

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
February 5, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 5, 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 Marge Whaley, Allen Altman 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 Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Paul LaRoche (Maintenance Staff Member) and Jacob Bolton (Third grade student at West Zephyrhills Elementary School)

The Chairman recognized students in the audience from Dr. Sedlack's Educational Leadership class.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2008 and workshop of January 15, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Parker, seconded by Member Martin the minutes were approved unanimously.

Chip Wichmanowski, Director, Pasco Education Foundation, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Recognition of the Pasco County Outstanding Volunteers in the Categories of *Youth, Adult and Senior*
- Recognition of Dr. Kathleen Sanz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction as the Florida Music Educators' Association 2007 Hall of Fame Inductee
- Presentations to the District Administrator of the Year, Teacher of the Year, School Related Personnel of the Year and Non-Instructional, Non-Bargaining Employee of the Year

The Chairman recessed the meeting for pictures and the board meeting was called back to order at 9:57 a.m.

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

Student Apologies:

Brandon – simple battery – Hudson Middle School

Jesse – drugs on school property – Gulf High School

Cheri Denn of Zephyrhills said her granddaughter attends the Culinary Arts program at Moore-Mickens Education Center. She is concerned about the program possibly being transferred to Wiregrass Ranch High School. She feels the program will become "a glorified home economics program." She requested that Board members tour the program at Moore-Mickens before deciding to move it. Chairman Starkey remarked that this and other vocational programs will be discussed at an upcoming Board workshop and invited Ms. Denn to attend. Mr. Davis provided more information on the academy plans and also referred her to Mr. Rob Aguis, Director of Community, Career & Technical Education.

Lawrence Wolfenden, resident of Pasco Trails expressed his concern about moving children in their development from Pine View Middle School to Crews Lake Middle School. He detailed all activities in which students participate in the Land O'Lakes community and noted that the students have been attending schools in Land O'Lakes. He asked the Board to acknowledge their community ties before deciding on the boundary for Crews Lake Middle School.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, remarked that they had nothing at this time.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Whaley was very pleased with the District's Strategic Plan and thanked the Community Night organizers for a great job. She informed the Board that she received a call from the Florida Blood Services with a concern with the District reducing the number of times they can have blood drives at high schools. Historically, the blood bank visits high schools four times per year. The District's recommendation is for a decrease to two times per year. The change was recommended due to the increasing number of high school students having medical concerns following blood donation. Ms. Whaley suggested that students be disallowed if they experience problems after the first donation. Another suggestion was to give after class hours. The Superintendent stated her concern that if a student becomes ill after school, assistance would not be available. Mr. Davis said he feels the integrity of academic time is also important although he

respects the delicate balance between community support and the school needs. After further discussion the Chairman asked for feedback from Board. Consensus of the Board was to go with staff recommendation.

Member Altman attended the Adult Education Graduation ceremony recently.

Member Martin attended the Ticket to Broadway/Take Stock in Children event and commended the student talent presentations and Mr. Wichmanowski for his assistance.

Member Parker attended the Adult Education Graduation ceremony and several events for Business Development Week.

Chairman Starkey also attended the Adult Graduation. She thanked Mr. Leroy Selman and Mr. Jimmy DuBose for the educational celebration event. She asked for an update on the hurricane memo issue. Attorney Alfonso stated that the issue must be resolved soon and an executive session is forthcoming. Chairman Starkey remarked that Senator Gaetz was in the area last week and spoke several times on career/technical education.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 2007-2008 High School Graduation Schedule - **Information**
- 1.2 Gulfside Elementary School - Partnership to Advance School Success (PASS) Plan – Report by Dr. Dave Scanga - **Information**
- 1.3 Pasco Education Foundation Monthly Report by Chip Wichmanowski- **Information**

Superintendent Fiorentino thanked Dr. Scanga for his work on the Community Night. She brought up budget issues and noted that we are in an unknown area right now. She stressed that large reductions are forthcoming and the Board should work closely and efficiently regarding this problem.

Mrs. Ramos said the science fair was very successful this year. She also noted that 5 schools participated in the recent NAEP testing.

Mrs. Reilly introduced Bonnie Clark, Dean of Arts and Sciences and Joshua Crabtree (EPI) from Pasco Hernando Community College. She asked Dr. Scanga to come forward to present information on PASS (Partnership to Advance School Success). This is a pilot program in the Tampa Bay area and is up and running at Gulfside Elementary School. LFS strategies are infused into the plan and it supports what the District is currently doing.

Mr. Gadd initiated discussion on concurrency. Although it is still a challenge, progress is being made. There on ongoing meetings and emails with the County and headway has been made on some sections of the interlocal agreement. The County has requested that the Board sign off on this document. Attorney Alfonso expressed optimism with the process but does not want the Board to feel rushed in approving the document until they are comfortable with it. A meeting has been scheduled to work out the details and Mr. Alfonso said something must happen by the next Board meeting, as submission must be made in February to avoid State sanctions. Member Parker commented that he does not want the Board to feel pressured into making quick decisions because of the hurried nature of the process.

Mrs. DuBose remarked that the Charter School Task Force meeting went well last week. She requested that a Board workshop on this topic be held, and tentatively scheduled for June 3. She also noted that the Tampa Bay Regional Transportation Agency has requested time on the February 29 agenda to present information to the Board. They are gathering information from an eight-county area on transportation issues in the Tampa Bay area.

Mr. Davis remarked that the recent All County Band Concert was a huge success. He congratulated all the students and directors who participated in the two-day event.

Mrs. Tiede said we are working with St. Leo University on the expansion of their middle school leadership preparation program. She introduced Mr. Chris Christoff as the new principal of Crews Lake Middle School.

(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 Female Student (DOB 1/5/95) from Pasco Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/26/94) from Hudson Middle School - **TABLED**

- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/25/90) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 1/21/92) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.5 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/15/91) from Ridgewood High School - **TABLED**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/26/91) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 6/21/95) from Dr. John Long Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/9/90) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.9 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 4/25/90) from Sunlake High School - **TABLED**
- 2.10 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 11/12/92) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.11 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/21/93) from Centennial Middle School - **TABLED**

Member Parker moved that the Board approve the tabling of expulsions as recommended in items 2.1-2.11. Member Martin 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:

15.0 First Reading of the 2008-2009 School Attendance Boundaries

16.0 Resolutions

- 16.1 Resolution Recognizing the Eleventh Annual Art of Recycling Art Exhibition
- 16.2 Resolution to Retain Exclusive Authority to Authorize Charter Schools Within the Geographic Boundaries of the District School Board of Pasco County

(3.0 – 14.0) 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. On discussion, Member Altman was pleased with item 6.2, the cell tower lease agreement. Member Parker supported item 13.0 the naming of basketball court at Ridgewood High School. Member Starkey commented that she is pleased with the cell tower agreement as long as they abide by the aesthetic guidelines and County ordinances whenever possible. There being no further discussion, 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 River Ridge High School DCT Students to Travel to Orlando, Florida March 6-9, 2008 to Participate in State Competition – Funding: Fundraisers
- 4.3 Land O’Lakes High School Students to Travel to Orlando, Florida April 3-5, 2008 to Attend the Spanish State Conference – Funded by Students
- 4.4 Gulf High School German Students to Travel to Daytona Beach, Florida April 17-19, 2008 to Attend the State of Florida German Convention – Funded by Students
- 4.5 Land O’Lakes High School Cheerleading Students to Travel to Boca Raton, Florida March 7-8, 2008 to Participate in Cheerleading Competition. Funded by Students
- 4.6 Land O’Lakes High School Junior Statesman of America Club to Travel to Arlington, Virginia February 14-17, 2008 to Attend the Junior Statesman of America Convention – Funded by Students and Fundraisers
- 4.7 Wesley Chapel High School Cheerleading Students to Travel to Boca Raton, Florida March 7-8, 2008 to Participate in Cheerleading Competition. Funded by 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 High School “EEE” – Amendment of Professional Services Agreement with Harvard Jolly Architects
- 6.2 Dr. John Long Middle School - Cell Tower Ground Lease Agreement
- 6.3 Sweetbriar Drive – Drainage Ponds Quitclaim Deed
- 6.4 High School “FFF” School Site – Change of Existing Easement for Adjoining Parcel

7.0 Business/Finance (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

- 7.1 Surplus Equipment
- 7.2 Change Fund
- 7.3 Resolution of Intent to Participate in Section 212.12 F.S. Classroom Technology Purchases and Training
- 7.4 Warrant Lists
- 7.5 Requisitions and Related Contracts

- 7.6 Bids and Related Contracts
Contracts: Premier Community Health Care Group, Inc.; CopyPros of Palm Harbor
- 8.0 Grant Proposals** – None Submitted
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Land O’Lakes High School - Revisions to 2007-2008 Instructional Allocations – Funded IDEA Part B and FTE Basic
 - 9.2 Paul R. Smith Middle School – Additional Duty Hours for Saturday Detention for Six Instructional Employees – Funded by Alternatives to Suspension
 - 9.3 Oakstead Elementary School – Increase in Allocation and Team Leader Supplement
 - 9.4 2008-09 Allocation Formulas
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 10.1 Pasco-Hernando Community College - Professional Development School(s) Agreement
- 11.0 Pasco Education Foundation** (including any addenda)
 - 11.1 Approval of Advertising on Athletic Fields and in Gymnasiums
- 12.0 2008-2009 School Year Calendar Correction** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Naming of Gymnasium Floor at Ridgewood High School** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0 Job Descriptions** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 14.1 Job Description Revisions – Finance Department for *Accounting Coordinator*, *Accounts Payable Specialist*, *Accounting Specialist (Title Change to Budget Specialist)*, *Bookkeeping Coordinator (Title Change to Bookkeeping Resource Assistant)* and *Staff Auditor*

(15.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading of the 2008-2009 School Attendance Boundaries (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Martin moved that the Board approve the first reading. Member Whaley seconded the motion. Chris Williams, Director of Planning presented information on Pilot Country Estates and Pasco Trails. He stated that they are closer to Crews Lake Middle School than Pine View Middle School and noted that number of students and school feeder patterns also dictate boundaries. He detailed current school assignments for students in these communities and noted that these students may also be affected next year when the Connerton elementary boundaries are reviewed. There being no further discussion, on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(16.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution Recognizing the Eleventh Annual Art of Recycling Art Exhibition (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the resolution for Art of Recycling. Member Parker seconded the motion. Member Parker remarked that he would be attending the exhibition. There being no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(16.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution to Retain Exclusive Authority to Authorize Charter Schools Within the Geographic Boundaries of the District School Board of Pasco County (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the resolution as presented. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Whaley reported that the Wellness Committee met regarding smoking cessation. She commended the bus driver program and is hoping to share the procedure’s success with other programs.

Member Parker reported that the Energy Committee is looking at the energy budget and comparison of last year’s numbers.

Chairman Starkey attended the Co-location meeting and numerous Cinderella Ball meetings. She also attended meetings with Senator Gaetz and Commissioner Mariano.

Chairman Starkey commented that she received a letter addressed to the Superintendent on the Local Investment Pool (SBA) and discussion ensued on this issue. It was noted that upcoming litigation is possible and the District is keeping in contact with the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) to determine the best decisions at this time. The Superintendent commented that a committee is being established to work on this situation. Attorney Alfonso remarked that he has limited information on the topic and is not prepared to make a recommendation at this time. Member Altman questioned the continue movement of funds. The Superintendent explained that we must make these transactions to avoid problems in May to cover large end-of-year payroll. A meeting is being held on

February 14 in Tampa regarding these SBA issues. Member Parker stated that the District must manage cash flow. After further discussion, Chairman Starkey asked that the Board and Board Attorney be apprised of the continued process.

Attorney Alfonso asked for direction from the Board regarding his contract and job responsibilities. He noted that it was discussed at a previous Board meeting that a workshop should be held sometime before the budget process to discuss his contract provisions and obligations with the Board.

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 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Martin the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: February 5, 2008 12:00 Noon

The Board met for a workshop session on the *Capital Outlay Budget*, which was coordinated by Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Marge Whaley, Cathi Martin and Allen Altman; 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; Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Chris Williams and staff of the Planning Department; John Petrashek, Construction and Code Compliance Department; Gerry Brown, Maintenance & Facility Services; Mike Park and Tad Kledzik, Transportation Department; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and Ashley Reams, The Laker.

The Board heard presentations from each department on their capital outlay budget and future plans and needs. A question and answer session followed each presentation.

The workshop concluded at 1:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

2/19/08

Superintendent