

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
February 21, 2012

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2012, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Joanne Hurley, Vice Chairman Cynthia Armstrong, and Board Members Allen Altman, Steve Luikart and Alison Crumbley. 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 Hurley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the success of programs to prevent needless deaths and hazards of prescription drug abuse.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2012 and workshops of February 7, 2012. There were none, and on motion by Member Altman, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman moved item 15.1 forward from the action agenda and asked for a motion to approve the Proclamation Recognizing the History of Harry W. Schwettman Education Center. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Crumbley so moved, seconded by Member Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- ~~Recognition—Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, School Related Personnel of the Year and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Employees of the Year~~ **Rescheduled**
- Special Presentation - Pasco County Middle and High Schools Earn 2010-2011 Five Star School Award
- Special Recognition of the History of Harry W. Schwettman Education Center

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:17 p.m.

The Chairman recognized students in the New Principals Program Members and Educational Leadership students.

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

- J.D. Baker of Bayonet Point distributed information regarding naming of the track at Ridgewood High School after Coach Susan Vien. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) He stated that she has been the track coach at this school for 33 years and is an outstanding coach and role model for her female athletes. He implored the Board to name the track after Coach Vien.
- Stacey Hannigan of Port Richey and former student athlete at Ridgewood High School stated that Coach Vien was a role model and mentor for many female athletes. She believes that she is a reflection of her dedication to her students.
- Kim Mehren of Port Richey spoke as a parent on behalf of Coach Vien. She stated that Coach Vien coached two of her daughters and commended her for her dedication to her girls.
- Randi Morrell of New Port Richey spoke as a coach at Ridgewood High School and parent of student athletes. She explained that Coach Vien has been Coach-of-the-Year fifteen times.

Chairman Hurley asked the Superintendent to research the request and report back to the Board. Member Armstrong stated that she had the pleasure of teaching with Sue Vien.

- Margaret Peacock, Drama Teacher at Wiregrass Ranch High School introduced a representative student group who are performing “Guys and Dolls” at Wesley Chapel High School Performing Arts Center.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, noted that being a part of a committee(s) is very difficult due to the nature of trying to please all individuals. She referenced varied individuals as members of the Calendar Committee who she feels are well-prepared to serve on this committee armed with much information. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) She remarked that for the past several years, the committee has tried to find a way to extend the Thanksgiving break to a full week. The Legislature has required that we cannot start school prior to two weeks before Labor Day. As this year was analyzed, making this a full week became a possibility. She stated that Hurricane make-up days could be designated in the second semester and USEP is offering to spread the word that this would be for one year only. She asked that the Board reject the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the calendar committee’s recommendation.

Committee Reports:

Member Crumbley:

- Career Academy Steering Committee

Member Altman:

- Pasco Education Foundation – (expanding membership and fundraising outreach)

Member Armstrong:

- Health and Wellness Committee (sticking to strategic plan)
- Investment Oversight Committee (discussion on interest savings)

Chairman Hurley:

- Pasco Education Foundation – (review of scholarship applications for Take Stock In Children students)

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Special recognition for the Employees of the Year this evening is being rescheduled due to the absence of two of the employees

Dave Scanga:

- FCAT Writes Exams next week
- Introduced Summer Romagnoli for a Legislative Update

Olga Swinson:

- Swap transaction happened at 2:00 p.m. today. Documents will be presented at the next Board meeting

Renalia DuBose:

- Pulled Phillip Young from tonight’s agenda for an upcoming appeal hearing (Item 3.2, page 3)

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

2.1 School Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 4/11/1994) - Pasco High School

Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the expulsion as recommended in item 2.1. Member Altman 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:

11.0 Job Descriptions

11.1 New Job Description - Administrative Intern

12.0 2012-2013 Student/Teacher Calendar

15.2 Resolutions Recognizing Nominees for 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year, Administrators of the Year, School Related Personnel of the Year, and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Employees of the Year – **TABLED**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Altman moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda including any addenda, with the exception of item 3.2 (Phillip Young Termination Pulled), 11.1 and 12.0. Member Armstrong 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 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

3.2 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations (**Phil Young Termination – Pulled**)

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 Disposition of Library Books from School Media Centers

7.2 Surplus Non-Capitalized Furniture and Equipment

7.3 Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts

Contracts: Metropolitan Ministries, Holiday; Solid Rock Community School

7.4 Surplus Equipment

7.5 Warrant Lists

8.0 Grant Proposals - None Submitted

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

9.1 Paul R. Smith Middle School Parent Night Activities Childcare

10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted

13.0 Staff Travels (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

13.1 J.W. Mitchell High School Instructional Staff Members to attend the Advanced Placement Workshop in Kansas City, Missouri

13.2 Zephyrhills High School Staff Member to attend U.S. Marine Corps. Educator's Workshop in Parris Island, South Carolina

(11.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the New Job Description - Administrative Intern (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Member Luikart commented that in looking at the performance responsibilities, he feels the responsibility may be overwhelming for this intern. John Mann, Director of Leadership and Development addressed his concerns. He agreed there is a lot included in the list of responsibilities, but they would only be given what they could handle. The position will be filled with an experienced teacher, who might supervise projects. A minimum of three years experience is required, but they are hoping for five. There is 2.5 million dollars allocated for these positions throughout four counties. If additional funds are needed they can come from Title II monies. Member Altman expressed concern that the funds will be earmarked for Pasco County for extended years. It was explained that there would be four staff this year and four next year, for a total of eight staff members across counties for high needs schools. Member Luikart expressed the need for enough individual supervision. There was no further discussion and Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the job description, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(12.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of 2012-2013 Student/Teacher Calendar (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman stated that after researching this issue and comparing the two calendars he can see both sides. He moved that the Board reject Superintendent's recommendation. Member Crumbley seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously. On discussion Member Altman noted that after analyzing previous years calendars he feels the Superintendent's calendar is a better instructional calendar, but was told by teachers and principals that their concerns lie in the second semester (testing, etc.). It needs to be understood that this is a one-time issue as the calendar changes next year and it should allow that November 19 and 20, 2012 be designated as hurricane make-up days. He is looking at this as an opportunity to improve morale without costing additional money. He does have some reservations due to time constraints for the first semester; however, he would be willing this one-year only allowance of a full week at Thanksgiving and asked for USEP's cooperation to make it work. Member Armstrong supported Member Altman's statements and asked that the union not allow this to be a bargaining tool. Member Crumbley agreed and added that 30 members of the committee should be heard. She does not feel instruction will be compromised. Member Luikart also agreed with everything presented. Chairman Hurley had no issues with either calendar and reiterated that this is a one-time opportunity. There was no further discussion and on vote, the motion to reject the Superintendent's recommendation was approved unanimously. Member Armstrong moved that the Board adopt the original calendar committee's recommendation with the exception of adding November 19 and 20 as hurricane make up days, noting it will be for one year. Member Crumbley seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(15.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the resolutions recognizing the nominees for 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year, Administrators of the Year, School Related Personnel of the Year, and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Employees of the Year. The Chairman recommended tabling this item until March 20 when the recognitions would also be brought back. Member Altman moved that the Board **table** item 15.2 to be brought back at the March 20, 2012 Board Meeting for approval. Member Armstrong seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- One more 4-Day School Week Task Force meeting to be held. Three Open Forums have been held across the district. Information will be presented at a Board Workshop on March 20

Member Crumbley:

- Served on panel with Dr. Scanga in Tampa
- Special Olympics Thursday at River Ridge High School
- Cinderella Ball on March 3
- Cinderella Project boutique March 31 and April 14 – they need a place. Member Altman said he will help provide one.
- Noted an email received by all Board Members from Bill Tingley regarding a drug prevention event at MOSI. It will be discussed during public comment
- Would like to add the athletic topic to the list of Board workshops

Member Armstrong:

- Attended the "American Teacher" documentary at River Ridge High School

Chairman Hurley:

- Attended Special Olympics at Wesley Chapel High School
- Art of Recycling Contest

- Thanked PEDC for their cooperation with our district in helping to spur our career academies and obtaining more business partners

Superintendent Fiorentino remarked that the workshop topics scheduled for March 6 will be the Florida Association of District School Superintendent's Study and FADSS and Innovation schools. She also suggested that the workshops on March 20 begin earlier than 4:00 p.m., due to lengthy topics i.e. 10-year-capital plan and the 4-day School Week study. There was consensus of the Board to begin the March 20 workshop at 3:00 p.m.

Attorney Alfonso:

- March 27, 2012, employee appeal hearing for Cotta Ungerer at 9:30 am in the Board Room
- April 24, 2012, employee appeal hearing for Phillip Young at 9:30 am in the Board Room
- Discussion on MOU for USDA commodities – large project and is still reviewing. Will follow-up with Purchasing to help draft a document
- Discussed possible legislation concerning a consortium for items purchased by the District. Olga said there is a serious concern with the new procedures that may be implemented and that every bid will have to go before the Board. The Superintendent said it is not an efficient use of the Board's time, possibly requiring more meetings or holding off on purchases. Summer Romagnoli remarked that the legislation would require that this be done for all purchases by the district.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. No one came forward.

- Bill Tingley, Board of Directors at the Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) spoke on the MOSI opportunity (since the middle of September 2011) to send many students to experience a DEA anti-drug exhibit at MOSI. Pasco County is one of the top counties in the state of Florida for prescription overdose deaths and addicted newborns. He stated that he has tried for quite awhile to get answers from the District but to date hasn't received any so he chose to email the Board and discuss. He realizes that the issue is money and remarked that the Felt grant money initially offered is now gone. He asked that the District supply the buses and he will supply drivers and other costs. Chairman Hurley apologized for the delay in him getting any answers. She asked that the Superintendent work with Mr. Tingley and Lizette Alexander. Superintendent Fiorentino explained that this program was offered to all principals and the District sent a team of supervisor to visit the exhibit. Lizette Alexander spoke on the issue and explained the issues involved with this effort. It was stated that field trips must be tied to very sound curriculum and there would be more flexibility after FCAT testing. Mr. Tingley said he is going to try and get DEA to extend the exhibit and he will start fund-raising for the possibility of four schools attending. Member Altman said he would like to see this opportunity offered to more than four schools and he expressed concern that MOSI has been trying to work this out since October of last year. He hopes it can be accomplished before school ends. An MOU will be brought to MOSI to loan two busses. Member Crumbley expressed concern that Pasco has not sent more students to this exhibit, referring to Mr. Tingley's email of only 1600-1700, when neighboring counties have sent many more. Mr. Ralph Bosek, Chief Operating Officer for MOSI spoke on behalf of their wishes to help Pasco with bus transportation.

Member Luikart requested feedback soon regarding the track coach at Ridgewood High School. The Superintendent asked for one month.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is March 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Luikart the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: February 21, 2012 4:00 p.m.

TOPICS: *Wellness Committee Report/Health Costs Savings Analysis/Drug and Substance Prevention Programs*

The Board met for workshop sessions at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart, Alison Crumbley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Members of the Employee Benefits Department; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solocheck, Tampa Bay Times

Wellness Committee Report:

Board Members heard a presentation by MedVision on the District's Health and Wellness strategic business plan.

Health Cost Savings Analysis:

Mary Tillman, Director of EBARM reported on savings of the CareHere health and wellness centers and reviewed the medical claims over the last 4 years.

Drug and Substance Prevention Programs:

Lt. Law explained and reviewed the drug prevention programs happening throughout the District.

The workshop concluded at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

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Superintendent