

## 12-6-11 Board Meeting Summary

Five board members were sworn into office:

- Susan Evans (District 8)
- Kevin Hill, returning board member (District 3)
- Christine Kushner (District 6)
- Dr. Jim Martin (District 5)
- Keith Sutton, returning board member (District 4)

The board voted 5:4 to hold an organization meeting for the purpose of electing officers. Kevin Hill was voted Chair and Keith Sutton was voted Vice Chair.

9 people spoke during public comment on the following topics:

- best practices: successful school boards; good governance; data based decision making, fiscal responsibility.
- on behalf of Athens Drive stadium upgrades (agenda item)
- Carpenter Elementary re: middle school feeder pattern concerns within the new choice plan

As of December 1, 2011, per legislative action, the Board Chair must vote on all items, not just to break a tie.

The board received an audit report, conducted by the board's independent certified public accountants, Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP. The presenter commented that this audit was the "cleanest audit ever" in the 6 years this firm has conducted it on behalf of the system. The one area of concern was the "segregation of duties" at each school. The school system, however, would have to spend \$5million in order to staff a bookkeeper at each school. Instead, there is a system in place of accountability and oversight for school accounting that is controlled and monitored by the central office.

County appropriations: there is money left and the board will have to decide whether to return the money to the County Commissioners or waive policy.

Agenda consent items were approved unanimously.

Action Items:

- Athens Drive HS Stadium walkway & parking improvements- passed unanimously
- Addition of 3 students to White Plains Children's Center- passed unanimously

7:13 meeting adjourned to closed session