

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
January 19, 2010

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 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, Kathryn Starkey and Cathi Martin. 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 Starkey and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence for the earthquake victims in Haiti and in remembrance of Michael Johnson (Maintenance Department), Tom Anderson (Gulf High School Custodial Staff Member), George Schelepez (Transportation Maintenance Assistant) and Connie Duffy (Bayonet Point Middle School Teacher).

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2009 and workshop of December 15, 2009. Member Hurley called correction to page 5, to state that she attended Centennial "Elementary" School, not the "Middle" school. There being no further discussion, on motion by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Martin, the corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Recognition of the Florida Association of School Psychologists
- Recognition of Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Volunteer of the Year
- Recognition of *Safe Kids* Florida Suncoast *Walk This Way* Program

The Chairman called a brief break for pictures and the meeting resumed at 6:24 p.m.

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

- Robert Marsh of Masaryktown spoke to the policy handbook provision that states staff members should go through the Superintendent to communicate with the board and stated that this is an effort to suppress free speech.
- Kenny Blankenship, Land O'Lakes High School teacher objected to the policy handbook section on board and staff communications, expressing his concern and frustration that the board chose to leave it in.
- Deana Scott of New Port Richey spoke to improper material on computers in elementary schools. She said her son was shown inappropriate materials on the school computer by another student, and although the school administration said they would speak with the teacher and class and explain what sites are allowed to be visited, she would like the Board to be aware of the situation. She believes the internet should be removed from elementary school classrooms. Chairman Altman asked Dr. Scanga to investigate and follow up with Ms. Scott.
- Lee Kulikauskus of Hudson spoke regarding the Race to the Top program, stating that there are a lot of grey areas when measuring performance of teachers and feels time is needed to develop a measurement system which must be tested on students to determine its effectiveness.
- The following individuals addressed the Board regarding the relocation of the Veterinary Assistance and Criminal Justice programs from F.K. Marchman Technical Education Center (MTEC) to Hudson High School:

Stephanie Flett, parent; Ashley Werner, student; Brooke Bryant, student; Patricia Roberts, parent; Mary Hilbish, parent; Leah Christianson, parent; Sarah Rogan, student; Tina Withrow, parent; Cassandra Helmandollar, student; Laura Sitek, student; Jeanette Helmandollar, parent; Samantha Sargent, student (petition/pros and cons); LEMONIA Fotinos, student; Elizabeth Hill, student; Mallory Transue; Kristina Pescinski, student

Several issues were brought to the Board's attention including transportation, facility costs and animal care. Parents and students commended Mrs. Frelich, Veterinary Assistance teacher, for her dedication to

the program. A signed petition in protest of the move, along with a list of Pros and Cons was given to the Board. (See Miscellaneous Supplement Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Rob Aguis, Director of CCTE provided information and reassurance that the District has the students best interests at heart and invited the parents and students to an informational meeting on Saturday January 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Hudson High School.

The Chairman called a break and the meeting resumed at 7:27 p.m.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, said she appreciated the workshop debate on policies at the Board workshop, however she is still not happy with parts of the handbook. She expressed her concern with several areas including section 3231, outside activities of staff, that states “instructional staff members should avoid situations in which their personal interests, activities and associations conflict with the interests of the board.” She also cited concerns with sections 3112, board-staff communications; 3129.01, tutoring; 3232, political activities and 3310, freedom of speech in non-instructional settings.

Committee Reports:

Member Starkey

- Reported on Cinderella Ball meetings
- Appreciated Superintendent presentation at the Pasco Education Foundation meeting on the accomplishments of the district.
- Engineering Academy is going very well and field trips to employers in the area are planned for the spring.
- Attended Ribbon Cutting at Anclote High School for the Energy Academy. There is no equipment at this time, but they are expecting great things with more and more businesses joining.

Member Hurley

- Attended information night at F.K. Marchman Technical School regarding the movement of vocational programs. More parent meetings are being planned to make sure the correct information gets out to everyone.
- Reported on the Charter School Task Force Committee. Stated that it seems we have a very strong working relationship with our charter schools.
- Commented that there would not be a Board member present at the next Vision Committee meeting.

Chairman Altman

- Attended the Project Review Committee. Reported that staff would be updated on the status of current and upcoming projects.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 2009-2010 High School Graduation Schedule
- 1.2 Grants Summary Report – Quarter 2

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Gave a list of upcoming scheduled events.
- Discussed the interruptible power event by Progress Energy that took place at several schools last week due to the severe cold weather. As a proactive measure, parents and staff were notified and advised to dress appropriately for possible cold weather and outdoor activities were cancelled. The District worked closely with the power company to restore service as quickly as possible and all schools returned to normal operations mid-morning.

Ruth Reilly:

- Introduced Sheila Blue, Grant Resource Specialist in the Staff Development Department and Lynn Hollingsworth, ESE Specialist.
- Information is being gathered to assist schools interested in Haitian relief efforts.

Dave Scanga:

- Shared a summary of suggestions given at the recent town hall meetings hosted by School Board members. Many of them will be used for strategic planning and shared with committees throughout the district.

Olga Swinson:

- Shared a fact sheet with questions on the 401k.
- Distributed a revised Planning Guide for Construction Services “Work Group” projects for agenda item 6.2.

Renalia DuBose:

- Explained change in 2010-2011 teacher/student calendar changing Hurricane makeup day from May 6 to April 29, 2011.

Jim Davis:

- Recognized Amy Riddle as the new Assistant Principal at Land O'Lakes High School and Alicia Leary, Assistant Principal at Ridgewood High School.

Tina Tiede:

- Commended the Pasco Middle School staff and students for all their help with moving into their new facility over the holidays.

(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 Male Student (DOB 3/30/97) from Crews Lake Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 3/14/94) from Ridgewood High School - **TABLED**
- 2.3 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 5/10/94) from Ridgewood High School - **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/31/92) from Hudson High School - **TABLED**
- 2.5 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/9/96) from Paul R. Smith Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 3/28/95) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 8/10/93) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/19/95) from Pasco Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.9 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/22/95) from Pasco Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.10 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/11/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.11 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/28/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.12 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/5/92) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.13 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/15/96) from Hudson Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.14 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/22/95) from Dr. John Long Middle School - **TABLED**

Member Parker moved that the Board approve the tabling of expulsions as recommended in items 2.1-2.14. 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:

- 19.0 Resolution Proclaiming January 22, 2010 as the Arbor Day Celebration
- 20.0 Policies
 - 20.1 Second Reading - Revised DSBPC Policy Handbook

(3.0 – 18.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Parker so moved, seconded by Member Martin. It was noted that Member Martin requested to attend the Gulf High School graduation ceremony instead of Ridgewood High School. 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 _____.)
 - 3.1 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations
 - 3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations
- 4.0 Students** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 4.1 Student Transfer Requests
 - 4.2 Pasco High School NJROTC Students to Participate in an Academic and Air Rifle Meet in Titusville, Florida January 29-30, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Internal Funds
 - 4.3 Pasco High School NJROTC Students to Participate in a National Air Rifle Championship in Port Clinton, Ohio February 10-14, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Internal Funds
 - 4.4 River Ridge High School Students to Participate in the State Leadership Conference and the Florida Business Professionals of America State Competition in Orlando, Florida March 4-7, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Internal Funds
 - 4.5 Wiregrass Ranch High School Students to Participate in the Model United Nations in Boston, MA February 4-7, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.6 Special Olympics Participants to Travel to the Special Olympics 2010 Southwest Sectional/State Basketball Competition in Tampa, Florida February 12-13, 2010, Funding: IDEA and Special Olympics County and State Funds
 - 4.7 Sunlake High School Students to Participate in a JSA National Convention in Arlington, VA February 11-14, 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** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 6.1 Castaldi Study for Pasco Middle School
 - 6.2 Architectural/Construction Managers Work Group Request for Qualifications Planning Guide

- 6.3 Amend 2006-2011 Five Year Educational Plant Survey for Richey Elementary School and Culinary Arts Academy at Land O'Lakes High School
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 2008-2009 Tangible Personal Property Inventories
 - 7.2 Surplus Ice Harvester at Seven Springs Elementary School
 - 7.3 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.4 2009-2010 Budget Amendments #24-28 – November 2009 (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.5 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009
 - 7.6 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 7/1/09-11/30/09
 - 7.7 Public Hearing Dates on 2010-2011 Budget
 - 7.8 Board Certification for 2006-2007 Classroom for Kids Program and Approval of Project Allocation List (Anclote High and Fivay High Schools)
 - 7.9 Updated 401(k) Plan Document
 - 7.10 Surplus Declaration and Donation of Chairs from Gulf High School
 - 7.11 Warrant Lists
 - 7.12 Requisitions and Related Contracts – **None Submitted**
 - 7.13 Bids and Related Contracts
 - Contracts:** Cost Reimbursable Sub-Agreement with Hillsborough County Public Schools; Verizon Business Network Services
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Carl D. Perkins Grant for 2009-10 Amendment #1
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Allocation Changes at Various Elementary Schools
 - 9.2 Allocation Changes at Various High Schools (MMEC)
 - 9.3 Funding Allocation Adjustment – Food and Nutrition Services Department
 - 9.4 Transfer of one (1) Language Translator Interpreter Specialist Allocation from Curriculum and Instructional Services Department to Communications & Government Relations Department
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts**– None Submitted
- 11.0** Updated Head Start/Early Head Start Recruitment and Selection Procedures, 2010-2011 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 12.0** Middle and High School Course Offerings for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0** New High School Course Adoption for 2010-2011 (Physical Science Honors) (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0** Director of Community, Career and Technical Education to Participate as a Team Member to Assist in the Accreditation Process, Tennessee Technology Center at Paris, Tennessee March 1-4, 2010, Funding: Council on Occupational Education (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 15.0** Prekindergarten Services Director to Attend Head Start Regional Training in Atlanta, GA February 8-11, 2010, Funding: Head Start Grant(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 16.0** Gulf High School Teachers to Attend International Baccalaureate (IB) Extended Essay Workshops in New Orleans, Louisiana June 17-20, 2010, Funding: IB Funds (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 17.0** Gulf High School Teachers to Attend International Baccalaureate (IB) Library and Chemistry Workshops in Chicago, Illinois February 5-9, 2010, Funding: IB Funds (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 18.0** Revised 2010-2011 Student/Teacher Calendar (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(19.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution Proclaiming January 22, 2010 as the Arbor Day Celebration (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Starkey moved that the Board approve the resolution, seconded by Member Parker. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(20.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading - Revised DSBPC Policy Handbook (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Amendments to several policies that were questioned by citizens at the previous Board meeting were discussed at length. Member Parker moved that the Board approve the second reading of the revised DSBPC Policy Handbook. Member Hurley seconded the motion. On vote the motion carried unanimously. Member Parker then moved to approve the amendment of policies 3112, 4112, 3231, 4231, 3231.01, 3232 and 4232 as

presented. Member Starkey seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously. It was noted that the new policies would now be on the School Board's website as approved.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Starkey:

- Commented that we could see legislation this year to help virtual school students avoid having to switch from one virtual program to another to continue through the 12th grade.

Member Martin:

- Announced that after discussions with family, friends and physicians she has decided not to seek reelection. She said she has been on the School Board for 12 years and feels it is now time for a new person to sit in her chair.

Member Hurley:

- Enjoyed the holiday concert at Charles S. Rushe Middle School and the pre-Christmas luncheon at the District Office. She also was present during moving day at Pasco Middle School along with the many volunteers and she thanked Chairman Altman for his generosity in donating the food.

Attorney Alfonso appreciated the invitation to participate in the Elementary Principal Meeting recently. Chairman Altman said he felt it would be beneficial to also ask Mr. Alfonso to speak to the middle and high school principals.

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 2, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: January 19, 2010 4:30 p.m.
TOPICS: *NEOLA Policies and Alternative Schools*

The Board met for workshop sessions on *NEOLA Board Policies and Alternative Schools*. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; 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; NEOLA staff; Lynne Webb, USEP; CIS Staff; Student Services Staff; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

Board Members reviewed amendments to the policy handbook, which were made after the first reading in December. The revised Policy Handbook is being recommended for second and final reading at today's Board Meeting.

Board Members were given background information on the district's two alternative schools and Amelia Van Name Larson, Supervisor of CIS, reported on how the alternative schools are moving more towards becoming graduation enhancement centers to better help the students most in academic need.

The workshops concluded at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

February 2, 2010

Superintendent