

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
February 15, 2011

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2011, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Vice Chairman Allen Altman, and Board Members Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart and Alison Crumbley. Chairman Joanne Hurley and Superintendent Heather Fiorentino were out of state attending a federal education conference. Also present were Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services acting as 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 Luikart and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 2011 and workshop of February 1, 2011. There were none, and on motion by Member Luikart, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- 2010 German Teacher of the Year
- 2010 - 2011 Outstanding School Volunteers

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:22 p.m.

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

- Robert Marsh, Land O'Lakes High Teacher stated he still objects to policy 3112-A. He addressed the issue of six period day for secondary teachers and detailed the challenges with the loss of a planning period. He does not feel the budget should be balanced on the backs of the secondary teachers and that education will be damaged if this is implemented.
- Malcolm Rayburn of Holiday introduced family members, including his son who is an ESE student at Seven Springs Elementary School. Mr. Rayburn stated that his son was removed from school last Monday by a behavior specialist. He believes that this violates his rights. He requested that his son be returned to the school tomorrow at 9:45 a.m. and support services be given. Chairman Altman offered to have school board employees meet with the father this evening and Mr. Rayburn agreed to meet with Dave Scanga and Scott Larson.
- Carbee Lawrenc of New Port Richey stated that she is the aunt of Mr. Rayburn's son, Sean. She explained the timeline of Sean's class situation and stated that the family is concerned that he was locked in a seclusion room for 53 minutes. Ms. Lawrenc described the family's frustration that home instruction has not been started.
- Cindy Smith of Land O'Lakes asked the Board a question regarding iPads being purchased for Board Members. Member Armstrong clarified that the iPads would be replacements for laptops, which would be given to classrooms. Ms. Smith also addressed state budget shortfalls and asked that Pasco County make leaner and more efficient decisions.
- Emily Barsch of Wesley Chapel and Chairwoman of Textbook Action Team of Pasco County stated that she had sent letters in January to Board Member Hurley and Altman and legislators regarding Social Studies textbooks currently being used. She only heard back from Rhonda Storms. She distributed paperwork regarding their issue with Islamic and Jewish history as written in the textbook and requested a meeting with the Board after they have had a chance to review the materials. Ms. Barsch stated that she wants our social studies teachers to teach the truth.
- Patrick Connolly, Land O'Lakes Teacher addressed three items:
 1. Commended Anne Marie Schunermann, German Teacher of the Year
 2. Thanked board for having outside review group come in for a study
 3. Implementing six period day and abandoning seven period day. He believes the seven period day has many advantages.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, was out of state attending a conference with the Superintendent and Board Chairman and no one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Member Luikart:

- Code of Conduct Committee

Member Armstrong:

- Oversight Investment Committee, commended business community members. Financial Advisor position will be forthcoming.

Member Altman:

- Project Review Committee continues to face expensive renovation projects and the need to save for these projects.
- Value Adjustment Board Meeting. Member Armstrong was added as a new member.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 2010-2011 High School Graduation Schedule

Ruth Reilly:

- Introduced Vanessa Hilton as the recommended new Director of CIS and Laura Drew as the new Grant Resource Specialist in ESE.

Olga Swinson:

- Followed up on the Investment Oversight Committee

Renalia DuBose:

- ERP demos are underway. She detailed the ERP process and timeline and thanked the Board for their support.
- Remarked that the Board has the addendum for the personnel recommendations
- Remarked that the Internal Audit Manager is not a new position, it is a change in the job description

Tina Tiede:

- Calendar reminder about Special Olympics on February 24 at RRHS and February 25 at WCHS
- Noted new format being used for field trip information brought to the Board
- Graduation schedule for the Board Members
- Announced that David Salerno is being recommended as the principal of Rushe Middle School, transferring from Seven Springs Middle School

(2.0) Lizette Alexander, Director of Student Services, presented the expulsion recommendations. Board members have been provided with detailed information on which to base their decision.

2.1 (DOB 5/24/1994) from Harry Schwettman Education Center

2.2 (DOB 11/5/1994) from Harry Schwettman Education Center

2.3 (DOB 8/22/1995) from Harry Schwettman Education Center

Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. 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:

13.0 Policies - None Submitted

14.0 Resolutions

14.1 Resolution for 14th Annual "Pasco Art of Recycling" Art Exhibition

15.0 Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

(3.0 – 12.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda to include addenda for items 7.1 and 3.0. Member Luikart moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Armstrong seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

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

3.1 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

3.2 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations

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

4.1 Change of Placement

4.2 Requests for School Field Trips

5.0 Requests for use of Facilities (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

5.1 Requests for Use of Facilities

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 Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts-(including addenda)

Contracts: Apple, Inc.; Pasco County Health Department; Education Training Corporation d/b/a Florida Career College Brandon Campus; Tampa Bay Area Regional Career Pathways Consortium

7.2 2010-2011 Budget Amendments #30 through #35-December (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

7.3 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 07/01/10-12/31/2010

7.4 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for January 2011, and Authorization to Expend Funds for February 2011

7.5 Warrant Lists

7.6 Request for Approval of Purchase Orders and Associated Contracts

7.7 Surplus Equipment for February 15, 2011 Board Meeting

8.0 Grant Proposals - None Submitted

9.0 Allocations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

9.1 Title I Extended School Day Program at West Zephyrhills Elementary School

10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted

11.0 Updated 2011-2012 Head Start/Early Head Start Recruitment and Selection

Procedures (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

12.0 New High School Course Adoption for 2010-2011 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

13.0 Policies - None Submitted

15.0 Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

(14.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution for 14th Annual "Pasco Art of Recycling" Art Exhibition (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve the resolution, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Requested 5 or 6 months worth of calendars showing workshops and topics to help in planning
- Attended Cinderella Ball dessert competition

Member Crumbley:

- Heart Gallery at PHCC (adoption organization)
- Cinderella ball dessert competition

Member Armstrong:

- Cinderella Ball dessert competition

Attorney Alfonso:

- Recently attended Florida School Board Attorney conference. Will forward information to Superintendent's staff.
- Employee appeal hearing (Samantha Murchie) is still scheduled for Tuesday, February 22. He will notify the Board if hearing is cancelled or rescheduled.

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 March 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a legislative workshop and overview of Race to the Top immediately following.

The Chairman announced that an employee appeal hearing is scheduled for February 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Luikart the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: February 15, 2011 4:05 p.m.

TOPIC: Budget

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart, and Alison Crumbley. Board Member Joanne Hurley and Superintendent Heather Fiorentino, were out of state. Also present were 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; Members of the Florida Association for District School Superintendent's Study Group; John Mann and Summer Romagnoli, Communications and Governmental Relations Department; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

Mrs. Swinson gave an overview of how the district receives funding and a recap of the 2010-2011 budget.

A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

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Superintendent