

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**May 18, 2010**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 2010, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Allen Altman, Vice Chairman Joanne Hurley, and Board Members Frank Parker and Kathryn Starkey. Cathi Martin was absent due to medical issue. Also present was Ruth Reilly acting as Superintendent, and Dennis Alfonso, Attorney for the Board. Superintendent Fiorentino was presenting at an education conference out of town.

The meeting was opened with the reading of the School Board's vision statement and was followed with the thought for the day by Chairman Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the men and women in uniform.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 2010 and workshop of May 4, 2010. There were none, and on motion by Member Parker seconded by Member Starkey, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Jeff Morgenstein, Supervisor of Communications, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Awards
- ~~Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida Award~~
- Problem-Solving/Response to Intervention (PS/RTI) Model School Award
- Anti-Bullying Poster Contest Winners
- My Favorite Older Person Essay Contest Winners

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:50 p.m.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board.

Robert Marsh of Masaryktown would like Policy 3112-A, Board-Staff Communications eliminated.

Patrick Connolly of Zephyrhills would also like to see Policy 3112-A eliminated and requested clarification of "modified" as referred to in minutes of the April 20, 2010. He suggested that the six period day be pursued as an option to save the district dollars.

Kenny Blankenship of Land O'Lakes thanked the Board for the budget and denial of the six period day. He supported policy manual comments of Mr. Connolly and Mr. Marsh.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, commended the Bullying Poster Contest winners. She expressed her disappointment on the lack of discussion on Race To The Top (RTTT) and the May 25 deadline. She asked for direction and feedback from the Board regarding the tight timelines and the schedule for Tuesday May 25.

Committee Reports:

Member Starkey:

- Pasco Education Foundation Strategic Planning meeting
- Legislative update with Senator Fasano

Member Hurley:

- Construction Services Selection Committee

Chairman Altman:

- Project Review meeting

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Graduate & Leavers Survey for School Year 2008-2009

Ruth Reilly:

- FCAT results will be received after school ends for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Renalia DuBose:

- Received RTTT MOU this past Monday afternoon. Timeline will be short. Changes from Tallahassee will impact original package.

(2.0) Lizette Alexander, Director of Student Services, presented the following expulsion recommendations. Board members have been provided with detailed information on which to base their decision.

#### 2.1 Bus Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/9/93) from River Ridge High School

Member Parker moved that the Board approve the expulsion as recommended in item 2.1. Member Hurley seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked Board members to identify the items on the consent agenda that they would like placed on the action agenda. The items on the **ACTION AGENDA** are as follows:

- 3.1 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations
- 15.0 Policies
  - 15.1 First Reading of Revised DSBPC Policies
- 16.0 Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Civility Month

(3.0 – 14.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda with the exception of 3.1. Member Parker so moved, seconded by Member Hurley. On discussion Chairman Altman received clarification that grant information is communicated throughout the district for the possibility of more school participation. Member Starkey discussed trying to keep bids as local as possible and not going outside the State. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

- 3.0 Human Resources** (See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations
- 4.0 Students** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 4.1 Change of Placement
  - 4.2 Marchman Technical Education Center Staff and Students to Attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Missouri June 20-26, 2010, Funding: Travel Expenses to be Paid by the Community, Career and Technical Education Department and Student Contributions
  - 4.3 Wiregrass Ranch High School Cross Country Team Students to Participate in the Warrior Running Camp in Babson Park, Florida August 1-6, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
- 5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance Services and Transportation** – None Submitted
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 7.1 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for April 2010 and Authorization to Expend Funds for May 2010
  - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
  - 7.3 Audit of School Internal Accounts for the Years Ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009
  - 7.4 Warrant Lists
  - 7.5 Requisitions and Related Contracts
  - 7.6 Bids and Related Contracts
    - Contracts:** Prekindergarten Services and MMEC; Prekindergarten Services and FNS; Prekindergarten Services and Pasco County Healthy Families; ESE, Prekindergarten Services, and Student Services; CORE Education & Consulting Services; CORE Education & Consulting Services (formerly The Princeton Review); Voss & Associates, Inc.; Weatherly Law Firm
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
  - 8.1 James M. Marlowe Elementary School - McCarthey Dressman Education Foundation Grant Application
  - 8.2 James M. Marlowe Elementary School – Target Early Childhood Reading Grant Application
  - 8.3 Retire Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) - 2010-2011 Continuation Grant Application
  - 8.4 Hudson Middle School Dollar General Back-to-School Literacy Grant
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 9.1 Anclote High School – Additional .6 Unit for One Social Worker
  - 9.2 Allocation Transfer from CCTE of One (1) Child Care Assistant Allocation to Chasco Elementary School PLACE Program and One (1) Senior Child Care Assistant Allocation to the Longleaf Elementary School PLACE Program
  - 9.3 2010 Extended School Year/Reading Camp, Pasco Environmental Adventure Camp and Summer Technology Camp Allocations
  - 9.4 Allocation Transfer of one (1) Child Care Assistant Allocation from CCTE to Trinity Elementary PLACE and Oakstead School PLACE Programs

- 9.5 Additional Summer Work Hours/Days
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 New High School Course Adoption for 2010-2011** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 12.0 Summer 2010 Dual Enrollment Requests** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 13.0 Employee Out of State Travel** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 13.1 J.W. Mitchell High School Staff Member to Attend the Advanced Placement Calculus Reading Sessions/Professional Development in Kansas City, Missouri June 9-17, 2010, Funding: College Board
- 14.0 Start and End Bell Schedule for Schools for the 2010-2011 School Year** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

(3.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations (See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Hurley initiated discussion on the contract promotion of an assistant principal, questioning the timing of the promotion when cuts may be a possibility. She motioned to table the issue until the budget is better known. Mrs. Swinson reassured her that any future reductions to these contracts would include all similar administrator positions. Member Hurley then withdrew her motion. Member Starkey moved that the Board approve the personnel recommendations as submitted, seconded by Member Parker. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(15.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading of Revised DSBPC Policies (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the first reading of the revised policies, seconded by Member Hurley. Mrs. DuBose remarked that adjustments to the policies made at the Board's request during today's workshop have been given to Board Members. It was noted that the Board has an obligation to review policies periodically to be sure they are in compliance. Member Starkey questioned the outcome of the Board-Staff Communication Policy. The Chairman said that staff communication with the Board is encouraged and the new language states that if the information is district related, they should also copy the Superintendent. Likewise, if the Superintendent receives district related information she should copy the Board. Member Hurley commented that feedback from the staff is always welcome and this policy has been softened to allow board-staff communication. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(16.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Civility Month (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the proclamation, seconded by Member Starkey. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

Member Parker:

- Upcoming meeting on early retirement initiatives scheduled to be held Monday, May 24. Waiting for actuary.

Member Starkey:

- Lunch with Chancellor of USF/St. Petersburg College
- CTE event at Charles S. Rushe Middle School
- Council for Educational Change meeting tomorrow in Tampa

Member Hurley:

- Pro Dad Breakfast Club at Oakstead Elementary School
- CTE event at Charles S. Rushe Middle School
- My Favorite Older Person Ceremony
- STEM Summit May 19, 2010
- Requested stats on career academies at individual schools. Mrs. Reilly will follow up.

Chairman Altman:

- FFA Banquet
- Sand Pine Elementary School Principal Retirement Celebration
- Lacoochee Elementary School Parent University Graduation
- Visited Odessa Elementary School
- Suggested a workshop regarding graduates and leavers

Member Parker moved that the Board declare an off agenda item to schedule a Closed Executive Session regarding litigation and negotiations on May 25, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Special Board Meeting regarding RTTT MOU at 10:00 a.m. or immediately thereafter. Member Hurley seconded the motion. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. No one came forward.

The Chairman announced that there will be an Executive Session (closed) on May 25, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Special meeting of the Board at 10:00 a.m.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is June 1, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

*(Audio recording of the above proceeding is available and preserved as public document.)*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: May 11, 2010 9:05 a.m.**

The Board met in executive session on *negotiations*. The session was held in the T.V. Studio of the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Joanne Hurley. Member Cathi Martin was not present. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations; and Donna Vance, ESE Department. Court Reporter was present.

The Executive Session concluded at 9:40 a.m.

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 11, 2010 9:45 a.m.**

**TOPIC: Budget**

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 T.V. Studio. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Joanne Hurley. Member Cathi Martin was not in attendance. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations, Summer Romagnoli, Communications Department; Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune; C.T. Bowen, St. Petersburg Times and various news media.

Mrs. Swinson reported on the current status of the budget. She reviewed a variety of proposals and cuts/budget saving measures being considered to reduce the budget by at least \$28 million. The Superintendent and board agreed to abandon the concept of moving to a six period day at the secondary level for the 2010-2011 school year.

It was pointed out that nothing is final at this time and everything discussed will require negotiations with the Union. The Board and Superintendent will continue to review new suggestions for budget savings and will hold a series of town hall meetings to gather feedback from the community and employees.

The workshop concluded at 11:50 a.m.

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 18, 4:00 p.m.**

**TOPIC: Policy Revisions/Budget & Legislative Update/Race To The Top**

The Board met for workshop sessions at the District Office Complex, Building 3, T.V. Studio. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Joanne Hurley. Member Cathi Martin was not in attendance. Also present were Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance

Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations, Summer Romagnoli, Communications Department; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune.

Board Members reviewed revisions to Board Policy as presented by Mrs. DuBose. Suggestions for changes were discussed and final versions were submitted for approval at the Board Meeting immediately following today's workshops.

Summer Romagnoli presented a legislative update on issues requiring funding and items still requiring the Governor's signature. She also reviewed the 2010/2011 Budget Summary and suggested talking points for Board Members as they hold their upcoming Town Hall Meetings.

Board Members were updated on Race To The Top (RTTT). Kevin Shibley, Employee Relations Department reviewed the grant application and talking points on key changes to the RTTT MOU. The grant submission deadline is May 25, 2010. There was consensus of the Board to take action at tonight's scheduled Board Meeting to approve holding a Special Board Meeting on the morning of May 25 for review and consideration of the RTTT MOU.

The workshops concluded at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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June 1, 2010

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Superintendent