

# **Village of Wellington**

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd  
Wellington, FL 33414*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

**6:30 PM**

**Village Hall**

## **Education Committee**

*John Webber, Chair  
Shelly Albright, Vice Chair  
Donna Baxter  
Jana Bolinder  
Beth Gillespie  
Marcia Hayden  
Ruthann Retterbush*

**I Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm

**II Pledge of Allegiance****III Roll Call**

Mr. Webber asked for a motion to approve allowing member Beth Gillespie to participate via telephone.

Ms. Baxter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Retterbush to allow Ms. Gillespie to participate via telephone. Motion was approved 5-0. Ms. Albright and Ms. Bolinder were absent.

Mr. Webber called the roll.

Members present were Jay Webber, Donna Baxter, Ruthann Retterbush, and Marcia Hayden. Beth Gillespie was approved to participate via telephone. Shelly Albright was absent. Jana Bolinder arrived late.

Staff present were Paulette Edwards, Staff Liaison and Laura Aldrich, Recording Secretary.

**IV Opening Comments**

Mr. Webber elected to save the opening comments to the end of the meeting in order to move the meeting along.

**V Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Webber called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Ms. Baxter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Retterbush to approve the August 20, 2019 agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. Ms. Albright and Ms. Bolinder were absent.

At this time Ms. Bolinder joined the meeting.

**VI Selection of New Chair and Vice Chair****A. [EC-090](#)****SELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Mr. Webber called for nominations for a new chair and vice chair of the committee.

A nomination was made by Ms. Baxter for Mr. Webber to continue in his position as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Retterbush.

Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made for Mr. Webber to continue as Chair. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously 6-0. Ms. Albright

was absent.

Members suggested that Ms. Albright continue as Vice Chair.

Ms. Edwards informed the Committee that Ms. Albright was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

A motion was made and seconded for Ms. Albright to continue to serve as Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. Ms. Albright was absent.

## **VII Approval of Minutes**

### **A. [EC-089](#) MINUTES OF THE APRIL 30, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Webber asked for any modifications to the April 30, 2019 minutes that were presented. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve.

Motion was made by Ms. Baxter, seconded by Ms. Retterbush. Motion passed unanimously 6-0 to approve the April 30, 2019 minutes as presented. Ms. Albright was absent.

## **VIII Staff Report**

Ms. Edwards provided the staff report. The Community Services Department had completed their SWAG program over the summer with 34 graduates put through the program this year. Students from both Palm Beach Central and Wellington High Schools participated. Participants were placed at various locations from Wellington to West Palm Beach including Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding School and Commissioner McKinlay's office. The Back to School Event was a great success, serving over 800 families and distributing over 1000 backpacks. Staff also would be coordinating with Palm Beach Central and Wellington High School for the Civics 101 program for the 2019/2020 school year.

Mr. Webber asked staff about this year's High Impact Teachers.

Ms. Edwards responded that staff continued to research that but at this time no information had been available or provided.

## **IX Old Business**

Mr. Webber stated that the revised Committee Mission Statement had been approved by the Village Council.

## **X New Business**

### **A. [EC-092](#) PRESENTATION BY VALERIE ZULOAGA-HAINES, PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Webber introduced Ms. Valerie Zuloaga-Haines, new Regional Superintendent for Palm Beach County Schools.

Ms. Zoloaga-Haines thanked the Committee and those in attendance and welcomed Ms. Marcia Andrews. She also introduced the rest of the Regional Team, Ms. Karen Whetsell, Secondary Instructional Superintendent for the Central Region and Ms. Vivian Greene, Elementary Instructional Superintendent for Central Region. She went on to introduce new administrators in Wellington area schools, Ms. Pallaria from New Horizons Elementary and Ms. Donna Dekersky, Assistant Principal at Wellington Elementary and Mr. Craig Corsentino, Assistant Principal at Polo Park Middle and Mr. John Rejc, Assistant Principal at Wellington High School. She reported that the Keely Spinelli Grant was supportive of the four long term outcomes of the School District's Strategic Plan which included increasing proficiency in third grade reading, ensuring high school readiness and increasing high school graduation and fostering post graduate success. The grant has been supportive of the many programs and all students. She congratulated Wellington's schools and its educators for achieving straight A's.

Ms. Vivian Greene addressed the committee and shared information regarding data and results at the elementary level.

Ms. Karen Whetsell addressed the committee and shared information regarding data and results at the secondary level.

**B. [EC-091](#)**

**KEELY SPINELLI 2019/2020 GRANT PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Edwards stated that presentations would be made in order beginning with Elementary followed by Middle and finally High School. She noted that, prior to the meeting, all Principals had been instructed that any remaining funds from the previous year needed to be utilized immediately prior to the distribution of the 2019/2020 grant award. Some have already done so and others are completing using their funds, while many had no funds leftover.

Mr. Webber stated that the total grant award amounted to \$36,363 for each school. He thanked the Village Council for its continued dedication to Wellington's schools.

Each Principal or school representative made a presentation related to their planned usage of the Keely Spinelli Grant Funds.

Ms. Edwards acknowledged the attendance of Vice Mayor Michael Napoleone.

Vice Mayor Napoleone briefly addressed the Committee and thanked all of the schools for their hard work.

**XI Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**XII Closing Comments**

Mr. Webber provided information related to the school liaisons and went through each school and identified its responsible committee member.

Binks Forest - Ruthann Retterbush  
Wellington Elementary - Ruthann Retterbush

Elbridge Gayle - Beth Gillespie  
Equestrian Trails - Jana Bolinder  
New Horizons - Jay Webber  
Panther Run - Marcia Hayden  
Wellington Landings - Jay Webber  
Polo Park - Donna Baxter  
Emerald Cove - Donna Baxter  
Palm Beach Central - Shelly Albright  
Wellington High School - Jana Bolinder

Ms. Edwards stated that the check presentation would take place at a future Council meeting and that information would be relayed to the Committee.

### **XIII      Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm