

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**February 16, 2010**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 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 and Cathi Martin. Kathryn Starkey was not in attendance as she became ill during the workshop held before the board meeting. 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 Chairman Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the earthquake victims in Haiti and all the men and women serving in uniform.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2010 and workshop of February 2, 2010. There were none, and on motion by Member Martin, seconded by Member Parker, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- ~~Recognition of National FFA Organization State Food for America Program~~ – To be rescheduled
- Recognition of Career and Technical Education Middle School Student of the Year (*Charles Ford-TEWMS*)
- Recognition of FLDOE's Outstanding Volunteers: Youth (*Tashyana Plantilla*), Adult (*Mari Blank*) and Senior (*Ronald Bechdolt*)
- Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee Report and Presentation

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting resumed at 6:32 p.m.

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

- Robert Marsh of Masaryktown requested that School Board Policy 3112A be rescinded as he feels it is an attempt to stifle free speech and he does not understand the need for it. He also noted that the grammar of the policy needs to be addressed. He urged the Board to look into the virtual school course code for American History that is allowing students to receive information through a "video game". He does not feel the course should be taught in the virtual school for high school credit, particularly in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Chairman asked that Mrs. Reilly and the Superintendent look into his issues and report to the Board.
- Student apology: Charles - trespassing at Hudson High School.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Ed Ronda, Business Representative reported that attendance was excellent at the first of five feedback meetings on Race to the Top, hosted by USEP. Lee Kulikauskas with the Education Watch Program spoke on Race to the Top concerns. He said the agenda for the meetings allows for strong participation of members.

Committee Reports:

Member Parker:

- West side Adult Education Graduation

Member Martin:

- Reminded everyone that the Special Olympics will be held on February 25.

Member Hurley:

- LPA meeting in Dade City.
- Appreciated the Communication Department speaking with her regarding the Be There Campaign. A meeting has been set for February 26.

Chairman Altman:

- Project Review Committee

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Distributed the final judgment on the Hillsborough County/School Board lawsuit, regarding who pays for offsite infrastructure improvements for school projects. She said on February 10th of this year the Appellate Court affirmed the trial court's decision that the county could not require school boards to pay for non-contiguous improvements. She noted that this is a huge win for school boards across the State. Attorney Alfonso commented that it has been a long case and he is pleased we have clarity on which organization pays for what. The Superintendent stated that the money could now be used for technology or other needs at the schools.

Ruth Reilly:

- Introduced Ariana Leonard being recommended as the new supervisor in CIS for ESOL and World Languages.

Dave Scanga:

- Introduced Kara Merlin being recommended as the new principal at Calusa Elementary School.

Olga Swinson:

- Introduced John Simon being recommended as the new Director of Finance.
- Rick Kurtz, Director of Food and Nutrition Services reported on the healthy vending machine program in the schools. He commented that our program aligns with the district wellness policy and guidelines and exceeds current ADA healthy foods initiatives for students for quick and fast access to healthier snack items. The final phase of the program will be looking at partnerships that would benefit schools.

Renalia DuBose:

- Will report on the district domain information at a future board meeting when Member Starkey is present.

Jim Davis:

- Noted that the field trip request previously approved for the Junior Statesmen Club to attend a conference in Washington, DC was postponed to next week due to weather issues.

Tina Tiede:

- Chasco Middle School was voted Channel 13's "Cool School" today.

(2.0) The Chairman stated that there were no expulsion recommendations this evening.

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 Resolutions/Proclamations**

13.1 Proclamation Declaring March as National Purchasing Month

**14.0 Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Property Owned by George F. Elliott and Brenda D. Elliott**

(3.0 – 12.0) 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 Martin seconded the motion, 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 Change of Placement

4.2 Waiver of Student Progression Plan Requirements

4.3 Land O'Lakes High School Band Students to Participate in the Disney Parade in Orlando May 29-30, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions

4.4 Gulf, J.W. Mitchell, and Hudson High School Students to Participate in the Career Education Clubs of Florida State Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida March 4-7, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions

4.5 River Ridge High School Students to Participate in the State Thespian Competition in Tampa April 7-10, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Club Internal Funds

- 4.6 Pasco High School Students to Participate in a Pre-season Classic Baseball Tournament in Avon Park, Florida February 12-13, 2010, Funding: Athletic Internal Funds
- 4.7 Pasco High School Students to Participate in the Bud Roth Baseball Tournament in Fort Myers, Florida April 5-10, 2010, Funding: Athletic Internal Funds
- 4.8 River Ridge High School Students to Participate in a FHSAA Regional Wrestling Tournament in Lakeland, Florida February 12-13, 2010, Funding: Athletic Internal Funds
- 4.9 River Ridge High School Students to Participate in a FHSAA State Wrestling Tournament in Lakeland, Florida February 19-21, 2010, Funding: Athletic Internal Funds
- 4.10 Hudson Middle School Jazz Band to Travel to Atlanta, Georgia April 22-25, 2010, Funding: Student and Parent Contributions
- 4.11 Pasco High School Students to Participate in the State HOSA Leadership Conference in Orlando April 8-11, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Club Internal Funds
- 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 Surplus Equipment
  - 7.2 Donation of Surplus Equipment from Pasco Middle School
  - 7.3 Warrant Lists
  - 7.4 Requisitions and Related Contracts
  - 7.5 Bids and Related Contracts**Contracts:** Florida Hospital Zephyrhills
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
  - 8.1 Sprint Character Education Grant Program – Anclote High School
  - 8.2 Music Matter Grants for 2010 – R.B. Cox Elementary School
  - 8.3 Project 10 Grant Budget Amendment for 2009-2010
  - 8.4 2010-2013 Family Nutrition Program with The Pasco County Extension Service and Pasco County Health Department
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 9.1 Allocation Transfer (Senior Child Care Assistant) – Community, Career and Technical Education to Anclote Elementary School PLACE
  - 9.2 Wesley Chapel High School “Science Boot Camp” for 2009-2010 School Year
  - 9.3 Allocation Changes for Ridgewood High and J.W. Mitchell High Schools
  - 9.4 Allocation Transfer (Child Care Assistant) – Community, Career and Technical Education to Anclote Elementary School PLACE
  - 9.5 Allocation Change at Mittye P. Locke and Lacochee Elementary Schools
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee Members for 2010 & 2011** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 12.0 Wireless Communication – Information Services** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

(13.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Proclamation Declaring March as National Purchasing Month (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the proclamation, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(14.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Property Owned by George F. Elliott and Brenda D. Elliott (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the purchase of property as submitted. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items

Member Parker:

- Announced that he will not be running for re-election for School Board in November 2010. Chairman Altman said he would be missed and wished him well.

Member Hurley:

- Attended the Land O’Lakes Rotary luncheon at the invitation of the Pasco Education Foundation where she heard a presentation on conditions in Haiti and the needs they have due to the recent earthquake.

Chairman Altman:

- Announced that the Zephyrhills High School JROTC recently participated in a national covenant signing for a graduate who was killed in military action. It was a historic event as it was the first in the nation.
- Attended an honor tea at San Antonio Elementary School, ribbon cutting at the new Hospice center in Zephyrhills and visited construction projects.

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 2, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

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

*(Audio recording of proceeding is available and preserved as a public document)*

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: February 16, 2010 4:20 p.m.**  
**TOPICS: *Penny for Pasco and eSchool Presentation***

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3, Studio. Present were Board Members Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley. Member Starkey became ill during workshop and was transported to the hospital for observation. Also present was 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; Joanne Glenn, eSchool Principal; John Petrashek and Mike Williams, Construction Services; Chris Williams, Planning; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune; C.T. Bowen and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

Joanne Glenn updated the Board on the new eSchool. Enrollment has been better than anticipated. She reported that 1024 students were served in grades 6-12 in Semester 1 and nearly 1,100 new students in those grades for Semester 2. A question and answer session followed.

Mike Williams gave a Power Point presentation reviewing the Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee duties and outlining all of the school construction and renovation projects Penny for Pasco has helped pay for during the past five years. Members of the oversight committee were in attendance and were introduced to the Board. A question and answer session followed.

The workshops concluded at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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March 2, 2010

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Superintendent