

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • MARCH 24, 2021 • VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Note: State representatives were unable to attend as they are in Tallahassee for the legislative session.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- The School District is continuing to work on a strategic plan and a survey is posted in their website.
- Protocols for COVID-19 within schools remain the same, by continuing 6 feet separation wherever physically possible and requiring masks for all personnel and students.
- She is asking people to contact their state legislators in support of HB359/SB886, which holds schools harmless for statewide assessments.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- The office remains closed, but records and reports can be obtained by contacting Central Records at 561.688.3000.
- Crime is down in all categories.
- Deputies are concentrating on traffic safety, speeding and offensive muffler noise.

FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT 4

- Fire Rescue staff were unable to attend the meeting due to a fire department funeral but supplied the following event stats for stations in the COBWRA area during the past month. Station 41 – 529; Station 44 – 288; Station 46 – 225; Station 47 – 334 and Station 48 – 261

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - BETH RAPPAPORT ON BEHALF OF DONALD E. FENNOY II, ED.D

- Federal vaccination sites, including Publix and CVS, are now prioritizing all school employees for appointments, regardless of age. State-run sites continue to vaccinate school employees only if they are 50 years of age or older. We will continue to advocate for ALL school employees to be granted priority status.
- Please continue to support the School District with its advocacy efforts related to the following critical pieces of state legislation:
 - **OPPOSE SB 48 Educational Scholarship Programs** – Expands tax-payer funded vouchers to private schools and establishes education savings accounts with little oversight.
 - **SUPPORT HB 359/SB 886 COVID-19 Impact on School Accountability** – Which asks the Legislature to waive high-stakes requirements related to state assessments for this year only.
 - **OPPOSE SB 86 Student Financial Aid** – Reduces Bright Futures scholarship funding for students who choose majors that "do not lead to jobs."

WELCOME NEW MEMBER – BETH RAPPAPORT

- **Valencia Bay** became the newest member of COBWRA. The delegates voted prior to the meeting via email.
- Present today were Delegates Irwin Cohen, who thanked the members for their support, and Mel Willis.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – SHARON REUBEN

- As the committee chair, she thanked the members - Joan Brunswick, Debbie Murphy, Myrna Rosoff, and Steve Wolfberg for their efforts.
- With no nominations from the floor at last month's meeting, the election was by acclamation.
- The officers for the 2021-2022 year are: Beth Rappaport, President, Colony Preserve; Steve Wallace, 1st VP, GreyStone; Barbara Roth, 2nd VP, Bellaggio; Cheryl Dodes, Secretary, Valenica Isles; and Neil Ambrosio, Treasurer, Canyon Lakes.
- They shall be installed into office at the April 21, 2021 Delegates meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – NEIL AMBROSIO

- Reported the balances in the operating and reserve accounts as of February 28, 2021.
- Presented the Board approved 2021-2022 budget which aligns with the Strategic Plan, supports COBWRA's vision, mission and values, and provides support for the committees which advocate for the people of the COBWRA area.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT

- The Government Affairs Committee has been busy attending virtual meetings with elected officials in Tallahassee.
- Work on the Canyon District Park continues.
- Growth Management is monitoring proposals in the Ag Reserve and other COBWRA areas. Amazon has withdrawn their proposed plan in the Village of Golf.
- The owners of the excavation site adjacent to Valencia Reserve continue to process appeals, while it is being brought to compliance.
- The Education Committee hosted an interactive program with the school district at the end of February. It also participated in a meeting last night to kick off the principal search process for Park Vista High School.

FEATURED PRESENTATION – *City of Boynton Beach, 100 Years in the Making*, presented by Steven B. Grant, Mayor, City of Boynton Beach

- Sustainability; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; and the new Downtown were highlighted.
- To view or share this interesting presentation, go to <https://www.cobwra.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BoyntonMayorCOBWRA.pdf>