

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

March 1, 2011

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 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 Allen Altman, and Board Members Cynthia Armstrong, 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 Member Crumbley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the Pinellas County police officer killed in the line of duty and a Zephyrhills High School student.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2011 and workshop of February 15, 2011. There were none, and on motion by Member Altman seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman announced that there were no special presentations today.

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

The Chairman remarked that Lynne Webb, President of the United School Employees of Pasco was unable to attend today's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Member Armstrong:

- Investment Oversight Committee
- Wellness Policy Council

Member Altman:

- Insurance Committee

Chairman Hurley:

- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Committee
- Collaboration Conference in Denver, CO
- Vision Committee
- United Way Teleconference

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Discussed proposal by the Board of County Commissioners to reduce impact fees by 50% for transportation and education. Superintendent Fiorentino plans to meet with individual board members to discuss this issue. She remarked that with a minimum \$60 million shortfall that we are looking at in our operating budget, the impact of this possible change on our debt service payment is of great concern to the District. If we don't have the

money in the capital funds to pay the debt, state law says it must be paid from general operating funds first before salaries. This could lead to additional layoffs. A delegation from the District attended the recent County Commissioner's meeting and the County has asked for a joint workshop on March 8. Superintendent Fiorentino will work with the County on a time and place.

- Information from FSBA was distributed detailing administrative costs incurred by districts. Pasco is the lowest in the state.

Ruth Reilly:

- Florida Writes is happening today.
- Discussed the upcoming Race to the Top conference.

Dave Scanga:

- Introduced new elementary school principals. Adam Wolin (MPLES) and Judy Cosh (PVES). Judy Cosh is also the state Assistant Principal of the Year.

Olga Swinson:

- Discussed memorandum from the purchasing agent requesting approval for a special board meeting on March 8 to approve a financial advisor. Chairman Hurley asked if board members would be available for a meeting on March 8. All said they were available with the exception of Member Altman. A place and time was not announced.

Renalia DuBose:

- Moving forward with ERP process. Hearing last of four presentations this week. Two companies will be elevated for presentation to board members.

Tina Tiede:

- Middle and High school visits. Commended the efforts to renovate Pasco High School. Pasco Middle School building is coming along well.

(2.0) The Chairman announced that there were no expulsion recommendations today.

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:

16.0 Policies

16.1 Second and Final Reading of Revised DSBPC Policies

17.0 Resolutions

17.1 Resolution Proclaiming April 2011 as Instructional Media Technology Month

17.2 Resolution - March is National Purchasing Month

(3.0 – 15.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 11.0, 12.0 and 14.0 and including addenda. Member Luikart 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 Recommendations

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

4.1 Change of Placement (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

4.2 Requests for School Field Trips (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

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

5.1 Request for Use of Facilities

6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance

Services and Transportation (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

- 6.1 Annual Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts
 CONTRACTS: TW Telecom; Bright House Networks, LLC; Solid Rock Community School; South University – Tampa; University of South Florida
 - 7.2 Warrant Lists
- ADDENDA: Financial Advisor, RFP #11-066-DM Permission to Present at March 8th Special Board Meeting**
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant
- 9.0 Allocations - None Submitted**
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted**
- 13.0 High School Course Adoption for 2011-2012 – Correction** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 15.0 Out-of-State Travel for Staff - 8th International Conference on Positive Behavior Support** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(11.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Dayspring Academy 2011-2012 SY Student Enrollment Increase (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the enrollment increase, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(12.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Dayspring Academy Contract Amendment Request (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) State Representative John Legg spoke before the Board stating he values the good relationship between his charter school and the District. There is a technical issue: VPK funneling into a Pre-K program, versus a lottery process. Florida Statutes are silent on this issue because charter laws were written before VPK laws. He offered to table this issue and bring back later in the spring. He clarified that they are only talking about open enrollment VPK (public) and is confident that DOE will be looking into this issue.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment:

- Leslie Haas of New Port Richey stated that she is a Dayspring parent and owns a pre-school, which is a VPK provider. Her child entered Dayspring through the lottery process and is very happy with the school. Her other daughter will be entering kindergarten in the fall and was assured she would be enrolled. She was later told she would have to re-enroll and go back into the lottery. She stated that this is unfair and would rather be in a VPK lottery rather than a sibling lottery. She feels it should be an equal opportunity lottery.

Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation to deny the amendment request. Member Altman seconded the motion. On discussion Member Armstrong stated she strongly believes in the lottery process and is concerned that a precedent would be set that other VPK's don't do the lottery process. Attorney Alfonso discussed Florida Statute relating to this issue, that everyone has an even chance. He said there is no provision in Statute that dictates the action this Board may take and he cautioned with setting precedent. Member Altman said in researching this issue he feels the Department of Education does not believe that Dayspring's interpretation is proper. He would like to proceed quickly on resolution on this issue, allowing parents adequate time. Member Armstrong asked how soon they would need an answer in order to accommodate next year's planning. There are several layers to the process: All siblings will be allowed entrance into kindergarten; VPK is the next layer in the lottery; General public VPK is the next layer. The technical process issue is not policy driven. Attorney Alfonso stated that if the charter is opened, other issues would be able to be negotiated at that time as well. Chairman Hurley expressed her concern that time will not allow for addressing all issues. She feels that this change will disallow equal access to all VPK students. Representative Legg respectfully disagreed, using a comparison of kindergarten and

first grade students. He reminded the Board that bringing this issue and past issues before the Board takes several meetings. He believes that the Department of Education will issue a ruling. Renalia DuBose stated her concern on the equal access of the lottery. Statute talks about “random” lottery system, which she does not believe this practice supports. Member Altman asked that the Board have an opportunity to revisit this issue if the Department of Education dictates action legislatively. There was no further discussion and on vote, the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to deny the amendment request carried unanimously.

(14.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Imagine School at Land O' Lakes (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Armstrong moved that the Board deny Imagine School at Land O'Lakes enrollment increase. Member Crumbley seconded the motion.

Public comment:

- Kathy Helean, Principal of Imagine School summarized the timeline for moving into a newly constructed campus. Groundbreaking on the site located on Sunlake Blvd. is planned for April, with completion in October. She stated that they cannot fill the seats in the new school without assurances that enrollment increase will be approved. The district brought up non-compliance of their charter. Ms. Helean disputes that their school is not in compliance.
- Linda Ann Spurza, of Lutz and Imagine parent spoke on behalf of Imagine School. She remarked that she is looking forward to the new facility and is aware of many parents who will enroll their children.
- Amanda Battiszone, Imagine Board President does not believe school can recruit student when prospective parents view Imagine as a temporary school. She said she knows public schools are overcrowded within the surrounding areas.
- Denise Taylor, Imagine parent and previous Pasco teacher stated that she left Oakstead Elementary School, as she believes that her daughter was not enriched. Her daughter has excelled since coming to Imagine. She would like other students to have the opportunity her daughter has.

Ms. Helean, Principal, responded to several questions by Board Members. She feels the enrollment dropped during the year because many gifted students left the school due to their lack of program, some middle school students moved to large middle schools and administrative changes caused several families to move. She stated that if their enrollment does not go up they would still have financial backing from the Imagine organization to move into the new facility. Member Altman questioned how often the enrollment increases could be presented to the Board. Ms. DuBose responded that requests could be made annually. Chris Williams, Director of Planning responded to questions by the Board. He has had multiple conversations with the County zoning administrator and site developer. Plans are currently in the approval process with the County and have to go before the Development Review Committee. Imagine will need to get an extension to remain at their current location. The County granted them a 624-enrollment cap. Principal Helean clarified the numbers and said she would not exceed 624 at the current location. She is requesting a 650 enrollment for the new location. Ms. Helean stated that the enrollment numbers the year prior to the decrease have increased. Mrs. Swinson expressed concern about Imagine’s financial reserves. A 13 percent decline has caused a deficit. She would like to review their finances in order to confirm their sustainability for next year. Member Altman said he feels there is potential financial disaster without seeing solid enrollment stability. Member Crumbley reminded parents that Dayspring’s growth has never been impeded by the facility. There was no further discussion and on vote, the motion to deny Imagine School at Land O’Lakes enrollment increase was approved unanimously.

(16.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second and Final Reading of Revised DSBPC Policies (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the final reading to include corrections submitted. Member Crumbley seconded the motion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(17.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution Proclaiming April 2011 as Instructional Media Technology Month (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board approved the resolution, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(17.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution Proclaiming March is National Purchasing Month (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Crumbley moved that the Board approved the resolution, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Florida School Board Association (FSBA) training was very beneficial.
- Visited Engineering Academy at RRHS
- Attended Special Olympics at RRHS
- Attend PEDC Council/CCTE Program meeting

Member Crumbley:

- Attended Career Expo at SLHS
- FSBA training
- West Pasco Board of Realtors Civic Affairs event
- Special Olympics at RRHS
- PEDC Council/CCTE Program meeting

Member Armstrong:

- FSBA training
- Career Expo at SLHS
- WCHS Special Olympics

Chairman Hurley:

- RRHS Special Olympics
- Milking contest at Pasco County Fair
- Adult Education graduation at WCHS last month
- Turnaround Banquet is May 5

Member Altman excused himself from the meeting to go out of town.

Attorney Alfonso:

- Update on Pasco High School road expansion. Small changes made to the traffic plan. Plans will be circulated through staff and submitted to the City of Dade City.
- Joint meeting concerning impact fees and concurrency – urged the Board to keep an eye on growth management. Concurrency bill is slated to be rewritten.

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

- Lisa Dubel of New Port Richey said her husband is a professor at University of Pittsburg and he feels that 90% of the students in Pasco would not be admitted to his school. She stated that Imagine School is giving a wonderful education, contrary to Dayspring Academy and feels the denial of their request for an enrollment increase is a big mistake. She has two daughters that attend Imagine and begged the Board to reconsider the denial.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is April 5, 2011 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 11:00 a.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: February 21, 2011 10:00 a.m.

The Board met in executive session on *negotiations*. The session was held in the Employee Relations Conference Room at the District Office Complex, Building 3. 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; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Bryan Jack and Betsy Kuhn, Employee Relations Department

The Executive Session concluded at 11:55 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: March 1, 2011 8:30 a.m.

TOPIC: Legislative Issues

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 T.V. 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; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Director of Employee Relations; Summer Romagnoli, Communications and Governmental Relations; State Representative John Legg; Various department representatives and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

State Representative John Legg reviewed broad issues regarding the state budget and the Governor's proposals.

- 4.6 billion shortfall now
- Expenses are up in Medicaid
- Must have a balanced budget
- Class Size

Question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 9:20 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: March 1, 2011 11:15 a.m.

TOPIC: *Race to the Top Grant*

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart, and Alison Crumbley. Member Allen Altman was out of town. 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; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Director of Employee Relations; Summer Romagnoli, Communications and Governmental Relations; Renee Sedlack, Director of Human Resources; various department representatives; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

Mrs. Reilly gave an overview of the RTTT documents and addressed the key initiatives. Everything needs to align with the District's Strategic Plan. Board Members viewed a Power Point presentation highlighting key issues of the grant.

Kevin Shibley and Renee Sedlack spoke on the evaluation practices for teachers and administrators and reviewed the draft evaluation form.

A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 12:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: March 1, 2011 1:05 p.m.

The Board met in executive session on *negotiations*. The session was held in the Employee Relations Conference Room at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart and Alison Crumbley. Member Allen Altman was not present. 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; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Bryan Jack and Betsy Kuhn, Employee Relations Department

The Executive Session concluded at 2:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

Superintendent