCAT and School Grades. Making it tougher to achieve higher scores and school grades.
 1. Adopted changes of the School Grading System was explained to the Board of Directors was by Dr. Hodge.
 - b. DRS Action Plan
 - i. Presented to the Board of Trustees. Dr. Hodge went over the Action Plan.
 - c. DRS Restructure Plan
 - i. The school day for elementary, middle and high school will be changed.
 - ii. The focus is the middle school students who are left on the campus unattended in the morning. Enrichment classes will be offered.
 - d. UFF Negotiations
 - i. Came to an agreement. Teacher vote to ratify on the 26th for final approval.
 - e. SP and P Approval
 - i. Board voted to approve the document.
 - f. Blackboard account for the Board.
 - i. Put the SP&P manual on web and Blackboard and other documents for the Board to submit final approval (s).
 - g. The following documents were presented for approval. Several members not present therefore each Board member will receive copies of these documents via email to vote upon:
 - i. 2012-2013 School Calendar
 - ii. Directory Information
 - iii. Teacher/Principal Evaluation (due in May, will get out by next week) along with Professional Development Plan (in conjunction with Title II Part A).

- iv. FERPA will go out to parents
- v. Non-Discrimination Policy (must be adopted by the School Board)
- h. Activity Fee Policy
 - i. Established and approve activity fee policy by the Board
- i. New Board Members & Board Retreat
 - i. Wednesday of next week current Board Members should express interest in remaining a Board Member.
 - 1. Is there a consideration for faculty member from DRS to join the Board?
 - ii. Retreat discussed
 - 1. Rosland Fuse-Hall President's Chief of Staff stated anytime during the week of May 21st was ok. for her to do a Board Retreat.
 - 2. Dr. Hodge offered for Board training through Leadership Tallahassee on May 1st at TCC.
- j. Board Comments:
 - i. Sam Houston – University still has a plan to finish the athletic fields.
 - 1. Issues
 - a. Need funding for bleachers and lighting.
 - b. Will DRS be able to use the University Field/Stadium next year for home games?
 - i. Mr. Houston – Will have a response for the board at a later date.
 - ii. Dr. Bell commended Dr. Hodge on her efforts with the UFF in negotiating Teacher evaluations and performances.
 - iii. Board Meetings
 - 1. Mr. Watson – may move to bi-monthly.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 p.m.