

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
January 22, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2008, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Kathryn Starkey, Vice Chairman Frank Parker and Board Members Allen Altman and Cathi Martin. Member Marge Whaley was out of town and not in attendance. 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Dottie Tauber (Retired Administrator), Donna Voytovich (PLACE Site Manager at Trinity Elementary School) and David Hap Clark (Retired Teacher).

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2007. There being none, and on motion by Member Parker seconded by Member Martin the minutes were approved unanimously.

Summer Romagnoli, Government Relations Specialist, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Presentation to Teachers Receiving National Board Certification in the Field of Education

The Chairman announced a recess for pictures and the meeting was called back to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

The following students gave apologies to the Board:

- Mat – Battery on a teacher
- Matthew – Drugs on campus
- Kenneth – Creating disturbance at school
- Ashley – Drugs on campus

Alicia Bower spoke on behalf of Athenian Academy Charter School, and wanted to assure the district that Athenian's board does meet regularly on Mondays. However, they did not meet in December. All meetings are open to the public and posted in the lobby. Minutes are sent to Nancy Scowcroft at the District Office. She noted that procedures are in place at the school for parent complaints and concerns.

Heidi Dorsett of New Port Richey and parent of twins who attend the Athenian Academy said she is very happy with the school and she is pleased that her children are learning Greek and Spanish. The principal is always available, as well as the teachers and she asked the Board to join them in making the school a success.

Manual Goncalves, Director of the Athenian Academy shared successes of the school. He said the school is committed and determined that every student makes gains and currently they are working on ways to disseminate information within the school. He felt there is a separation between the charter school and the district and would like to see them come together.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Jim Ciadella, Business Representative of the USEP, reminded everyone of the proposed tax reform amendment which will be on the ballot January 29. USEP put a presentation together for schools to view and alert people of this issue and ask them to vote. He said that the PERC finding on the unfair labor practice on emergency shelter duty is in and USEP trusts that the Board will abide by the ruling, and not appeal it. He noted that the union will encourage employees to volunteer at schools during an emergency.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Altman was pleased with the large participation of administration, faculty and staff at the recent Education Celebration. He shared that the Ronald McDonald van was at Lacooshee Elementary School last week giving students free dental and health care by University of South Florida medical and dental students. The event was being filmed as part of a national segment.

Member Martin remarked that it was good to be back after an extended medical leave. She thanked everyone for all the thoughts and prayers during her time away.

Member Parker also attended the Education Celebration. He attended the Crews Lake Middle School boundary meeting recently and the workshop on concurrency. He was present at the Florida School Boards Association's seminar on Bargaining and Personnel.

Chairman Starkey suggested that the Board have a workshop on Career Academies and asked Board Members to contact the recording secretary with possible dates.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools shared the draft Strategic Plan
- 1.2 Annual Report - Pasco Oversight Committee - Presented by Gary Bracken, Chairman

Superintendent Fiorentino shared that the Food and Nutrition Services Audit went very well.

At the Superintendent's request, there was a consensus of the Board to move forward with the Charter School exclusivity issue. The Superintendent said information would be brought before the Board for formal vote in the near future.

Mrs. Ramos shared the electronic calendar of board meetings and workshops along with instructions on how to access.

Mrs. Swinson pulled Bid #08-080-SN, ITV Equipment, from item 7.8 of the agenda.

(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 1/6/94) from Gulf Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 12/19/90) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 8/18/92) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/6/89) from Land O'Lakes High School - **TABLED**
- 2.5 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 11/25/90) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/12/95) from Pine View Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/17/93) from Chasco Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/8/92) from Hudson High School - **TABLED**
- 2.9 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 12/19/91) from Hudson High School - **TABLED**
- 2.10 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/10/91) from Zephyrhills High School - **TABLED**
- 2.11 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 10/15/91) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.12 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 1/3/92) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.13 Bus Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/19/92) from Zephyrhills High School
- 2.14 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/2/93) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.15 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 4/2/93) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.16 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/4/92) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.17 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/13/92) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.18 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/21/90) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.19 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/23/94) from Bayonet Point Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.20 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/24/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.21 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/15/93) from Bayonet Point Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.22 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 12/11/92) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.23 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/28/94) from Raymond B. Stewart Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.24 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 5/13/94) from Raymond b. Stewart Middle School - **TABLED**

Member Altman moved that the Board approve to table the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1-2.12 and 2.14-2.24. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Member Altman moved that the Board approve the expulsion as recommended in item 2.13. Member Parker seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

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

16.0 Resolutions

- 16.1 Resolution Declaring January 25, 2008 as Arbor Day

(3.0 – 15.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Parker moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Altman seconded the motion. Member Parker then amended the motion on the floor to approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of Bid #08-080-SN of item 7.8. Member Altman seconded the amended motion. On discussion Member Parker requested that a copy of the use of facilities be shared with County for their information. There being no further discussion and on vote, the amended 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 J. W. Mitchell High School – Students to Travel to Anaheim, California to Attend the National Scholastic Press Association Conference April 17 – 20, 2008. Funding: Newspaper Internal Account, Fundraisers and Self Contributions
 - 4.3 Wiregrass Ranch High School Band, Chorus and Orchestra Students to travel to Williamsburg, Virginia to attend the Fiesta-Val Music Festival April 29-May 3, 2009
 - 4.4 Gulf High School Field Trips: Spanish Honor Society Students to Attend State Spanish Competition in Orlando April 3-5, 2008; French Students to Attend Florida French Convention in Orlando April 3-5, 2008; Band Members to Travel to Stone Mountain National Park in Atlanta, Georgia April 17-20, 2008 – Funding: Student Organizations and Students
 - 4.5 J.W. Mitchell High School – Debate Club to Travel to Washington, D.C. to Attend the Junior State of America Winter Congress Debate February 13-17, 2008
 - 4.6 Pasco High School – NJROTC Students to Travel to Orlando January 25-26, 2008 to Participate in Competition at Boone High School – Funding: Students and Internal Funds
 - 4.7 Pasco High School – Students to Travel to Ft. Myers to Participate in the Tom Roth Spring Break Baseball Tournament – No Cost to District
 - 4.8 Land O’Lakes High School – Cheerleading Students to Travel to Jacksonville January 18-20, 2008 to Participate in Cheerleading Competition – Funding: Fundraisers
- 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 Impact Fee Study
 - 6.2 Telecommunications Building – Change Order
 - 6.3 High School “EEE” – Construction Manager Agreement
 - 6.4 Surplus Equipment/Intergovernmental Transfer of Modular Home on High School “EEE” Property
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures from November 2007 and Authorization to Expend Funds for December 2007 and January 2008
 - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.3 Classrooms for Kids Program Allocation – High School “EEE”
 - 7.4 Amendment to Supplemental Trust Agreement, COPS Series 2005 and 2007
 - 7.5 SBE Capital Outlay Bonds, Series 2008
 - 7.6 Warrant Lists
 - 7.7 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.8 Bids and Related Contracts – **APPROVED (Bid 08-080-SN – Pulled)**
Contracts: Brown & Brown PRIA; Robert Dies, Ph.D., Psychologist; Prometric, Inc. and Pasco High School; Ford & Associates; SimplexGrinnell; Bryant, Miller, & Olive
- 8.0 Grant Proposals** – None Submitted
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Pasco High School - After School Tutoring Program, Funding: Lottery Funds
 - 9.2 Pasco Middle School – Additional Duty Hours for Non-Instructional Employee for Recruitment and Documentation of School Volunteers, Funding: School Lottery Funds
 - 9.3 Wesley Chapel Elementary School – Extended Day Program, School Recognition Funds
 - 9.4 R.B. Cox Elementary School – Saturday School Math Program – Title I Funds
 - 9.5 New River Elementary School – Additional Work Hours to Meet Opening Date of School
 - 9.6 R.B. Stewart Middle School – Additional Duty Hours for Instructional Employee – Funding: Lottery Funds
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Job Descriptions** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 11.1 Revised Job Description: *Supervisor of Student Services*

- 12.0 Wiregrass Ranch High School** - Teacher to Travel to Chicago, Illinois February 7-10, 2008 to Present at the International Studies Schools Association Annual Conference – Funding: No Cost to the District for Trip Expenses – CIS Department to Pay for Substitute Teacher (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Change of Board Meeting Dates in April 2008**(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0 New High School Course Requests 2008-2009** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 15.0 Policies** – None Submitted

(16.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution Declaring January 25, 2008 as Arbor Day (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the resolution. Member Martin seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called a recess of the School Board Meeting and the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation meeting came to order at 7:15 p.m. Present were President Kathryn Starkey and Board Members Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Cathi Martin. Member Marge Whaley was out of town and not in attendance. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent and Dennis Alfonso, Attorney for the Board.

(17.0) President Starkey presented the Amendment to Supplemental Trust Agreement, COPS Series 2005 and 2007 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Martin moved that the Board approve the amendment as presented. Member Parker seconded the motion. Mrs. Swinson explained the agreement and reason for the amendment. There being no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Leasing Corporation meeting was adjourned and the Pasco County School Board Meeting reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Altman attended the boundary meeting for Veterans Elementary School. He suggested that the Board recognize those parents who have served on the boundary committees at a future meeting.

Chairman Starkey attended a CHOICE meeting at Wiregrass Ranch High School.

Attorney Alfonso presented an off agenda item on the Affordable Housing Grant Memorandum of Understanding. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board accept the off agenda item for consideration. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously. Member Martin moved that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Member Altman seconded the motion. Mr. Alfonso stated that the Board had previously agreed to proceed in pursuing the grant and the MOU is needed for the process to move forward. Board members reviewed copies of the MOU. There being no further discussion, on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Alfonso presented an off agenda item regarding charter school exclusivity. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Alfonso reported on the pending appeal with the State Department of Education concerning the denial of the charter school issue. He recommended that the Board join other districts to engage in counsel in Tallahassee to handle the administrative process. Member Martin moved that the Board approve the execution of a retainer agreement in the amount of \$2,500 to a firm in Tallahassee to work as co-counsel with McClain, Alfonso, Meeker and Dunn. Mr. Alfonso will monitor and report to the Board. Member Parker seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Alfonso presented an off agenda item regarding an impact fee study resolution. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Altman. On vote the motion carried unanimously. Member Parker moved that the Board approve the impact fee resolution. Member Martin seconded the motion. On discussion Attorney Alfonso explained that the resolution requests that the County raise the fee on residential construction to the amount suggested in a recent consultant study. The Superintendent and Board agreed that they would like the request handled expeditiously by the County and voted on separately from the concurrency documents. Mr.

Alfonso was directed to draft a letter on behalf of Chairman Starkey to the County voicing the District's desire. There being no further discussion, and 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 the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is February 5, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Martin the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: January 15, 2008 10:00 a.m.

A Board workshop session on school concurrency was held in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the District Office Complex. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Marge Whaley, Allen Altman and Dennis Alfonso, Board Attorney. Member Cathi Martin was not present. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Sandra Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Summer Romagnoli, Governmental Relations Specialist for the District; Elizabeth Blair, Pasco County Attorney; Chris Williams, Director of Planning and members of his staff; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune.

Board Members were given the history and brought up-to-date on school concurrency by David Tucker, Attorney with Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson. In 2005 the Legislature approved a bill that requires every county in Florida to develop a concurrency plan, which ties the approval of housing developments to whether schools have the capacity to handle the growth. The plan is to be submitted to the Department of Community Affairs by February 1, 2008. Mr. Gadd noted that the plan is complete with the exception of sections three and four, which deal with off site infrastructure and it is the intent of the district to submit the plan with those sections to be sent at a later date. Mr. Williams gave a brief overview of the levels of service, financial feasibility and the process in dealing with development applications.

The workshop concluded at 12:00 Noon.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

2/5/08

Superintendent