

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
January 18, 2011

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2011, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Joanne Hurley, Vice Chairman Allen Altman, and Board Members Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart and Alison Crumbley. 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 Armstrong and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2011 and workshop of December 21, 2011. There were none, and on motion by Member Altman, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Dr. John Mann, Director of Leadership Development, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Withlacoochee River Electric Co-op Capital Credit Refund Check

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:07 pm.

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

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Ed Ronda, Representative of the USEP, recommended changes on behalf of USEP to revised policies before the board for approval.

Committee Reports:

Member Armstrong:

- Health and Wellness Committee. Three wellness centers are scheduled to open the end of February. Will be coordinating to prevent duplication of program. Ribbon cutting for center in Land O'Lakes to be held January 26.

Member Altman:

- Pasco Education Foundation Committee. Discussed fundraising and concerns with Pre-paid College program increases.

Chairman Hurley:

- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) staff meeting

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Legislative Delegation meeting scheduled for this Friday at J.W. Mitchell High School.

- Attending the “Lead the Way” conference this week.
- Crews Lake Middle School received recognition for their animation film students.

Renalia DuBose:

- Noted hand out of corrections to NEOLA Procedures policies.

(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 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 8/12/93) from Harry Schwettman Education Center

Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in item 2.1. Member Crumbley 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:

17.0 Recommendation for the Franklin Academy Campus A & Campus B Charter Applications

18.0 Policies

18.1 First Reading – *Revised DSBPC Policies*

19.0 Second Reading: 2011-2012 School Attendance Boundaries

(3.0 – 16.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 17.0. Member Altman so moved, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3.0 Human Resources (See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

3.1 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations

3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

4.0 Students (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

4.1 Change of Placement

4.2 Special Olympic Participants to Attend Special Olympic Southwest State Basketball Tournament in Tampa, Florida February 11-12, 2011

4.3 Wesley Chapel High School Students to Participate in a Team Building Workshop in Wesley Chapel, Florida January 21-22, 2011

4.4 Waiver of Student Progression Plan Requirements

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 December 2010, and Authorization to Expend Funds for January 2011

7.2 2010-2011 Budget amendments #26 - #29 – November (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

7.3 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

7.4 Surplus Equipment -

7.5 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 07/01/10-11/30/2010

7.6 Warrant Lists

7.7 Requisitions and Related Contracts – None Submitted

7.8 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Punch Boxing for Fitness; Hillsborough County Public Schools; District Board of Trustees of Pasco Hernando Community College

8.0 Grant Proposals

8.1 Bealls & Whistles for Schools Grant – River Ridge Middle School

8.2 U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) - Green Schools Fellows Program

9.0 Allocations – None Submitted

10.0 Agreements/Contracts – None Submitted

11.0 Out of State Travel – Prekindergarten Services – Early Head Start Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC) Trainer Institute (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

- 12.0 Out of State Travel – Prekindergarten Services – Annual Training** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Out of State Travel – Food and Nutrition Services – Child Nutrition Industry Conference** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0 Change in Board Meeting Dates in March 2011** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 15.0 Elementary, Middle and High School Course Offerings for 2011-2012** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 16.0 2010-11 Prekindergarten Services Continuous Improvement Plan**(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(17.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Recommendation for the Franklin Academy Campus A & Campus B Charter Applications (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to deny the Franklin Academy Campus A & Campus B Charter Applications. Member Crumbley seconded the motion. On discussion Member Altman expressed his concern at the missing information and commended the staff’s investigation into the situation. Nancy Scowcroft, Director of Charter Schools explained the reasons for the recommendation for denial in more detail. She noted that the applicant is aware of what the Board is voting on. She remarked on several issues. The applicant failed to explain how they would comply with Florida Statute; budget deficiencies; lack of information on curriculum and instructional materials; no assurances they could meet enrollment; staffing matrix did not align with budget; did not provide commitment letter from loan source. Ms. Scowcroft said the district has grave concerns about financial issues. Member Crumbley commended Ms. Scowcroft on the depth of research by staff. There was no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Hurley directed the Superintendent to prepare and send a letter of denial to the applicant for Campus A and B, citing statutory reasons. Member Armstrong motioned agreement with Chairman Hurley’s request, seconded by Member Crumbley. Attorney Alfonso advised that notice must be provided within 10 days. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(18.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading – *Revised DSBPC Policies* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the first reading to include amendments. Member Crumbley seconded the motion. Discussion was held on several policies. On vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the first reading.

(19.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading: 2011-2012 School Attendance Boundaries (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Chris Williams, Director of Planning reviewed the procedures and commended the committee. He thanked Ashley Pines parent, Mrs. Lowery for her input. Although it is never easy, he said there is a need to relieve the overcrowding issues at Wiregrass High and John Long Middle Schools. Concern with the possible changes to grade levels was brought up by Member Altman, specifically the sophomores at Wiregrass Ranch High School. Mr. Williams stated that would be an issue as it would create additional classrooms. Member Luikart and Member Crumbley questioned whether students in specialized programs would be impacted. Lizette Alexander, Director of Student Services explained the school choice process regarding those students and stated they will have priority. She clarified that normally seniors are allowed to stay and juniors would need to be approved by the Board. Chairman Hurley thanked all members of the committees involved in the process and singled out Ms. Lowery to thank her for her time and explained that her suggestions were taken seriously. During public comment Simone Lowery of Ashley Pines Community said she feels in the future the district should include community members on the boundary committee, not just a parent from each affect school. There was no further public comment or discussion. Member Altman moved that the Board approve the second reading of the 2011-2012 School Attendance Boundaries, seconded by Member Luikart. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Visited a geography class
- Requested more specific information on students leaving the district. Mrs. Reilly will look into getting this data in the future.
- Requested a “Visioning Session” workshop for Board Members to brainstorm

Member Crumbley:

- Requested a workshop regarding the District’s relationship with the community.

Member Armstrong:

- Visited with Representatives Richard Corcoran and Will Weatherford in Tallahassee regarding educational issues.

Chairman Hurley:

- Attended Career and Technical Education/PEDC Meeting.
- Will report on Dayspring Academy correspondence at next School Board Meeting.

Attorney Alfonso:

- Presented an off agenda item regarding a right of entry agreement with the County for improvements at Grand Blvd. and Cecelia Drive. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Attorney Alfonso said the County has requested that the School Board grant them access to our property to allow for improvements to be made. He feels it is in the District’s best interest to work with the County. Superintendent Fiorentino remarked that the County is planning on putting a turning lane and a sidewalk in to help students walking to James Marlowe Elementary School. Member Altman moved that the Board authorize Attorney Alfonso to work with Superintendent’s staff to draft an agreement with the County to provide access to the right of way project on Grand Blvd. and that the Superintendent be authorized to execute the agreement on the Board’s behalf. Member Luikart seconded the motion. On vote the motion carried unanimously.
- Confirmed that an employee appeal hearing (Simpson) will be held on February 8, 2011.
- Received Auditor General report referencing policy concerning fraud. He will work with Ms. DuBose on this issue.
- Discussion on land trade for property in Zephyrhills. Chris Williams, Director of Planning explained that there is a parcel of land next to Zephyrhills High School that houses a water park, including a pool, which was conveyed to the County approximately 20 years ago. There is a clause that if the County didn’t use the property as a park the District would have first right of refusal and would get the property back. Staff is in the process of exploring the issue and will bring a recommendation to the Board when more information is obtained.
- City of Dade City is realigning entrance to Pasco High School. Attorney Alfonso stated that there are many components to the issue and no action is needed tonight. He will forward a draft agreement to the Superintendent, staff and Board for review.

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

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is February 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: January 18, 2011 - 3:30 p.m.

TOPICS: Board Member Training on Electronic Board Agenda; Head Start Governance

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart, Alison Crumbley; 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; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Various Pre kindergarten Services Department Staff; Chis Herring, Novusolutions; Summer Romagnoli, Communications & Government Relations; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times

Chris Herring, with Novusolutions conducted a training session for Board Members on accessing and utilizing Novus Agenda, the new electronic school board agenda. The electronic (paperless) agenda will begin with the February 1, 2011 School Board Meeting.

Beth Rawls, Director of Prekindergarten Services gave an overview of Head Start and Prekindergarten services and explained the Board's role in shared governance. A question and answer session followed.

Summer Romagnoli gave a legislative update and reviewed the District's platform for the upcoming legislative session.

The workshops concluded at 5:15 p.m.

BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

Superintendent