

**Minutes**  
**Imagine at Broward, Inc.**  
**Imagine School at Broward**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**November 19, 2021**  
**5:30 PM**

**In person & Via Zoom Meeting – Communications Media Technology (“CMT”) FINAL**

**Imagine School at Broward**

Brian Schlang (Board Member – Chairperson) – in attendance  
Christopher Buckley (CO-Secretary/Board Member) – zoom  
John Gerun (CO-Secretary/Board Member) -in attendance  
Esme Maldonado (Board Member) – in attendance  
Lori Rine (Board Member) – in attendance  
Debra Darling (Principal) – in attendance  
Carrera Padilla- (Assistant Principal) -in attendance  
Rod Sasse- In Attendance  
Susan Onori (Regional Director) – in attendance  
Elsa Forthmuller (Regional Finance Director) – in attendance  
Shakira Taylor (Business Manager) – in attendance  
Brooke Davidson-London (Parent Liaison) – not in attendance  
Chris Perez – (It Tech) –not in attendance  
Roni Prager –Imagine Staff- Minutes Recorder- in attendance  
Denise- Attorney- In attendance via zoom

**Welcome**

Mr. Schlang called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. with all the Governing Board Members in attendance. Mr. Schlang welcomed the Board and the public to the meeting.

**Public Notice**

Ms. Darling indicated that the meeting notice was publicized on the website, parent newsletter (via email), and flyers posted on the main entry door to the school per the official school policy.

**Approval of Minutes** – September 22, 2021

Mr. Schlang asked if any of the Board members had any corrections or questions for the September 22, 2021, minutes. They were reviewed and some minor changes were made. All present Board Members are in favor.

October 14, 2021

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**Principals Report**

Ms. Darling spoke about the following from her principal’s report.

## **Academics**

We completed our midterm STAR assessment for Reading and Math for grades K-8<sup>th</sup>. We will commence the 2nd i-Ready Reading for K-8<sup>th</sup> in December. This week we completed CogAt makeup testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders (gifted screener).

Two rounds of data chats with teachers have been completed, identifying students to be placed on Tier 2 or 3.

Professional developments on Team Lead Tuesday and Teacher Thursday were conducted on the following:

RTI Process

Setting Goals with Students

Data Walls and tracking

We are happy to announce Mrs. Mariella Diaz was selected as our 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year.

## **School of Distinction**

As you may remember, last year we prepared for our 5-year accreditation renewal from Cognia (formerly known as SACS). After the visit, we learned we not only received the renewal, but we also earned some of the highest scores in the country.

On Monday morning we learned we have been recognized as a School of Distinction. Please note that 80 schools from around the WORLD earned this honor and we are so proud and honored to be one of them! Mr. Schlang inquired if this is something that is earned every 5 years. Ms. Darling confirmed it is done every 5 years.

## **Enrollment**

Budgeted enrollment of 865 has been met. Current enrollment is 868 and will be still calling in a couple more students.

## **Finances**

Session 2 after school enrichments have begun. We added cheerleading and Spanish, all enrichments have high enrollment numbers.

## **Technology**

Ms. Darling advised nothing new at this time.

## **Health and Safety**

Covid numbers have remained very low.

## **Face Mask Policy**

The School Board of Broward County approved an amendment to revise its face covering policy as of Saturday, November 20, 2021. The revised policy will make the use of face coverings optional, but strongly encouraged for students, staff, and visitors at all schools and District offices. Imagine Broward is strongly encouraging students to continue wearing a facial covering while indoors on school property.

## **Upcoming Events**

Athletes' soccer event just ended. Veteran's Day tournament with Imagine Plantation. Trunk or Treat was a huge success and looking to have a haunted house next year. The Fall Festival by PTO huge success and have the Book Fair going on as well.

When we return from Thanksgiving Break:

Cookies for Cans – by SLA

Holiday Shop by PTO

Our Second Spirit Week the week of December 13

Drama production, band concert, and VPK holiday show.

## **Gymnatorium**

Documents reviewed are listed below-

- Executed Construction Contract: approval of construction contract
- Form of 2021 Affiliate Agreement Amendment: investors to know that the bond will get paid
- Form of Existing Questionnaire: diligence to allow counselor to give their legal opinions
- Form of First Supplemental Mortgage: the amended to the document
- Form of First Supplemental Loan Agreement: allows the school to sign the loan
- Form of First Supplemental Trust Indenture: provides the framework how dollars are given to pay the bond
- Form of Bond Purchase Agreement: DA Davidson contract between (to sign and that the loan will not exceed 9 million, within the 35 years)
- Form of Preliminary Limited Offering Memorandum: (this is made up of two documents, the PLOM and Appendix A regarding the School, etc.) – explains this to the investors with all the material facts
- Form of Deemed Final Certificate -
- Form of Continuing Disclosure Agreement: offering statements that investors can buy the bonds and will have the needed information to make an informed decision.
- Tax exemption certificate: document clarifying that the bond was issued with the tax exemption status and the guidelines that are to be adhere to.
- General authorization misc.: includes auditor consent, title insurance, etc.

Richard Moreno went over the marketing the bond, as the pricing is better than expected the yield is just below 3%. Mr. Schlang further explained the purchase bond ends in 30 years and picks up the new bond that was used for the purchase of the new building.

Denise explained 2019-bond that was used to purchase the current property and to pick up the new bond that will be used for new extension. Bonds should be issued next month. Denise explained the different forms that are in Resolutions forms and how they were filled out as well as the reason for it.

Mr. Gerun asked for clarification of the bond amount of 9 million as he was under the impression the bond was for 7 million. Mr. Moreno explained that this was set up to cover all the possible costs that may come up during the new construction of the gymnatorium.

## Finances/Budget

Ms. Forthmuller went over the budget, and that funding was based on 867 students. We will have an update on the capital revenue but that will not happen until January. Mr. Schlang asked for clarification regarding seating structure variance. Ms. Forthmuller explained how that was calculated.

Ms. Onori explained that we are still waiting on the funding. Mr. Gerun asked if this have been planned out.

Mr. Schlang asked about the facilities maintenance operating. Ms. Darling explained how the amount shown was due to clearing of the canal. Mr. Schlang asked if there were any further questions on the budget. There were none.

## Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems

Ms. Darling explained the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems (consortium) that they are looking to get approved and how it works. Mr. Schlang asked if they like this better than the previous one that was being used. Ms. Darling advised that this new Teacher and Principal Evaluation System is being well received by both Administration and staff.

## Out of Field Waivers

Ms. Darling explained the Out of Field Waivers and how they work. Mrs. Rine asked how long the certifications last. Ms. Darling advised that it is permanent.

### Elementary School Teachers Out-Of-Field Waivers

Teacher:	CURRENT CERTIFICATION SUBJECT AREA(S):	ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AREA(S) TAUGHT, OUT OF FIELD
ISABELLA BARBONE	Elem. Ed. K-6	Reading, ESOL CAT I
FRANKLIN BECK	Elem. Ed. K-6, English 5-9	ESOL CAT I
LAURA BIGGS	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL CAT I	Reading
ALEXA JANOFKY-CHI	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL CAT I, Gifted
TERI COHEN - FOOTE	Elem. Ed. K-6	Reading, ESOL CAT I
MARIELLA DIAZ	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL CAT I	Reading
ANDREW FRIEDLAND	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL CAT I
KATHIE FRIEDMAN	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL CAT I	Reading
ALEXIS GARCIA	Pre-K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	ESOL CAT I
SUZETTE GASKINS	Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL CAT I
MARC GROUDAN	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL CAT I	Gifted
ANNE HARRIS	Elem. Ed. K-6	Reading, ESOL CAT I
LAUREN HEUER	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL CAT I	Gifted
ANDREA HOLLENBAUGH	PreK-3 <sup>rd</sup> , Elem. Ed. K-6	ESOL CAT I
MICHELE LUKSTEIN	Pre-K-3 <sup>rd</sup> , ESOL CAT I	Reading
MELISSA PROCHILO	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL CAT I	Reading
VIRJEN SANCHEZ-RIVERA	Elem. Ed. K-6, Preschool Ed. Birth-4	Reading, ESOL CAT I
LISA SLIVINSKI	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESE K-12	Reading, ESOL CAT I
SHERI TOLEDO	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL	Reading, Gifted
RAQUEL WILLIS	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL, Gifted	Reading
ELLEN YUCHT	PreK-3 <sup>rd</sup> , ESOL CAT I	Reading
PAULO JORDAO	PE K-12	ESOL Cat III
BONITA MOHLER	ESE K-12, Elem. Ed. K-6	Reading, ESOL

### Middle School Teacher Out-Of-Field Waivers

Teacher:	CURRENT CERTIFICATION SUBJECT AREA(S):	ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AREA(S) TAUGHT, OUT OF FIELD
MELISSA BUSHEA	Elem. Ed. K-6, ESOL Cat I, Reading	Gifted
ERIC GIBIAN	Social Science	Gifted, ESOL Cat II
REECE PRUE	Soc. Sci 6-12	Science, ESOL Cat II, Gifted
KRISTIN KLADKE	Elem. Ed. K-6, Soc. Sci. 6-12, ESOL, English 5-9	Reading
TIMOTHY FRANZ	Social Science	Gifted, Cat II
CHERYL PEARSON	ELA 6-12, Soc. Sci 5-9	Gifted, Cat I
ELIZABETH THOMPSON	Elem. Ed. K-6, Middle Grades Int. 5-9, ESE K-12	Gifted
PAULO JORDAO	PE K-12	ESOL Cat III
BONITA MOHLER	ESE K-12, Elem. Ed. K-6	Reading, ESOL

#### **990 Approval**

Mrs. Forthmuller advised that a correction was made to the (Schedule K) that was incorrect from the previous years. Mr. Schlang asked if there any questions. There were none.

#### **Change GB January 20, 2022 meeting date**

Ms. Darling asked to change the January 20, 2022, Governing Board meeting to January 27, 2022, and whether this meeting would be good and if it would be in face or zoom. Mr. Schlang asked if that worked for everyone. All Board Members present were in favor.

#### **Public Input**

Mr. Schlang asked for any public input. There were none. Ms. Darling went over that we now have 3 Interns from Nova Southeastern. Mr. Gerun requested that we should look into the salary structure analysis for the next meeting. Ms. Forthmuller advised that she is currently working on the salary structure.

Mrs. Maldonado asked if they are going to offer vaccines to the students. Ms. Onori advised that hasn't been offered to charter schools at this time. Mr. Sasse stated that he has been really impressed with the board and the job they are doing. Mr. Sasse also said he is happy with the incredible job that Ms. Darling is currently doing with the school.

Mrs. Rine asked how the Google form for the Mask opt-out was going. Ms. Darling stated that she sent out the form to see how the parents feel about it and very few families has signed up for the Mask opt-out.

#### **Board Input**

Mr. Schlang asked for any Board input. Mr. Gerun stated that a great presentation was done with the groundbreaking and COGNIA award, everyone has done a great job. Mrs. Rine stated that she agrees with Mr. Gerun and was impressed by everyone and the job they have done. Mrs. Maldonado stated that everything was great and kudos to everyone on getting the COGNIA award, as well as the great job to the staff and Mr. Mauricio for the job he does as well. Mr. Schlang thanked Mr. Sasse and everyone on how the school has grown since he has been on the board. Mr. Schlang also congratulated the staff on the COGNIA award, and the groundbreaking ceremony. Mr. Schlang gave a shout out to the teachers and Imagine staff for the great job they are doing.

**Board Vote**

Mr. Gerun motions to approve the September 22, 2021, minutes with the changes. Mrs. Maldonado seconds and all present board members are in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve the October 14, 2021, minutes with the minor changes. Mr. Gerun seconds and all present board members are in favor.

Mr. Gerun motions to approve Resolutions of Board of Directors at Imagine at Broward Actions, with the Resolutions that are covered on pages 4-8. Mrs. Rine seconds and all present board members are in favor.

Mrs. Maldonado motions to approve to the Teachers and Principal Evaluation Systems (consortium). Mrs. Rine seconds and all present board members are in favor.

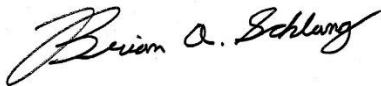
Mrs. Rine motions to approve the Out of Field Waivers. Mr. Gerun seconds and all present board members are in favor.

Mr. Gerun motions to approve 990 subject to some questions for Behrman Hoffman. Mrs. Maldonado seconds and all present board members are in favor.

Mr. Schlang adjourns the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Roni Prager.

Minutes are accepted as a final copy by:



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**Brian Schlang, Board Chair Member**

1/28/2022

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**Date**

List of Upcoming Meetings

1/27/2022

3/17/2022

5/19/2022

6/16/2022