

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
May 25, 2010

The District School Board of Pasco County met in special session at 10:20 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 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. Member Cathi Martin was absent due to medical reasons. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent, and Dennis Alfonso, Attorney for the Board.

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

The Chairman remarked that this special meeting was called to take action on the Florida Department of Education Race to the Top (RTTT) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Kevin Shibley, Supervisor of Employee Relations distributed information on RTTT including a summary; text of revised MOU and grant application; joint statement of clarification; draft MOU (which USEP emailed on Monday) and a side by side comparison (provided by USEP). (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, provided a spreadsheet received from the Department of Education and unions, which gave information on the actions of other district's on the MOU. She stated that USEP has met with the Superintendent to determine how the District will proceed if awarded the grant. USEP had grave concerns with the initial RTTT initiative, where the few unions who signed on also had side agreements, she said. She noted that the new FTTT does allow a more flexible timeline for implementation. Impasse was discussed. Ms. Webb stated that USEP would not provide signature; however they are committed to collaboration if Florida receives the grant.

Staff recommendation and comments from USEP led to a motion by Member Parker to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the State RTTT Memorandum of Understanding document. Member Hurley seconded the motion. There was consensus of the Board that although there are concerns they realize that funding is tied to this plan, which is necessary. The Superintendent retrieved the document and remarked that after a typo was corrected it would be given to the Board for signature. There was no further discussion, and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Member Starkey:

- Noted that feedback from school staff is that furlough days are popular.

Member Hurley:

- Requested that as one or more Board Members may attend the Town Hall meetings, she would like them to be noticed.

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 10:40 a.m. (*Audio recording of the above proceeding is available and preserved as public document.*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: May 25, 2010 9:00 a.m.

The Board met in executive session on *litigation and negotiations*. The session was held in the Employee Relations Conference Room at 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 due to medical reasons. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; 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 Curriculum and Instructional Services; Terry Rhum and Kevin Shibley, Employee Relations.

The Executive Session concluded at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

June 1, 2010

Superintendent