

**MINUTES OF MEETING
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 31, 2010
Governmental Center, Room 302
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

Education Committee Chair Cooper City Mayor Debby Eisinger called the meeting to order with self introductions. Present was School Board Member Robin Bartleman (by phone), Coconut Creek Commissioner Mikkie Belvedere, North Lauderdale Mayor Jack Brady, Coconut Creek Commissioner Marilyn Gerber, Oakland Park Commissioner Anne Sallee, Lauderdale Lakes Vice Mayor Benjamin Williams, Harold Aiken (MWH), David Spivey (DFYIT), and Executive Director Rhonda Calhoun.

Chair Eisinger presented the proposed plan for the 2010-2011 Student Ambassador Program designed to build visibility for the League by supporting the future leaders of South Florida. The proposal would invite four (4) high school students (one from each quadrant of Broward County) to attend General Membership and Board Meetings in addition to other functions pertaining to the operation of the Broward League. Students would be selected based on a 300-word essay, a letter of recommendation from a teacher, and a resume outlining GPA and extracurricular activities. A League Board Member would serve as the program liaison and must commit to the School Board Level 2 Security check. Upon motion of Commissioner Gerber, seconded by Commissioner Belvedere, the program was approved. **The Education Committee is requesting an amendment to the 2010-2011 budget to include anticipated costs for this program in the amount of \$1,400.00 representing the cost (\$35.00) for four (4) students to attend ten (10) scheduled General Membership Meetings.**

Chair Eisinger gave a report on the meeting of the Scholarship Subcommittee. The program kick-off will be held in conjunction with Florida City Government Week, October 17-23, 2010. The members of the School Board will be encouraged to attend the April Educational Showcase of Excellence and Scholarship Award general membership meeting.

Discussion was held concerning the development of a formal policy, or changes to current policies and/or procedures, concerning the relationship between the School Board and municipalities to provide cities and local elected officials a greater voice; a position on the initial focus group when the superintendent is evaluated; inclusion and recognition at school activities; and more timely notification of School Board actions. It was proposed that more workshops be held when School Board actions affect municipalities. One suggested topic to be addressed was the impacts of development/redevelopment on the boundary process.

Executive Director Calhoun will request information from the Management & Efficiency Study Commission Subcommittee that is exploring funding alternatives for school resource officers. A Government 101 powerpoint program will be developed as a resource for elected officials when visiting local schools to educate students about their local government. School Board Member Bartleman will draft a list of municipal concerns and suggestions for transmittal to Superintendent Notter.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2010 at noon at the Governmental Center.