

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

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 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, Kathryn Starkey 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 Starkey, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2010, workshop of March 2, 2010 and Executive Session of March 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 the District Purchasing Department for: *Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award; Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award; and Certified Public Purchasing Officer (Kendra Goodman)*

The Chairman requested that the Board take action at this time on item 16.1, for two students from Seven Springs Middle School to give a brief presentation on the Proclamation Supporting the State "Save the Panther Day," March 20, 2010. At the conclusion of the presentation, Member Parker moved that the Board approve the proclamation, seconded by Member Starkey. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 9:51 a.m.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. Jeff Lucas, Dayspring Academy Board Member said they have had communication challenges since February 2009 and they would like to have more meetings with the Board to express their concerns and needs. He stated that their school is requesting approval of 490 total students for the 2010-2011 school year, 30 more the next year and 20 more the following year and is aware that the Superintendent is not in agreement. He challenges the District's position that the present Board should not burden future Boards with the financial obligations of future enrollment increases. The Superintendent remarked that she is informing the Board of what Dayspring is requesting, however, she can not recommend approval of future year enrollment increases. She noted that they have a three-year contract, which is reviewed annually.

Lynne Webb, President of the United School Employees of Pasco said they did not have anything to present today.

Committee Reports:

Member Starkey:

- Pasco Education Foundation Committee
- STEM Florida Summit. Gave summary of meeting in St. Petersburg and Tallahassee.

Member Hurley:

- Architect Review Committee. Will work with Mrs. Swinson regarding suggested changes to the current process of continuing with a Construction Manager on smaller projects.
- LPA meeting immediately following today's board meeting.

Chairman Altman:

- Value Adjustment Board Meeting. More people are filing appeals.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Odyssey of the Mind State Competition field trips has been added to the agenda.

Ruth Reilly:

- Update on Florida Virtual School course addition of American History Conspiracy Code. Students in grades 1-8 are now taking the course.

Olga Swinson:

- On request of Member Starkey, Mrs. Swinson reported on the Investment Advisory Board. Board Members were requested to contact their recommended members and the final list will be brought back for approval. By-laws are being reviewed from other districts around the state. Quarterly meetings may be held in the beginning.

Tina Tiede:

- Introduced Andressa Williams, being recommended as the Assistant Principal at Dr. John Long Middle School

(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 Bus Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/13/94) from River Ridge High School

Member Parker moved that the Board approve the bus expulsion as recommended in item 2.1. Member Martin 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:

- 6.1 Guaranteed Maximum Price for River Ridge HVAC Replacement Project – Phase I
- 14.0 2010-2011 Charter School Student Enrollment

(3.0 – 15.0) 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 with the exception of 6.1 and 14.0. Member Hurley seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

#### **3.0 Human Resources** (including any addenda)

- 3.1 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations
- 3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

#### **4.0 Students** (including any addenda)

- 4.1 Change of Placement
- 4.2 Wesley Chapel and Wiregrass Ranch High School Students to Travel to Orlando, Florida April 5-8, 2010 to Participate in the FBLA Conference, Funding: FBLA Internal Funds
- 4.3 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Travel to Oviedo, Florida March 5-6, 2010 to Participate in the NJROTC State Championship, Funding: NJROTC Booster Funds
- 4.4 Gulfside Elementary and Seven Springs Elementary School Students to Participate in an Overnight Trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, Florida May 14-15, 2010, Funding: Media Funds
- 4.5 Longleaf Elementary School Students to Participate in an Overnight “Nite Site” Camping Trip to Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa, Florida April 23-24, 2010, Funding: Media Funds
- 4.6 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Travel to Orlando, Florida April 5-8, 2010 to Participate in the FBLA Conference, Funding: Student Contributions and FBLA Internal Funds
- 4.7 Wiregrass Ranch High School Students to Travel to Orlando, Florida April 8-11, 2010 to Participate in the State Health Service Occupations Competition, Funding: Student Contributions and HOSA Club Internal Funds
- 4.8 Wesley Chapel High School Students to Travel to Tampa Florida March 19-22, 2010 to Participate in the Model United Nations Conference, Funding: Student Contributions and Model UN Club Internal Funds

#### **5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities** (including any addenda)

#### **6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance Services and Transportation** (including any addenda)

- 6.1 Guaranteed Maximum Price for River Ridge HVAC Replacement Project – Phase I
- 6.2 Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification of Facilities Data

#### **7.0 Business/Finance** (including any addenda)

- 7.1 Surplus Equipment
- 7.2 Audit of School Internal Accounts for the Years Ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009

- 7.3 Independent Auditor's Management Letter for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009
- 7.4 Warrant Lists
- 7.5 Requisitions and Related Contracts
- 7.6 Bids and Related Contracts – **APPROVED**  
**Contracts: Habitat for Humanity; Hillsborough County School District and CCTE**
- 8.0 Grant Proposals** (including any addenda)
  - 8.1 2009-2010 Title I Part D Local Neglected and Delinquent Grant Budget Amendment
  - 8.2 Carl D. Perkins Grant – Section 131 for 2009-2010 – Amendment #3
- 9.0 Allocations** (including any addenda) – None Submitted
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (including any addenda) – None Submitted
- 11.0 New Course Adoptions for 2010-2011** (including any addenda)
- 12.0 2010-2011 High School “Major Areas of Interest”**
- 13.0 Prekindergarten Services Director and Financial Team to Attend Financial Management Institute in Atlanta, Georgia July 14-17, 2010, Funding: Head Start Grant**
- 14.0 2010-2011 Charter School Student Enrollment – APPROVED as Amended**
- 15.0 District Work Calendars**

(6.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for River Ridge HVAC Replacement Project – Phase I (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the GMP, seconded by Member Starkey. On discussion John Petrashek, Director of Construction Services and Code Compliance explained that this multi-phase project originated in 2005 when it was determined to totally replace the HVAC system at the schools. In order to have minimal disruption to the schools it was decided to approach the project in several phases and a Construction Manager was used instead of a “hard bid” because of the size of the project. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(14.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the 2010-2011 Charter School Student Enrollment (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) The Chairman explained that with the approval of the Superintendent and Renalia DuBose, Academy at the Farm has submitted an amendment to their packet, which shows an agreed enrollment change from 385 to 400 students. The Board will therefore be acting on the new figures. Discussion was held regarding the approval of enrollment for one year and not committing to future years. Board Members suggested that in the future workshops be held before charter school items are brought before the Board. Member Parker was in favor of not committing future dollars when the budget is unknown. Member Starkey said she understands the challenges of Dayspring Academy in planning for future school years. Member Martin requested copies of the minutes of the Dayspring Academy Board Meetings. Member Hurley said that she feels the District is penalizing Dayspring for being good planners and wants equity for all charter schools. Chairman Altman expressed his surprise to find that discussions had not been happening at the charter school task force meetings. The Superintendent stated that the figures in the board packet are as projected and per the contract enrollment is approved annually in the spring. She feels it is improper for the current board to commit dollars for a future board. Attorney Alfonso stated that legally the Board could not bind the expenditures of future boards. There being no further discussion, Member Parker moved that the Board approve the enrollment numbers for this year with the amendment for Academy at the Farm.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Starkey:

- Kettering University Signing at Pasco Hernando Community College. Great opportunity to enable students to take classes with one of the largest manufacturing universities.
- Annual meeting of the Engineering Society
- Leadership Youth Pasco Breakfast
- Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) private citizen award was given to Harris Rosen from Orange County for stepping up for public education
- Will be attending the Annual Day in the Legislature hosted by FSBA
- Attended a K-12 workshop at the Capitol – Each Board Member was given the presentation information from the National Education Policy Council regarding teacher quality. She asked that discussion be held in the future on the information.

Member Hurley:

- Leadership Pasco Youth Breakfast
- Attended two Volunteer Luncheons
- Zephyrhills 100 Year Celebration
- Attended Rushe Middle School's PTA meeting. Discussions held on the BE THERE Campaign

Chairman Altman:

- Volunteer Luncheon on east side
- 100 Year Celebration in Zephyrhills
- Requested a workshop schedule for facilities and capital projects
- Requested information on policy procedure changes for the new policy 3112, requiring that employee communication to the board go through the superintendent. He would like the issue addressed and stated that when people send information to the Board that the Board receives it promptly. Mrs. DuBose noted an upcoming NEOLA policy workshop scheduled on April 20. She was requested to add policy 3112 to the workshop agenda.

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

Jeff Lucas, from Dayspring Academy remarked that they have already built in capacity and they do comply with class size. He disagreed with Attorney Alfonso and said they can prove that Dayspring makes money for the School District and that they utilize every dollar that is received.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is April 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Parker the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: March 16, 2010 11:15 p.m.**

**TOPICS: Charter Schools/Legislative & Budget Update**

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Joanne Hurley. Member Martin was not present. Also present were 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; Nancy Scowcroft, Supervisor of Charter Schools; Lynne Webb, USEP; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and various district staff and visitors.

Renalia DuBose reviewed the Charter School Task Force Accomplishments. Nancy Scowcroft explained the non-compliance with contractual insurance requirements and enrollment and expansion. Question and answer session followed.

Board Members heard presentations from Charter School representatives on their individual schools. A discussion session followed.

There was a brief recess between workshops.

Summer Romagnoli presented information on the 2010 Legislative Session and updated the Board and staff on movement of bills and funding issues.

Olga Swinson provided the Board with budget timeline information and budget saving ideas for fiscal year 2010-2011. It was made clear for the need to consider major reductions with the projected revenue shortfall of \$50 million or more. The Superintendent stressed that these are only ideas at this time and nothing is final. Board members expressed the desire to be more involved in the budget earlier in the process.

The workshops concluded at 1:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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Superintendent