

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**March 20, 2012**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 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 Member Crumbley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Todd Dubendorfer, District Office Custodian.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2012 and workshops of March 6, 2012. There were none, and on motion by Member Crumbley, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Representative Will Weatherford, who was in the audience.

The Chairman moved item 17.1 forward from the action agenda and asked for a motion to approve the Proclamation Recognizing the History of Raymond B. Stewart Middle School. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Altman so moved, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. John Mann, Director of Leadership Development, coordinated the special presentations as follows:  
(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

- District Receives AdvanceED Accreditation
- Special Presentation - Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year, School Related Personnel of the Year, and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Employee of the Year
- Special Recognition of the History of Raymond B. Stewart Middle School

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:28 p.m.

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

- Steven Thomopalos of Land O'Lakes received approval to speak for 15 minutes representing a group seeking to name the football field at Land O'Lakes High School "John Benedetto Field". He stated that many gyms and fields are named for individuals throughout the county. He highlighted the long successful history of Coach Benedetto in Pasco County. Representative Weatherford spoke in support of naming the field after Coach Benedetto, describing the positive impact the coach had on him and several of his brothers. Tom Carter, current head football coach at Gulf High School and former player at LOLHS, also asked for the Board to consider naming the field after Coach Benedetto. Mike Keough played for Coach Benedetto in the mid 1970's and commended Coach Benedetto for his service to the community and LOLHS. Chairman Hurley stated that their request would be taken under consideration.

The Chairman remarked that no one was present from the United School Employees of Pasco.

**Committee Reports:**

**Member Luikart:**

- GPS Committee
- 4-Day Task Force

**Member Crumbley:**

- Career Academy Steering Committee

**Member Altman:**

- Value Adjustment Board Meeting

**Member Armstrong:**

- Health & Wellness Incentive Meeting

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

1.1 2011-2012 High School Graduation Schedule - Information

1.2 Superintendent's Annual Report (SAR) 2010-2011 - Information

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Gave follow-up information requested by the Board regarding renaming of the track at Ridgewood High School. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) She is not recommending renaming the track after the track coach, as she is a current teacher in the system. She stated that she would like the Board to review the policy during the next NEOLA policy update workshop on April 17.

Ruth Reilly:

- Thanked the Vision Committee for their assistance in preparing the Superintendent's Annual Report
- Introduced Tracy Hilady as the new Supervisor in the Curriculum and Instructional Services Department

Olga Swinson:

- Distributed handout regarding the budget analysis (2012-2013). She said this information is the best estimate at this point. The district is looking at a \$25.6 million shortfall, which must be found between now and June

Renalia DuBose:

- Pull Angelica Cruikshank from item 3.1, instructional terminations. She has filed an appeal

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

**2.1** Bus Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/16/1995) - Fivay High School

**2.2** School Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 2/28/2000) - Gulf Middle School

**2.3** School Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 1/31/1997) - Harry Schwettman Education Center

Member Altman moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. Member Luikart 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:

### **17.0 Resolutions**

**17.2** Resolutions Recognizing 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 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 including any addenda and with the exception of 3.1 (Pulling Cruikshank Termination). Member Armstrong seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

### **3.0 Human Resources (including any addenda) (See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**3.1** Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations – (**Angelica Cruikshank Termination – Pulled**)

**3.2** Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

### **4.0 Students (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**4.1** Change of Placement

**4.2** Florida High School Athletic Association Spring Championship Schedule

**4.3** 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 (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** Audit of School Internal Accounts for the Years Ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011 - Double Branch Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School and R.B. Stewart Middle School

**7.2** Custody Service Provider - Investments

**7.3** Disposition of Library Books From School Media Centers

**7.4** Surplus Non-Capitalized Furniture and Equipment

**7.5** Surplus Equipment

**7.6** PFM Funds - Registration for Investments

**7.7** Warrant Lists

**7.8** Request for Approval of Purchase Orders and Associated Contracts

**Contracts:** Contrax Furnishings, Inc.

**7.9** Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts

**Contracts:** City of New Port Richey; Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc.; Ocean Honda

**8.0 Grant Proposals (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**8.1** Lowe's Tool Box Grant - RRHS

**8.2** Lowe's Toolbox Grant at Hudson High School

**8.3** NEA Foundation The Big Help Grant Program

**8.4** Pasco Education Foundation Principal's Grant for Excellence at Hudson High School

**8.5** Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Renewal 2012-2015

**8.6** Sea World and Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards

**8.7** Siemens We Can Change The World Grant

**9.0 Allocations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**9.1** Allocation Changes: Ridgewood High School Additional Duty

**9.2** J.W. Mitchell High School Saturday Extended Day Program

**10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted**

**11.0 Job Descriptions (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**11.1** Revised Job Description - Early Head Start Caregiver

**11.2** Revised Job Description - Language Translator/Interpreter Specialist

**11.3** Revised Job Description - Supervisor of Human Resources

**11.4** Revised Job Description - Director of Human Resources

**12.0 Approval of Foreign Exchange Sponsoring Organizations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**13.0 Change in Board Meeting Dates - April 2012 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**14.0 Middle School Course Adoption for 2012-2013 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**15.0 Staff Travels (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**15.1** J.W. Mitchell High School Instructional Staff Member to attend an Educational Journalism Workshop in Seattle, Washington

**15.2** John Long Middle School Staff Member to attend U.S. Marine Corps. Educator's Workshop in Parris Island, South Carolina

**15.3** Out-of-State Travel - Examining Obesity in Head Start and Early Head Start Training (Annapolis, MD)

**15.4** Out-of-State Travel - Financial Institute (Atlanta, Georgia)

**15.5** Wiregrass Ranch High School Staff Member to attend U.S. Marine Corps. Educator's Workshop in Parris Island, South Carolina

(17.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolutions Recognizing 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year, Administrators of the Year, School Related Personnel of the Year, and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Employees of the Year (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the Resolutions, seconded by Member Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Spoke to business class at River Ridge High School

Member Crumbley:

- Toured Schrader Elementary School
- Shared video contest information that she would like distributed to schools

Member Armstrong:

- Judged senior projects at JWMHS  
Pasco Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast
- Promoted Chasco Fiesta Parade this Saturday showcasing education and honoring the Employees of the Year. Also students will be performing in the park

Chairman Hurley:

- Received communication from Dayspring Academy Charter School requesting extension of their contract
- Attended "Guys and Dolls" performance at Wiregrass Ranch High School
- Attended German Exchange Student farewell event

Attorney Alfonso:

- Requested possible dates for employee appeal hearing on Angelica Cruikshank. It was determined the best date would be May 29. Attorney Alfonso will submit that date to council and confirm with the

Board. He noted that Ms. Cruikshank is represented by Melissa Myhok, who has waived her rights for 60 days.

- Suggested that a procedure regarding naming facilities be in place prior to the next meeting.
- Ms. DuBose and Ms. Scowcroft have been working with him for two days regarding the Bay Area Foundation charter school negotiation. Impasse was reached with no resolution for a contract. 14-day extension was given with today being the 14<sup>th</sup> day. An email was received by a representative of the applicant, asking to go into mediation due to several unresolved issues. He stated that it appears under statute there is no legal obligation to participate in mediation.

Superintendent Fiorentino reminded the Board of upcoming FCAT testing the last two weeks of April.

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 April 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOPS: March 20, 2012 3:00 p.m.**

**TOPIC: 10-Year Capital Plan; 4-Day School Week Report; USDA Commodities Co-op**

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; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Director of Employee Relations; Summer Romagnoli, Communications and Government Relations Department; Various district staff; Elizabeth Blair and Debbie Bolduc, Pasco County Government; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solocheck, Tampa Bay Times.

**10-Year Capital Plan**

Chris Williams, Director of Planning presented information on the 1, 5, 10 & 12 year capital plan, which included proposals for school remodeling, regular maintenance and how to address existing capacity and future growth.

**4-Day School Week Report**

Board Member Steve Luikart presented the findings of the 4-Day School Week Task Force. No recommendation was made. Board Members expressed their concerns with going to a 4-Day School Week at this time, and showed interest in the other options found during the course of the task force process. The Board will consider the report as they work to develop a budget for the coming year.

**USDA Commodities Co-op**

Julie Hedine, Supervisor of Food & Nutrition Services explained that the district is pursuing a new process for using USDA funds to procure food products, which would provide a more continuous reliable source for food products. Pasco will be the local agency for the RFP.

The workshops concluded at 4:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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April 17, 2012

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Superintendent