

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
March 2, 2010

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 2, 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 in Tallahassee and not present. 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 for a moment of silence in remembrance of Shawna Masterson, literacy coach at Fox Hollow Elementary School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2010 and workshops of February 16, 2010. There were none, and on motion by Member Parker, seconded by Member Martin, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman Altman announced that he would need to leave the meeting to be in attendance at the birth of his first grandchild. Vice Chairman Hurley conducted the remainder of the board meeting.

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

- Distribution of Withlacoochee State Forest Receipts to the School Board

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

The Vice Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, spoke on the opening day of the Legislative Session (today). She remarked that the district and USEP agree on most issues, especially those, which impact our students. She reported on the feedback meeting regarding Race to the Top. Approximately 200 people attended the five meetings. The focus was on three separate issues, depending on locations of meetings, priorities were somewhat different. She thanked Chairman Altman, Vice Chairman Hurley and the Superintendent and her staff who attended the meetings. She noted the differences expressed at the meetings but she stressed the common interests between the USEP and the Superintendent.

Committee Reports:

Member Hurley:

- Communications Sub Committee on the BE THERE campaign.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Remarked that Member Starkey asked to withdraw from the Architect Review Committee. By consensus, Member Hurley will be replacing her.

Ruth Reilly:

- Reviewed the district FCAT schedule.
- Received information regarding End-Of Course Field Testing at the end of the year. Focus will be on Algebra I only (computer based assessment).

The Vice Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 9:54 a.m. continuing with staff reports.

Olga Swinson:

- Requested that Bid 10-064-AZ, Worker Compensation Liability be pulled from item 7.7.

Renalia DuBose:

- Athenian Academy Charter School has made significant academic progress, including a positive cash flow and they will receive a 2-year renewal.

- Countryside Montessori Charter School is requesting changes in their amendment regarding several types of insurances and requested to add 7th and 8th grades to their school, without increasing their numbers.
- Academy at the Farm Charter School is making changes in their insurance.
- Board Members suggested planning a future workshop on charter schools.
- Update given on the district website domain. A list of possible domains, which can be purchased, will be sent to board members. The new domain must keep fl as part of the address as there is at least one other Pasco district in the state of Washington.

Jim Davis:

- Congratulated Gulf High School for state wrestling championship and J.W. Mitchell High School for state boys soccer championship.

Tina Tiede:

- Reported that C.S. Rushe Middle School won “cool school” recognition from Channel 13 News.

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

The Vice Chairman asked Board members to identify the items on the consent agenda that they would like placed on the action agenda. There were no items on the **ACTION AGENDA**.

(3.0 – 13.0) The Vice Chairman asked for a motion to approve all 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 Change of Placement
 - 4.2 Gulf High School Students to Participate in a FHSAA Softball Tournament in Ocala March 26-27, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.3 River Ridge High School Students to Participate in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Competitions in Orlando, Funding: Student Contributions and FBLA Internal Funds
 - 4.4 Seven Springs Middle School Lead The Pack Class to Travel to Tallahassee March 22-23, 2010, Funding: Florida Learn and Serve Grant and Student Contributions
 - 4.5 Seven Springs Middle School Student to Travel to Newfound Harbor Marine Institute in Big Pine Key, Florida to Attend Sea Camp March 14-16, 2010, Funding: Fundraisers and Individual Students
 - 4.6 River Ridge High School Band to Participate in an Adjudication Festival and Clinic for Concert Band in Kissimmee, Florida April 17-19, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.7 Wiregrass Ranch High School Students to Participate in the Florida Forensic League Varsity State Championship Tournament in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida March 4-7, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Club Internal Funds
 - 4.8 Sunlake High School Students to Participate in Grad Night Preview in Kissimmee, FL April 24-25, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.9 Pasco High School NJROTC Students to Travel to Fort Benning, Georgia to Participate in the Army Marksmanship Unit National Championship March 20-23, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and NJROTC Internal Funds
 - 4.10 Gulf High School Students to Participate in the Florida NJROTC State Championship in Oviedo, Florida March 5-6, 2010, Funding: NJROTC Funds
 - 4.11 Land O’Lakes High School Students to Participate in the Model United Nations Conference in Tampa, FL March 19-22, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Club Funds
 - 4.12 Wesley Chapel High School Students to Participate in the Softball Tournament at the Foundation Academy in Winter Garden, Florida March 12-13, 2010, Funding: Athletic Internal Funds
 - 4.13 Land O’Lakes High School Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) to Participate in State Competition in Orlando April 5-8, 2010, Funding: Club Funds
- 5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities** (including any addenda) **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 Payroll Expenditures for December 2009 and January 2010 and Authorization to Expend Funds for February 2010
 - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.3 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 7/1/09-1/31/10

- 7.4 2009-2010 Budget Amendments #34-#39 – January 2010
- 7.5 Warrant Lists
- 7.6 Requisitions and Related Contracts
- 7.7 Bids and Related Contracts – **(Pull Bid 10-064-AZ)**
Contracts: Early Childhood Education Program Kids’ Stuff; G4S Youth Services, LLC; Health Care Facility Pasco County Emergency Services Department; ABA Solutions Incorporated; Photovoltaic Solar System
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Coca-Cola Recycling Bin Grant Program – Resource Recovery
 - 8.2 Florida Learn and Serve Budget Amendment – Seven Springs Middle School
 - 8.3 Lowe’s Toolbox for Education Grant – Cypress Elementary School
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Extended Day Program at Oakstead Elementary School
 - 9.2 2010-2011 Allocation Formulas
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts**– None Submitted
- 11.0 Revised Timelines for Hiring Staff at Fivay High School** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 12.0 Hudson High School Staff to Attend the College Board Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., Funding: Advanced Placement Funds** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Extended School Year Services – General Guidelines (2009-2010)** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Parker:

- Commended J.W. Mitchell and Gulf High Schools for winning state championships as mentioned by Mr. Davis.

Member Hurley:

- Toured Odessa Elementary School.

Attorney Alfonso made note that the Risk Management Litigation Executive Session will be held in the Board Room immediately following the board meeting.

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

The Vice Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is March 16, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed): March 2, 2010 10:01 a.m.

The Board met in executive session on *Risk Management Litigation*. The session was held in the Board Room at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Frank Parker, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley. Member Starkey was in Tallahassee and Chairman Altman left early to attend the birth of his grandchild. Also in attendance 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 Curriculum and Instructional Services and Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations.

The Executive Session concluded at 10:25 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: March 2, 2010 10:30 a.m.

TOPICS: Future Town Hall Meetings

Legislative Update

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Frank Parker, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley. Member Starkey was in Tallahassee and Chairman Altman left early to attend the birth of his grandchild. 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; Summer Romagnoli, Government Relations; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

Mrs. Romagnoli shared information with the Board regarding the legislation session, which begins today. Board members were informed that they would receive updates on bills regarding education.

The Superintendent said the State Department of Education has told school districts to prepare for a 6 percent funding cut, which would be about \$28 million for Pasco. With reduction in class sizes and projected expenses of \$3.5 million on retirement payments, etc. the district is projecting a \$45-\$50 million shortfall for next year.

The workshop concluded at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

March 16, 2010

Superintendent