

**BREVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BREVARD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING**

May 27, 2003
12:30 p.m.

Board Room, Educational Facility
Viera

THOSE PRESENT:

BCC: James W. Handley, Chair; Eugene C. Johnson; Miriam E. Martinez; C.R. "Rick" McCotter III; Joe D. Matheny, Attorney; Thomas E. Gamble, Secretary (Dr. Penn Williams – absent)

SCHOOL BOARD: Janice Kershaw, Chair; Bea Fowler, Vice Chair; Rich Wilson; Larry E. Hughes; Robert Jordan; Harold T. Bistline, Attorney; Richard A. DiPatri, Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. DiPatri and Dr. Gamble called roll of the respective Board members. Ms. Sarah Stern, Director of the Office of District Communications for the School System, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

2. CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER (VIDEO AND DISCUSSION):

Ms. Marjorie Ebersbach, School System Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, reported on a proposed project, the Challenger Learning Center. The Challenger Learning Center encourages students in the sciences and math and provides an opportunity to observe first-hand areas of science and engineering.

Ms. Ebersbach reported representatives from Brevard County visited a center established by Duval County School System. There is an interest in establishing such a center locally in Brevard County. Mr. Jim Handley, BCC Board Chair, reported on a visit to San Antonio's Challenger Learning Center. The program is geared primarily for 5th-8th graders. He reported the families of the Challenger astronauts established this program after the accident. Mr. Handley supported the establishment of a Challenger Learning Center in Brevard County due to the proximity of the Space Center and felt the Planetarium would be a feasible location for the center.

Ms. Ebersbach reported the students are in the center one-day; however, have materials and a review prior to and afterwards and the opportunity is tied into the students' curriculum.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Chairman, District Board of Trustees

ATTESTED: _____
Secretary, District Board of Trustees