BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
11:30 a.m. – Thursday, April 7, 2016
Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center, Superintendent’s Conference Room

Present: Tom Barthel, Debbie Clements, Alan Fidelo, Cathy Hertz, Judy Jenkins, Eric Kepfer, Ryan Mahaffey, Jennifer Michaels, Joyce Romano, Eddie Sanabria, Maria Vazquez, Ormend Yielding

Staff: Elizabeth Conrad, Francine Ferrara, Lola Gangi, Twanna Scroggins, Jeanne Smith, Cindy Williams

Absent: Lanie Clowers, Angel de la Portilla, Teresa Donaldson, Lillian Gonzalez, Pam Gould, Eric Houston, Michael Ison, Latria Leak, Sherry Magee

Call to Order
Ormend Yeilding called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m.

He thanked Eddie Sanabria for hosting today’s meeting. He also thanked Latria for hosting board members at the recent Magic game.

Ormend reminded all board members who have not turned in their conflict of interest form to do so as soon as possible.

He made note that the budget for fiscal year beginning July 1 will be approved at the June board meeting.

Consent Agenda
Eddie Sanabria moved to accept the agenda as submitted; Ryan Mahaffey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

2016-2017 Draft Budget Discussion
Cindy Williams reviewed the budget narrative for next year’s operating budget, highlighting the framework for the budget. She also discussed the financial dashboard, noting a correction to the License for Learning funds as they need to be considered restricted funds.

Golf funds show an increase year over year as does admin support. Operating costs are showing a decrease year over year, mostly due to reducing the executive director's salary as part of the integration with the district. An increase in investment income is also expected this year. There is still almost a $30K deficit in unrestricted revenue, which needs to be addressed.

State funds have been approved at the same level as year. These funds total $4.5 million for state education foundations. FOCPS will secure approximately $282,000 from matching funds, which is similar to the amount secured last year.
Joyce asked a question regarding the golf tournament expenses and Ormend agreed to bring the question back to the committee. Tom Barthel suggested a working meeting to brainstorm ways to generate additional funds to avoid deficit spending. Ormend challenged the board to think of ways to raise funds efficiently.

**Foundation New Model Update**
Ormend spoke to the board about the new model for the Foundation. OCPS Department of Philanthropy and FOCPS will join together under the Foundation’s name beginning July 1st. It is possible a senior position, at the cabinet level, will combine the District’s Chief Information Officer position with the Foundation President position. The Superintendent would become a board member at that time. The Foundation will retain its 501(c) (3) status and will require an independent board. All of these changes will allow the Foundation to act as one voice in the community and will be the most efficient model. Ultimately, the goal is to become an organization that raises 20 million plus dollars for the District.

The timing is right because although this model has been discussed for the last three years, the Philanthropic Strategic Plan (PSP) development shows the need to speak with one voice in the community. The next meeting to move this change along will happen Wednesday, April 13th and will include Kathy Palmer, the Interim Chief of Staff.

Joyce shared with the group the notion of WICKED problem solving as a design thinking tactic.

**Executive Director Report**
Cindy showed a recent Teacher Grant video that encourages teachers to apply during the next grant cycle. There will be a live digital information session that will be recorded so that as many teachers as possible can be aware of the opportunity. Representatives from Duke Energy recently filmed one of the STEM grant projects at Timber Creek HS and will share the completed version with the Foundation.

Grant applications are pending at Wells Fargo ($50K for Read2Succeed and $50K for Walker Middle School’s City Year program); Duke Energy for $50K for STEM teacher grants; and Heart of Florida United Way for $100K ($300K over 3 years) for the Read2Succeed Third Grade Reading Comprehension program. A Foundation team will be presenting to a United Way panel later this month as part of its second round.

There will be a PSP breakfast on April 26th. The Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 23rd and the Education Ally event will be held in October. Mark your calendars for the Hall of Fame event on March 4, 2017. Leah Shepherd has been hired as the consultant to facilitate this event.

Joyce suggested that the Educational Ally event have downtown education collaboration focus.

**Chairman’s Comments**
Ormend told the group that Jeff Mock has resigned from the board due to work responsibilities.

It is recommended that board members whose terms expire this year be offered a one-year renewal term. This recommendation will likely require a change to the by-laws. Johanna Lopez from Colonial High School is the 2017 Teacher of the Year and will be appointed to the board for a one year term. David Dawkins, Wells Fargo and Matt Adcock (who is currently serving on the golf committee), Welbro Construction, have both requested board positions.
Cindy Williams has resigned from the Foundation as Executive Director but has agreed to stay until June 30th. She started with the Foundation in 2010 and has done an outstanding job with the administration of the organization. Assets have grown during her tenure and board accountability has increased. Cindy’s departure gave the board and District the gift of time to reflect on the new model for the organization. Ormend thanked her for all she has done for the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.