

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
February 19, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 19, 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 Parker and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting and workshop of February 5, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Altman, the minutes were unanimously.

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

- Recognition of Individuals Who Served as Members of the District's Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee
- Recognition of the Presidential Volunteer Services Awards Recipients
- Recognition of the Recipient of the Service-Learning Rising Star Award
- Recognition of Individuals who Participated in the Ronald McDonald Mobile Health Partnership Providing Free Health and Dental Services to Students of Lacochee Elementary School
- Recognition of Individuals who Served as Members of the District's Boundary Committees

The Chairman called a recess for pictures and the Board meeting came back to order at 6:46 p.m. Mr. Wichmanowski recognized another member of the Boundary Committee who just arrived.

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

Student Apology: Nicholas - Drugs on River Ridge High School campus

Board Members moved to the audience in order to hear a presentation by the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority (TBARTA) and returned to the dais afterwards.

The Chairman asked if there were any further public comments.

Bill Phillips of New Port Richey said his son Matt was unable to be present at the meeting to be recognized as a Gold Medal recipient of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Matt wanted him to let everyone to know how much he appreciated all the support from Gulf High School staff in helping him achieve the award. With their help, he was also able to pass the FCAT exam after several attempts.

Stewart Gibbons of Land O'Lakes spoke on behalf of the Impact Fee committee. He said the committee met last year to address the issue of how to fund new facilities and acquisition of land for the School Board. The committee decided to recommend an increase in the impact fees to support the educational needs of the district. He shared that it is being found now that some builders and developers are making choices to conduct their business in other counties because of the cost increase in Pasco. The committee would appreciate support and help in finding alternative sources of financing to meet growth and provide an even playing field.

Judy Schaper of Zephyrhills said her daughter is currently enrolled in the Culinary Arts class at Moore-Mickens Education Center. She expressed her concern with the transfer of the program to Wiregrass Ranch High School next school year. She wanted assurance that the articulation agreement is in place will not be compromised and the new facility will meet the needs of the students. She also questioned what effect this move would have on returning adult education students. Jim Davis responded that a plan is in place to fund any equipment needs at Wiregrass and the articulation agreement will be met. He noted that the principal is aware that there will be adult students also attending the program.

Mark Wharton of Shady Hills was concerned with the Crews Lake Middle School boundary changes and the possibility of students having to change schools twice in two years. His son is in seventh grade at Hudson Middle School will be zoned to Crews Lake, but would like to stay at Hudson so he can participate in the band program. Mr. Wharton said he believes that if a child wants to remain at their current school and a bus goes by their home, they should be allowed to stay at that school.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Robert Benjamin, Business Representative of the USEP, thanked the district for partnering with them on the anti-bullying campaign and other recent projects.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Whaley spoke at the Honor Roll tea at Charles S. Rushe Middle School, and was happy to report that over 50% of the students obtained honor roll this quarter.

Member Altman received information from landscape companies on ideas for some of our older schools and will forward the suggestions to staff for future consideration.

Member Parker was very impressed with the talent at the Art of Recycling awards ceremony. He also attended the Cinderella Ball.

Chairman Starkey shared her 3rd place trophy for participating in the Celebrity Milk-Off at the Pasco County Fair. She also attended the Cinderella Ball and commented how proud she is of the program.

The Superintendent remarked that she and the Chairman attended the State Board of Administration (SBA) meeting recently and she updated that Board on the status of the investment pool. Chairman Starkey suggested that the Superintendent send a letter on behalf of the School Board to the Board of Trustees for the SBA requesting that they accept fiduciary responsibility for some of the financial happenings.

Ruth Reilly remarked that the opening day for students at New River Elementary School went very well and reminded everyone of the Gulf Trace Elementary School dedication this Friday. She introduced Jason Petry, new Assistant Principal of Veterans Elementary School and Principal Donna Busby.

Renalia DuBose remarked that the Government Finance Officers Association has submitted a first draft of their technology study. Sections are currently being reviewed by departments with an expected board presentation at the April 1 Board meeting.

Jim Davis pulled item 4.2 from the consent agenda.

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

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:

- 6.1 Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency
- 13.0 Second Reading: 2008-2009 School Attendance Boundaries

(3.0 – 12.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Whaley moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of items 4.2 and 6.1. Member Martin seconded the motion. Board Members expressed their pleasure with the district's strategic plan and commended everyone for all their hard work. There being 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 Land O'Lakes High School Students to Travel to Dallas, Texas to Visit Taylor Publishing Company March 7-8, 2008, Funding: Taylor Publishing - **PULLED**
 - 4.3 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Travel to Boca Raton, Florida to Participate in Cheerleading Competition March 6-7, 2008, Funding: Student Fundraisers
 - 4.4 Hudson High School Students to Travel to Valencia College in Orlando, Florida to Participate in Medieval Technologies Day April 9-10, 2008, Funding: Grant Money and Students
 - 4.5 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Travel to Tampa, Florida to Participate in State Thespian Competition April 30-May 3, 2008, Funding: Fundraisers and Students
 - 4.6 Gulf High School NJROTC Students to Travel to Oviedo, Florida to Participate in a State Sanctioned Field Meet February 29-March 1, 2008, Funding: Students and Booster Fundraisers
 - 4.7 Wiregrass High School Students to Travel to Lakeland, Florida to Participate in the FHSAA Wrestling State Finals February 14-16, 2008, Funding: Internal Accounts -

- 4.8 Wiregrass High School Students to Travel to Tampa, Florida to Participate in Special Olympics Basketball February 15-16, 2008, Funding: Special Olympics
- 4.9 Sunlake High School Students to Travel to Avon Park, Florida to Participate in a Regional Wrestling Tournament February 7-9, 2008, Funding: Internal Funds
- 4.10 Pasco High School DCT Students to Travel to Orlando, Florida to Participate in DCT State Competition March 6-9, 2008, Funding: Internal Funds
- 4.11 Wiregrass Ranch High School Model UN Club Students to Travel to Gainesville, Florida to Attend the Model Un Conference February 22-24, 2008, Funding: Fundraisers and Student Contributions
- 4.12 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Travel to St. Petersburg, Florida to Participate in Academic Competition at the College of Marine Science and FWC Martin Laboratory from February 22-23, 2008, No Charge to District
- 4.13 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Travel to Miami, Florida to participate in the 2008 Ft. Lauderdale Winterguard Regional Contest February 15-16, 2008, No Charge to District
- 4.14 Land O'Lakes High School Students to Travel to Orlando, Florida to Participate in the 2008 CECF/BPA State Leadership Conference and State Competition March 6-9, 2008, Funding: CECF Dues and Student Contributions
- 4.15 Wiregrass Ranch High School Students to Travel to Avon Park, Florida to Participate in the Regional Wrestling Tournament February 8-9, 2008, Funding: Students
- 4.16 Wiregrass Ranch High School Students to Travel to Boca Raton, Florida to Participate in Cheerleading Competition March 7-8, 2008, Funding: Students
- 4.17 Wesley Chapel High School Girls' Softball Team to Attend Tournament at Shocker Park in Ocala, Florida March 28-29, 2008, Funding Internal Accounts
- 4.18 River Ridge High School German Students to Travel to Daytona Beach, Florida to Attend the State of Florida German Convention April 17-19, 2008, Funding: Student Fundraisers
- 5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007
 - 7.2 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for December 2007 and January 2008 and Authorization to Expend Funds for February 2008
 - 7.3 Audit Report of Elementary, Middle and High School Internal Funds for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007
 - 7.4 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.5 Collator – Declare Surplus, Authorize Disposition and Approve as a Trade-In
 - 7.6 Project Priority List – Elementary School “V” (Wesley Chapel/Curley Road)
 - 7.7 Warrant Lists
 - 7.8 Requisitions and Related Contracts
Contracts: Evans Newton, Inc.; Services Department (Scottsdale, AZ)
 - 7.9 Bids and Related Contracts
Contracts: New Port Richey Police Department; Meadow Lane Surgery Center; Interagency Agreement between Florida Department of Children and Families, Suncoast Region and Sarasota YMCA, Inc., CBA Lead Agency for the Safe Children Coalition, Pasco Hernando Jobs, and Education Partnership Regional Board, Inc.
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Adult General Education Grant Budget Amendment
 - 8.2 Adult Education English Literacy and Civics Grant Budget Amendment
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Hudson High School – Increase 1.0 Unit ESOL Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Funding: FTE ESOL
 - 9.2 Oakstead Elementary School – Increase 1.0 Elementary Assistant Principal, Funding: FTE Basic
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (including any addenda) – None Submitted
- 11.0 New High School Course Requests – 2008-2009** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 12.0 Living the Vision 2008-2013 District School Board of Pasco County Strategic Plan** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(6.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Interlocal Agreement for School Concurrency (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the agreement. Member Martin seconded the motion. Member Parker requested clarification of section 3 on the need to go through the County when additions and changes are made to our facilities. Ray Gadd stated that changes would only have to go through the County if they go beyond 5 percent of the original design capacity of the school. On question by Member Parker, Mr. Gadd responded that the 5-year plan also includes 10 and 20-year projections. He commented that the interlocal, if approved today, would then go to the

County for their approval. Attorney Alfonso reviewed and summarized forthcoming timelines and expectations in the approval process. There being no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(13.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading: 2008-2009 School Attendance Boundaries (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Martin moved that the Board approve the second reading. Member Parker seconded the motion. Member Whaley made note that she had received many calls from families wishing to stay at Pine View Middle School. Chris Williams, Director of Planning remarked that Pine View Middle School would be open for school choice. He clarified that the new school opening in Connerton the following year would only involve elementary school students living in Pasco Trails and students would not have to move twice in two years. There being no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Chairman Starkey attended a charter school meeting regarding Dayspring Academy and noted that their issues are being considered. She will not be able to attend the next LPA meeting in Dade City. Member Martin remarked that she might be able to attend in her absence.

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 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: February 19, 2008 -1:30 p.m.

The Board met for a workshop session on *Career Academies*, which was presented by Rob Aguis, Director of Community, Career & Technical Education (CCTE). Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Marge Whaley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; 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; Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Summer Romagnoli, Governmental Relations Specialist; Staff Members of the CCTE; Michelle Chamberlain, JWMHS Career Specialist; Donna Fraser, WGRHS Career Specialist; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Ashley Reams, The Laker.

Mr. Aguis presented an overview of the development of the Career Academies at our high schools. Board Members also heard presentations on the Health Career Academy at Mitchell High School and the IT Academy at Wiregrass Ranch High School. Carolyn Allen, Supervisor of CCTE explained The Florida Ready to Work Program. A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 3:20 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: February 19, 2008 - 3:30 p.m.

The Board met for a workshop session with *NEOLA* on policy revisions. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Marge Whaley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; 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; Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Summer Romagnoli, Governmental Relations Specialist; Staff from the District Departments of Planning, Maintenance & Facilities Services, Construction Services and Code Compliance, District Media, Student Services, Recycling and Employee Benefits; Dick Clapp, CEO, NEOLA and NEOLA staff Tom Young and Amanda Clapp; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Ashley Reams, The Laker

Board Members reviewed the 7000/Property policies with suggested changes from department staff and NEOLA and made revisions or approved each individual policy.

The workshop concluded at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

3/4/08

Superintendent