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1. *Call to order by Mr. Notter at 7:15pm*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*

It has been one year since the tragedy at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. In commemoration, the Governing Board, staff and other attendees at the meeting participated in a moment of silence.

3. *Roll Call by Barbara Fraga:*

**Present:** Aram Bloom, Dan Heller, Ayesha Edmond, Russ Feldman, Jonathan Flah, Diane Heinz, Suzanne Nicolini, Carl McKoy, James Notter

**Absent:** Roger Dunson

**Quorum**

4. *Open Public Meetings Act Statement* – The meeting has been properly noticed.
5. *Public Presentation:* Alley McInnis and Tommy Terry

Mr. McInnis said that he had distributed information with the SouthTech SkillsUSA Region 5 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winning students to the Board. These winners will be going to the State competition. They started with 85 students and they have some students who will go to State competition, but who did not go to the recent Region 5 contests, because there was no contest for them. We have 16-1<sup>st</sup> Place, 14-2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 13-3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners, a total of 43 winners, in competition against Miami, Broward, and some Palm Beach County students. Mr. McInnis said we had quite a few ESE students compete in Action Skills' contests and had some first, second and third place winners. They had advisors with the students, and these are the folks who stay after school with them, helping and advising the students to perfect their skill. The State competition is in Pensacola from April 8-10. Mr. McInnis said he expects they will have four or five winners going to the National SkillsUSA. This year, our Nursing students had competition from McFatter Technical High School, so the students are getting a lot of stiff competition. A student who came in second in National last year, came in third this year at Regionals. Mr. McInnis said that without Mr. Terry, his right-hand man, the school could not do everything it does. It is a buy-in with the teachers and everyone else. Yes, it is expensive, but we raised most of the money, and Mr. Kidd is an advocate to be sure that we get all of the money we need. We had a good contest, everything went well and the kids behaved fantastically well. Mr. Terry told the Board that one of the students who won the Extemporaneous Speech contest was supposed to come to the Board to present her speech, but her father was not able to bring her tonight. She blew everyone out of the water with how well she did. Because of her maturity, most people could not believe they were talking to a high school student. When the contest was over, she asked the judges what she needed to improve on and they told her that she won first place. She said that did not matter, because she had to go to the State contest and needed input from them, and the judges obliged her. Mr. Terry will try to get her to come to next month's Board meeting. He spoke further on the excitement of going to Skills Nationals, and how small the student group from Florida is compared to states like Texas and Utah. Mr. Terry said we would like to get where some of those states are, working on increasing the number of students that are involved. Mr. Kidd thanked both Mr. McInnis and Mr. Terry for all they do for SkillsUSA every year, and that he expects good results from the State contest.

Mr. Kidd asked Mr. Notter if he could take things out of sequence and ask Mrs. Nicolini, representing the Nominating Committee, to make a recommendation to the Board. Mrs. Nicolini said that Ayesha Edmond volunteered to be nominated for the Board Secretary position. The Nominating Committee met and discussed and agreed with Ms. Edmond's qualifications and the committee recommends her nomination for Board Secretary.

**Mr. Bloom motioned to accept the committee's nomination.**

**Second: Mrs. Nicolini**

**All in favor.**

**Motion carries.**

Mr. Notter welcomed aboard the new Madam Secretary, Ayesha Edmond. Mr. Kidd thanked Ms. Edmond for stepping up and for humbly approaching Mr. Kidd and volunteering for the position. He said it will be a wonderful opportunity for her to move into leadership and he believes that she will do an excellent job.

6. *Approval of the Minutes for the STA/STPA Regular Governing Board/STSC Founding Board Meeting January 17, 2019:*

**Motion by: Mrs. Nicolini**

**Second by: Mr. Bloom**

**All in favor.**

**Motion carries.**

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7. *Treasurer's/Financial Report:* Mr. Heller reported that the STA/STPA Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting and they recommended approval for STA Items C-1 through C-3 and STPA Items PC-1 through PC-3. Mr. Heller asked that Item A-5 be pulled for discussion.

8A. *Superintendent's Report:*

**STA-STPA-STSC Charters:** Mr. Kidd reported that we finally have SouthTech Prep on the School Board agenda for March. They were told that if he and Mr. Boggess would make changes to the model charter, that are also applicable to the Success Center, and there will be some differences, but there are a lot of similarities, that it would also be on the March agenda. The applications were approved by the School Board on April 4<sup>th</sup> last year, so it has taken them almost one year to get them to do what they are bound by the law to do, and that is to have the charter in negotiation between 30 and 60 days. On Prep, Doug McDonald, the principal owner of the building that Prep is in now, has been working with a land planner and developer in the City of Boynton Beach to see what could be done on the Prep site to expand the facility, with the idea that he is going to make us an offer. When we began to talk about this, Richard's group is interested in providing financing for it. It would be adding about 15,000 square feet on either end of the current building, a wing on either end for classrooms. They may have some preliminary drawings on it by next week. The building at the front is currently occupied by Quantum High School and is designed to be a two-story building. It is under contract for five years with Quantum. There are four years left on a five-year contract, and they also have right of renewal for two more five-year terms. They are not using all of the space now, and we may be able to get 4,000-5,000 square feet in that building. At some point, that building would be an ideal space to put our corporate headquarters, because we will outgrow what will be available to us at Odyssey, if we even have room to get in to begin with. This will increase our expenses and we do not have a lot of money to throw around. If we are going to grow, we will have to work through the process on some of these things, determine how we can afford it and move in that direction. Mr. Kidd believes that we can purchase the building, even with the expansion, and probably the payments would not be much higher than the current lease is, and it would give us the opportunity to expand to 750-800 students at the school. This number is based on the number of student applications we are receiving now. It is a work in progress and Mr. Kidd has not mentioned a lot about it, because he has not known enough about it. Doug is determined to make this deal work; he wants to sell it and wants us to have it. We will see how determined he is when we get a price on it and start the process, but right now, his commitment is to help us to get it.

**Referendum Litigation:** Mr. Kidd said that Shawn Arnold called today to give us an update and Jay has notes on that. He asked Mr. Boggess to give that report.

Mr. Boggess said that the lawsuit had been filed and that the School District had 20 days to respond, which they did take the full 20 days with a 35-page response to roughly 35-40 points from Shawn Arnold. They essentially took the same sentence and applied it to 35-40 points in the lawsuit. Shawn did a very good job of breaking down the dollar figures. Over a four-year period, it comes to \$18M per year that would come to charter schools. When looking at the School District's \$3.1 Billion per year, we are looking at .005% of their overall budget. Per year, it comes to \$200M, the charters would receive \$18M. The lawsuit comes down to three options. First, that the judge would not agree and tell all to pack their bags and go back to Palm Beach County. Option two would be that they do have to share that money, but it would not be from tax referendum money, and they would need to find it out of their general funds. The third option, which he believes is the most likely, is that they brought to the tax payers an illegal referendum, and as a result, the judge would throw out the case and no one would get the money. The District is already receiving 91% of the money, and quibbling over 9% of those funds, and in doing so, jeopardizing all of Palm Beach County. What is asked of the members of the lawsuit and the charter schools that they do not continue with the lawsuit, but that the District just gives them the money that they are owed, which is \$18M, and do that every year over the course of four years. We do not want to see the referendum thrown out because we believe in public education, because classroom teachers in every public school deserve this money. The impact will be that a veteran teacher of 10 years would receive a \$10K raise. A 3-5-year teacher would receive \$5,000, and a brand-new teacher gets a \$1,500 raise. Is the District really willing to risk all of it for another 9%? Shawn charged the charter schools and their leadership to make that statement back to Board members, community members, etc.

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Mrs. Nicolini asked which court is involved with the lawsuit and Mr. Bloom replied that it is the Palm Beach 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court. They have requested that it be held without jury, which would be beneficial to the charters in that it would move a lot quicker. Mr. Notter asked about the timeframe of the lawsuit. Mr. Boggess gave some information from Attorney Arnold, and Mr. Bloom said it should be six months before it gets closer to trial, and there will be a pre-trial order, so we will know at least 180 days ahead. He said there would be mediations before the trial with good chance to resolve this. There was further discussion and input from Mr. Bloom regarding the trial date. Mr. Boggess also talked about the Palm Beach County Classroom Teachers Association (CTA) and the risk of losing the four years of raises for the teachers. Mr. Feldman said that from CTA's perspective, be careful what you wish for, because they pushed for this. It goes into effect July 1.

**New Facility Lease:** Mr. Kidd asked the Board members and staff to look at the handout provided to them. The first document is a four-and-a-half-page white paper to give them insight into what is going on with the project. The second part is a set of minutes from Song & Associates and it is about a meeting that they had on 2/7/2019 with School District personnel and Wharton Smith, the Construction Management and Risk consultant on the project. The last page is hard to understand and is not sufficiently enough to tell you a whole lot, but it gives a comparison of what was estimated for the project and where Wharton Smith found areas that they could cut from the basic contract to get the project to School District budget. Mr. Kidd then gave the essence of the four-and-a-half-page document. They budgeted the job for \$13.1M and then took \$2.2M and added it to that for a total of \$15.3M to do the project. The School District refuses to move off that position by putting any additional money into the project. In working with Song & Associates over the past months with different layouts and designs, they finally came up with a \$18.3M realistic budget for the job. We had performed rough estimates in December, 2017 before the first negotiation meeting, and told them we estimated the job somewhere between \$17M and \$19M. Their people came in considerably lower. In order to try to meet the \$15.3M budget, the meeting minutes from Song & Associates, School District Construction personnel and Wharton Smith starting cutting things out of it, to be supposedly added back in as add alternates. They reduced it down to \$14.7M with a \$750,000 contingency, but in order to do that, they have bastardized the facility to the point that it is neither practical nor safe. At the last meeting, Mr. Kidd listened to what they had to say and he gave them pretty hard answers, and told them that it was not satisfactory. As a School Administrator, he told them they had created a situation that would difficult to administrate in a building with a 50-year life cycle. Mr. Kidd told them that, as a tax payer, he was highly offended that they would throw \$15.3M at a project that was impractical and dangerous. Mr. Kidd has worked through the Project Manager and the chain of command. He told the Project Manager to tell his superiors that this is unacceptable and he believed that his Board would support him when he explains what he is saying. Mr. Kidd gave the Board a couple of examples, such as the relocation of the Vet Assisting Academy, a decision made at a meeting that Mr. Kidd was not able to attend, and the problem it would cause by having multiple entrances to the school. Other things that Mr. Kidd wants the Board to be aware of is they are only going to paint specific areas of the inside of the building and if they paint the rest of it, that would be an add-on. If they paint the outside of the building, that would be an add-on. Mr. Kidd said that what they have done is take a building that was supposed to be a state-of-the-art modernization of a building in good condition, and it will look like an aged building going in. This is a travesty of any type of reasonableness, and with an almost \$2B budget, they could easily find \$2-3M. It is a matter of wanting to fund the project. Mr. Kidd continued to explain the excerpts from the Song & Associates February 7, 2019 meeting minutes' handout, including Scope Adjustment/Clarifications, Items considered under the base Scope of Work for the project, Budget and Cost Estimate Alignment Summary after Adjustments, and Additional Pending Items, as outlined on the document (see attached). Mr. Kidd asked the Board to read the white paper that he wrote and he hopes that they would take action. Mr. Kidd asked everyone to make a mental or written list of influential people that could possibly could talk to the Superintendent or School Board members and present the facts to them. Mr. Kidd said the Board members could call him individually to discuss how to proceed. We have about two weeks to do something.

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He asked Mr. Notter and Mr. Bloom to make an appointment with the Superintendent and any Board members, as the Chair and Vice-Chair of SouthTech Schools. Mr. Kidd will be working on this as well and he and Mr. Boggess will try to get 15-minute appointments to see the Superintendent and the Board members. The District needs to come up with the money to do this right. For them to put something out there that is neither safe or practical for our students, our parents and our community is just wrong. Ms. Heinz had some suggestions that she conveyed to Mr. Kidd and he reminded her that we have a very narrow window of time to act. There was further discussion by Mr. Notter and Board members as to how to proceed and acquire the full \$18.3 needed for the project. Mr. Kidd asked them to come up with their plan and call him to discuss it. We need to let the District know what is needed and let them figure out how to provide it to make the school appropriate and safe. Mr. Notter said to take the three-page document and turn it into bullet statements. Mr. Kidd said all the information they need is on the white paper that he wrote, so he asked the Board members to read it, digest it, give him a call the first part of the week, and we will plan our strategy. Mr. Notter said he needs Mr. Bloom's help on this, but if he were sitting in Mr. Kidd's chair, he would want to leave this Board meeting with some type of consensus statement to help educate the Palm Beach School Board on this project. Mr. Bloom said that at the last meeting, the Board authorized the Chair and the Superintendent to continue negotiations with Palm Beach County School District for the SouthTech Preparatory Academy charter renewal agreement. Mr. Bloom said we could give a similar authority now for the purpose of negotiating this particular deal. Mr. Kidd said that he would need to be a sounding board on this, and for compliance with Sunshine, he can only discuss the issue with the Board members individually.

**Mr. Bloom motioned the following on the Odyssey Repurposing Project:**

**The Chair and Superintendent are authorized to continue negotiations with the Palm Beach County School District regarding the Odyssey Repurposing Project (the "Project"). Authorization includes authority to contact PBCSD Superintendent, board members, staff and the general public for purposes of discussing the Project; suggest, propose or reject changes to project funding and scope, draft and execute documents and correspondence and conclude negotiations or take any additional steps necessary to produce a design and concept consistent with safe, adequate and modern facility.**

**Second: Mr. McKoy**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**School Calendars for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020:** Mr. Kidd explained that they had to move certain Board meeting dates around due to varying things, such as school closure, special holidays, conflict of days, Annual Board meeting, and other events. (Please see explanation page attached). The calendars are on the agenda for approval.

**8B. Deputy Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Boggess gave the report on Attorney Shawn Arnold.

**8C. High School Principal:** No report.

**8D. Middle School Principal:** No report.

**8E. SouthTech Success Center Principal:** No report.

**8F. SouthTech Adult Education Director:** No report.

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- 8G. *Committee Reports:* Personnel Committee: Mr. Bloom reported that Policy 3.27 was updated at a recent Board meeting to align with changes in statute. The contracts have been revised to reflect those changes and it is a Consent Agenda item that the committee recommends approval.  
Nominating Committee: Mrs. Nicolini already reported that the committee recommends Ayesha Edmond as Board Secretary.

9. *Public Comments on Agenda Items* – Five (5 Minutes Maximum Each Person)

**SouthTech Academy – None.**

**SouthTech Preparatory Academy – None.**

10. *Introduction of Consent Agenda for SouthTech Academy* – Mr. Kidd introduced the Consent Agenda and said that they needed to pull Item A-5.

**Old Business**

**None.**

**Administrative Items**

**A-1** I recommend that the Board approve the donations for the period from January 17, 2019 to February 14, 2019.

**A-2** I recommend that the Board reschedule the June 20, 2019 Board meeting to June 19, 2019 and authorize revising the FY19 calendar to reflect the change.

**A-3** I recommend that the Board ratify the FY20 SouthTech Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) related calendar dates, as required by the District for data system modifications and approve the corresponding FY20 SouthTech School calendar.

**A-4** I recommend that the Board approve the SouthTech Charter Academy/SouthTech Preparatory Academy Grades 6-12 Student Progression Plan 2019-2020.

**A-5** I recommend that the Board approve the updated SouthTech Schools Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual.

**Personnel Items**

**B-1** I recommend that the Board approve the revised annual contracts for employment for FY19.

**Financial Items**

**C-1** I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly Charter school bank account reconciliation for month ending December 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

**C-2** I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the Charter school monthly Disbursement Report for month ending December 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

**C-3** I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly financial statements for month ending December 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

**Emergency Items**

**None.**

11. *Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comment or Questions:*

**Mr. Heller pulled Item A-5.**

12. *Approval of SouthTech Academy Consent Agenda with exception of the items pulled:*

**Motion: Mr. Flah**

**Second: Ms. Heinz**

**All in favor.**

**Motion carries.**

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**13. Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by-Item): Introduction by Superintendent:**

**Item A-5** I recommend that the Board approve the updated SouthTech Schools Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual.

**Motion: Mr. Heller Second: Ms. Heinz**

Mr. Heller said there was one correction on page 22, #8 regarding disbursements, that prior to any checks being mailed, be sure that the check is properly signed. (Review checks for 2 signatures and mail checks). With that change, all else is correct.

**All in favor of the amended item. Motion carries.**

**14. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items: None.**

**15. Introduction of Consent Agenda for SouthTech Preparatory Academy – Mr. Kidd introduced the Consent Agenda.**

**Old Business**

**None.**

**Administrative Items**

**PA-1** I recommend that the Board reschedule the June 20, 2019 Board meeting to June 19, 2019 and authorize revising the FY19 calendar to reflect the change.

**PA-2** I recommend that the Board ratify the FY19-20 SouthTech Prep Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) related calendar dates, as required by the District for data system modifications and approve the corresponding calendar.

**PA-3** I recommend that the Board approve the SouthTech Charter Academy/SouthTech Preparatory Academy Grades 6-12 Student Progression Plan 2019-2020.

**PA-4** I recommend that the Board approve the updated SouthTech Schools Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual.

**(Amendment applies to STPA, as made by Treasurer, Mr. Heller on STA Item A-5).**

**Personnel Items**

**PB-1** I recommend that the Board approve the revised annual contracts for employment for FY19.

**Financial Items**

**PC-1** I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly Charter school bank account reconciliation for month ending December 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

**PC-2** I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the Charter school monthly Disbursement Report for month ending December 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

**PC-3** I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly financial statements for month ending December 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

**Emergency Items**

**None.**

**16. Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comment or Questions: See STA Consent Agenda - Item A-5.**

**17. Approval of SouthTech Preparatory Academy Consent Agenda except for Item PA-2:**

**Motion: Mrs. Nicolini Second: Ms. Heinz**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**18. Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by-Item):**

**19. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items: None.**

**20. Introduction of Consent Agenda for SouthTech Success Center - Mr. Kidd introduced the Consent Agenda.**

**SCA-1** I recommend that the Board reschedule the Thursday, June 20, 2019 Board meeting to Tuesday, June 18, 2019 and authorize revising the FY19 calendar to reflect the change.

**SCA-2** I recommend that the Board approve the FY20 SouthTech Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) related calendar dates, as required by the District for data system modifications and approve the corresponding FY20 SouthTech School calendar

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SCA-3 I recommend that the Board approve the updated SouthTech Schools Fiscal Policies and Procedures Manual.

(Amendment applies to STSC, as made by Treasurer, Mr. Heller on STA Item A-5).

**Personnel Items**

SCB-1 I recommend that the Board approve the revised annual contracts for employment for FY19.

21. *Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comment or Question: See STA Consent Agenda - Item A-5.*

22. *Approval of SouthTech Success Center Founding Board Consent Agenda:*

**Motion:** Mrs. Nicolini **Second:** Ms. Heinz

**Motion carries.** **All in favor.**

23. *Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by-Item):*

**None.**

24. *Public Comments on non-Agenda Items:* **None.**

25. **Governing Board in the Capacity of School Advisory Council (SAC) for:**

**South Tech Academy:**

***School Improvement Steering Committee (SISC) Report – STA SISC – Mr. Feldman, Chairperson; Suzanne Nicolini, Alternate Chairperson.***

Mrs. Nicolini said there will be interviews for the Pathfinders' students on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00am. Please see Mrs. Kurtz in the Guidance Department. Mr. Notter and Mr. Bloom said to put them down.

***Introduction of the SouthTech Academy SAC Consent Agenda – Mrs. Nicolini: None.***

26. *Poll SAC for Items to be Pulled from the SAC Consent Agenda for Comment or Questions: None.*

27. *Approval of SAC Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled: N/A*

28. *Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by Item) – Introduction by Chairperson: None.*

**\*\*Mr. Notter asked the Board to go back to #8 Superintendent's Report for Mr. Bloom's motion.**

29. **Governing Board in Capacity of School Advisory Council (SAC) for:**

**South Tech Preparatory Academy**

***School Improvement Steering Committee (SISC) Report – Ms. Edmond, Chairperson reported that the committee met and approved the minutes, talked about Parent Night, which was excellent. They were impressed to see the talent that the students have. She spoke about the continued tutoring and that there have been some gains for ELA and they have to do more for Math to bring up the scores. They are preparing the students for the upcoming testing. They had offered tutoring before and after school to 100 students, and had 35 show up. That group has been doing better.***

***Introduction of the SouthTech Preparatory Academy SAC Consent Agenda: N/A***

30. *Poll SAC for Items to be Pulled from the SAC Consent Agenda for Comment or Questions – N/A*

31. *Approval of SAC Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled: N/A*

32. *Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by Item) – Introduction by Chairperson: N/A*

33. ***Board Comments:***

Ms. Heinz said we all need to make the contacts. She said that money is the issue and she hopes that we can create a foundation at some time, because we desperately do need money. This has a higher priority now and hopefully, we can bring some players in. She said she is proud to serve on this Board and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's day. More Money!

Mrs. Nicolini said the SISC meeting was long today and it is an image of what is happening at Prep, in that our scores are increasing and the tutoring is helping. Americore is coming in before school, both lunches to tutor the students and it is proving that it works. The students are getting one-on-one time and it has been successful. It has been a busy week with Literacy Week and now we start Black History Month. What they did for Literacy Week was show a video and the kids would come in with their lunches and watch the video. Next month is Women's Rights Month and we will try to do something for that. The students are well-behaved and she really believes that the IDs are making a big difference, and we can identify the kids. The kids seem to be behaving better during the drills and are more serious about them. She commended everyone on the great job they are doing.



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Mr. Flah said he believes that the school is doing a great job and that we have a lot of hurdles that we will get through if we work at it hard. We have to go where the buck stops, and that is a lot higher than our local politicians.

Mr. Feldman wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day/Happy Presidents' Day.

Mr. Heller thanked everyone for the great job they are doing and everyone does their part. He thanked Mr. Kidd for staying on tract to get this accomplished. Happy Valentine's and Happy President's Day.

Mr. Bloom congratulated the Skills Regional winners. We are proud of you and looking forward to the State and National contests.

Ms. Edmond thanked everyone for their passion and their dedication that lights the fire under all of us. Maybe the parents of our students could look at the moving over to Odyssey the same way we do and jump on board. There are only two weeks, but perhaps we could motivate the parents of students at Prep in the time frame that we have. The kids at Marjorie Stoneman were able to get together and make some positive changes. So we can think about how that could possibly help. Mr. Bloom suggested writing lots of letters.

Mr. McKoy wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and hope everyone has the opportunity to have their Valentine's date tonight. Congratulations to the Skills Regional winners. If there is a schedule for things happening during the month, Mr. McKoy asked that the information be sent to him.

Mr. Boggess announced that Senator Bobby Powell is the speaker for the Black History Month breakfast on February 22 at 8:30am in the Media Center.

Mr. Kidd asked Mr. Boggess to give a two-minute capitalization on his trip to Tallahassee.

Mr. Boggess said he spent a couple of days in Tallahassee last week and they have been working on a Students First Task Force over the last 18-20 months. He has been all over the state talking CTE – Career Technical Education – and Choice. This is the vision of the new Governor and the Commissioner of Education. Mr. Boggess met with 23 legislators and everyone from Senator Simpson to local folks. The culmination of all of that effort came down to Senator Hudson's bill 770 that was filed last Wednesday, regarding the push that we have had these 18-20 months, that Career and Technical Education is on an equal playing field as academic education. Essentially, we are looking at an 18 credit model that would allow Career Technical credits to possibly count for Science credits or Math credits. So we are taking the SouthTech Schools model and promoting it throughout the State of Florida. You only get five minutes max with these folks, and if they like you, you get an additional two minutes. Senator Hudson smiled and told Mr. Boggess that he had the white paper and gave it to him. He said this has not been filed yet, but told Mr. Boggess that there would be a press conference the next day for the filing of the bill, which Mr. Boggess said they had been talking about for the past 18 months. Mr. Boggess said we are going to revel in this now, because he could probably go another 30 years without something similar happening again. This was validation that the work that we are doing, and as we said in our strategic plan, it is a national model. We are proposing to change the way that Florida public education looks like. This is what was accomplished in Tallahassee.

Mr. Kidd commended Mr. Boggess for a job well-done.

In closing out, Mr. Notter told Mr. Kidd, Mr. Boggess and Administration that when they see the Skills teachers and students, please be sure to let them know how proud this Board is for them going above and beyond to make this school who we are. He encouraged everyone to continuously practice the virtues of Valentine's Day 365 days a year. He reminded the Board members of their marching orders that they heard from Mr. Kidd and to think about it on the way home and when they arrive home, to put down the name of one or two people that they believe could be influential, and upon getting up in the morning, put another name down, and keep putting names down until you have three or four names. It could be your neighbor, a pastor, your priest, and then touch base with Mr. Kidd. Mr. Notter thanked everyone for all that they do for the kids.


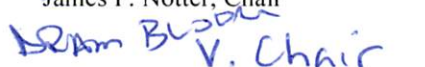
34. *Motion to Adjourn:*

**Mrs. Nicolini motioned to adjourn at 8:45pm until the Regular Board meeting on March 14, 2019 at 7:00pm.**

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