



**District School Board of Pasco County  
Regular School Board Meeting  
April 21, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Colleen Beaudoin, with the welcome and reading of the vision statement.

Member Altman shared the thought for the day, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Participating via teleconference were Chairman Colleen Beaudoin, Vice Chairman Allen Altman and board members Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley, and Megan Harding. Also participating via teleconference were Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent and ex officio Secretary to the Board, and Dennis Alfonso, attorney for the board.

The chairman asked for a moment of silence for the family of Jim Mead, retired guidance counselor, Pasco High School; and to keep those impacted by COVID-19 in our thoughts.

1.2 COVID-19 Notice

Chairman Beaudoin noted that pursuant to Executive Order 20-69 and 20-91, the Superintendent Emergency Action of April 2, 2020, and the School Board action taken April 7, 2020, a quorum of school board members will participate via operator guided conference call; this temporary rule remains in effect at least through the next school board meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

2.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2020

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2020, as written

Motion by Cynthia Armstrong, second by Megan Harding.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Megan Harding

**3. Public Hearings (None)**

**4. Special Presentations (None)**

**5. Public Comment**

5.1 Public Comment (Agenda Items Only)

Attorney Alfonso reviewed the public speaking guidelines and procedures. Any materials to be shared with the board should be emailed to the board secretary for distribution to school board members after the meeting. Each speaker will have three (3) minutes during this segment of the agenda; all speakers and comments are subject to applicable school board policies regarding civility and decorum.

The operator asked if there were callers to speak on agenda items. There were no callers. Chairman Beaudoin said that no public comment emails were received prior to the meeting.

5.2 United School Employees of Pasco

Don Peace, President, USEP:

- Agrees with the governor's decision for schools to remain closed for the remainder of the school year.
- Distance learning is going well in Pasco; roll-out has been positive with concerns being addressed quickly.
- Reminder to be thankful for health, families, co-workers, parents/grandparents/guardians working with students at home.
- Can now begin planning for summer and beyond; funding concerns will be on hold until late summer; bargaining could be a challenge next year.
- Thanked staff for their efforts to help all students, employees, and parents.

### 5.3 Board Member Committee Reports

Chairman Beaudoin, on behalf of the board members, recognized efforts of the Pasco County Schools family; students, teachers, families, and staff continue to work together to provide learning opportunities for students, along with basic needs, supplying devices, and mental health needs. The board is appreciative of all members of the Pasco family for their flexibility, compassion and grace. The distance learning model is not ideal but is necessary for the safety and well-being of families and staff.

- Allen Altman:
  - *Value Adjustment Board* - last case of final appeals was heard; will meet by phone on May 8 to certify the county tax roll.
- Cynthia Armstrong:
  - *Student Wellness Policy* - meeting was canceled.
  - *FSBA* - two recorded legislative session summary updates are online (Education Appropriations and Education Legislation); the budget has not been sent to the governor yet; the Federal CARES Act funding for education totaled \$30 billion, split evenly between K-12 and higher education nationwide; will need Florida legislative action before funds are distributed to us.
- Alison Crumbley:
  - None.
- Megan Harding:
  - *Charter School Task Force* - discussions on CrisisGo; Food and Nutrition Services, linking Schoology to myStudent.
- Colleen Beaudoin:
  - *Student Progression Plan* - Discussion on uniformity for National Junior Honor Society/National Honor Society; still a work in progress; shared her reservations with the group and understands they will meet again to address concerns. The high school subgroup received a request to add a requirement for all students to enroll in a course that provides potential to earn an industry certification and/or college credit prior to graduation; the group acknowledged that many students will meet the goal because of the district's choice to offer the AICE general paper course and not English III at brick and mortar schools; after a robust discussion, the committee is recommending language in lieu of a new graduation requirement: "Every attempt will be made to ensure that a student earning a standard diploma will have the opportunity to enroll in a course that provides the potential to earn an industry certification and/or college credit prior to graduation. Beginning in the 2020/2021 school year, all juniors will have the opportunity to enroll in the AICE general paper to earn college credit. She is sharing this information with board members so they can think about it before the vote comes up; thanked the committee for their work and commitment to our students.

### 5.4 Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

- Requesting an OFF AGENDA item for a charter school contract amendment - Dayspring Academy is requesting to increase student enrollment from 900 to 920 students for the 2020/2021 school year, and from 920 to 1200 students for the 2021/2022 school year.
- The governor has recommended that school buildings remain closed for the remainder of the year; the buildings remain closed but learning has not stopped and will continue until the end of the school year on May 27; he thanked teachers, administrators, and staff for their efforts to keep students engaged in learning.
- Principals are developing a schedule for students to pick up personal belongings at their schools, return books and instruments, etc.; this will be an organized process.
- Principals are developing a schedule for teachers and staff to return to clean and pack classrooms starting on April 28; more information will be sent out to teachers and staff soon.
- Graduation is important to the senior experience and staff continues to work on a graduation plan that will maintain tradition yet adhere to the COVID-19 restrictions. The current plan calls for August graduation ceremonies where students will walk across the stage and a virtual celebration is planned for the final week of school; more details will be sent soon.

### 5.5 Ray Gadd, Deputy Superintendent

- Ray Gadd:
  - Will be contacting each board member regarding land items scheduled for the May 5 board meeting (Angeline tract in Project Arthur; land purchase in Old Pasco Road area).
  - The district is partnering with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano, Representative Ardian Zika, and Senator Wilton Simpson to initiate a food drive; more information will be sent shortly.
- Kevin Shibley:
  - Noted an addendum has been added to 10.1 Personnel Recommendations in BoardDocs.
  - Nearly 18,000 computers have been distributed to students/families for distance learning to date.
- Betsy Kuhn:
  - Provided a recap of the feeding project and upcoming feeding schedule; over 536,202 total meals have been served since school closures began; thanked staff and all volunteers for their assistance.

- The county will place a crossing guard at the Fox Hollow Drive/Regency Park Boulevard intersection during the first weeks of school (pending a traffic study).
- There is an extension grant for the 21st Century sites run by Mary Grey and ASEP; they will reapply for the sites.
- Noted that Item 11.2 contains a construction management short list for five projects: Gulf HS, Hudson HS, Northwest ES, James M. Marlowe ES, and Hudson MS.
- Kim Moore:
  - "Hands on" CTE courses are a challenge with distance learning; CTE teachers and department staff are doing an outstanding job for students.
  - "The Connector" is a new CTE/adult ed monthly newsletter for teachers; copies will be forwarded to board members tomorrow.
  - Continuing work on the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment required under the Perkins V grant.
  - Will present the CTE Student of the Year at the next school board meeting.
  - The CTE and ARM departments are working on an at-home industry certification test (based on guidelines from DOE).
- Olga Swinson:
  - Refunding of one COPS series was completed last week - \$30 million, 2 years, 1.77% (a 2% savings over the next 2 years).
- Vanessa Hilton:
  - Entering week 4 of distance learning; engagement is higher on Mondays; students are also engaged in learning on weekends; shared engagement totals and information.
  - Hotspots are being issued to homeless families or families without internet service and 5 community assessment hubs will be established around the county.
  - Weekly newsletters have been created and shared with teachers, parents and students; information includes resources, tips, and access to information.
  - Pasco County teachers have their own collaborative space on Facebook for questions, sharing of resources, and troubleshooting.
- Marcy Hetzler-Nettles:
  - Thanked school teams for collaborating with FNS feedings and also distance learning.
  - Has seen many creative ideas from staff and teachers providing students and families with a variety of live lesson options for student interaction with peers (specifically today, students at Charles S. Rushe MS were working on a Charlie Brown production and performed "True Happiness" on screen).
  - Staff development is happening at all schools; author Tom Schimmer joined Pine View MS during their PLC book study group.
  - Wished Happy Admin Professionals Day to all admin professionals tomorrow; appreciative of them and their support of teachers and students.
- Kim Poe:
  - Pushed Kindergarten Registration day from April 20 to July 8; parents can access an online form on each elementary school website and/or go to the school on July 8.
  - Elementary schools continue to work with students and families in creative ways, including addressing stresses and concerns.
  - School campuses may be closed but schools are open; appreciates teachers, staff, and leaders who are still working hard to make sure our youngest students are continue to learn and grow.
- Monica Ilse:
  - Proud to work in Pasco County; appreciates efforts of teachers, administrators, and staff to make sure students are able to do the work.
  - Because Grad Bash was canceled, Sunlake HS students will be donating their fundraising money to Keystone Community Church Second Serving to feed the homeless.
  - The Mitchell HS band will be performing a virtual concert series; information will be sent out soon.
- Dave Scanga:
  - Teachers and administrators are finding unique ways to engage families - Seven Springs ES principal Todd Cluff is reading "Little House on the Prairie" to his students every night.

## **6. Expulsion Recommendations/Hearings (None)**

## **7. Consent Agenda (Action)**

### 7.1 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda and all consent agenda items numbered 8 through 13, including addendum, as recommended by the superintendent. No items were pulled for discussion.

Motion by Alison Crumbley, second by Cynthia Armstrong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Megan Harding

## **8. Learning Communities (Consent)**

## **9. Student Achievement (Consent)**

9.1 SSPS: Charter School Contract Amendment (Imagine School at Land O' Lakes)

9.2 SSPS: Charter School Student Enrollment (2020-2021 School Year) (Information Only)

9.3 SSPS: Disciplinary Reassignments

9.4 SSPS: Promoting Adolescent Health Through School-Based HIV Prevention Component 1 and 2 (Competitive Grant)

## **10. Administration (Consent)**

10.1 HREQ: Personnel Recommendations (including addendum)

## **11. Support Services (Consent)**

11.1 MAINTENANCE: Surplus Equipment

11.2 PURCHASING: Board Recommendations (Date/Time: April 14, 2020; 14:00:00)

11.3 PURCHASING: Miscellaneous Approval Requests

11.4 PURCHASING: Solicitation and Contract Renewals

## **12. Chief Finance Officer (Consent)**

12.1 ALLOCATIONS: Allocation Changes 2019/2020

12.2 FINANCE: Warrant List

## **13. Internal Audit (Consent)**

13.1 Internal Accounts Audit 2018-2019 Part 1 (Chester W. Taylor Elementary School)

13.2 Internal Accounts Audit 2018-2019 Part 1 (San Antonio Elementary School)

13.3 Internal Accounts Audit 2018-2019 Part 1 (Wesley Chapel High School)

## **14. Items Removed From Consent Agenda**

## **15. Miscellaneous Action Items (Action)**

### 15.1 Naming Weight Room (Zephyrhills High School).

Motion to approve naming of the weight room at Zephyrhills High School

Motion by Allen Altman, second by Alison Crumbley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Megan Harding

### 15.2 OFF AGENDA - Charter School Contract Amendment (Dayspring Academy).

Motion to approve OFF AGENDA item.

Motion by Alison Crumbley, second by Megan Harding.

Motion Carries

Yea: Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Megan Harding

Motion to approve OFF AGENDA - Charter School Contract Amendment with Creation Foundation, Inc. d/b/a Dayspring Academy

Motion by Megan Harding, second by Alison Crumbley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Megan Harding

## **16. Closing**

### 16.1 Individual Board Member Reports

Allen Altman:

- Schools are more than education opportunities; amazing to see employees and the community support families; when this is over, many people will remember how much the school system provided to the community.

Cynthia Armstrong:

- Seeing fresh food at feeding sites and handmade thank you signs from students makes her appreciative of what we do to help families.
- She and Chairman Beaudoin participated in a weekly FSBA webinar last Friday: FLDOE Chancellor Jacob Oliva was an informative speaker; DOE wants to be sure each district has a robust attendance calculation; they are still working on a plan for SAT/ACT calculations for Bright Futures; waiver of the Algebra I EOC/10th grade ELA requirement is only for high school seniors, all other students will need to take the EOC as a graduation requirement - the district will need to provide support to those students.

Alison Crumbley:

- Thanked Vanessa Hilton and team for distance learning; this is not happening all over the country, some districts are doing nothing.
- Thanked Ray Gadd for information on the summer food drive.
- Grateful for the ongoing work by FNS and volunteers and others involved in feeding students and families.

Megan Harding:

- Spoke on the decision regarding distance learning and keeping students and staff safe. Pasco is fortunate to have passionate and dedicated teachers and staff to ensure students are engaged in learning. Shared her heartfelt gratitude to seniors, teachers, staff, parents, guardians, and the community, thanking them for their responsibility, positivity, dedication, support, and donations.
- Attended two teacher parades for Fox Hollow ES and Hudson ES students and families.
- Participated via Zoom with a kindergarten class at Hudson ES; students were learning different ways to "make a 10" and practicing to count to 100.
- Participated via Zoom with the New Teacher Academy; ideas from students regarding distance learning will be shared with Superintendent Browning and staff.
- Reminder to thank school lunch workers on May 1, which is School Lunch Hero Day.

Colleen Beaudoin:

- Participated in the FSBA webinar last week with Member Armstrong; there were a lot of questions answered and information shared, which will be sent out by the Chief Academic Officer. FSBA leadership continues to advocate for local control and flexibility.
- Thanked Superintendent Browning and staff for sharing graduation plans; she has received many calls; students are missing out on many "end of year" opportunities; teachers and staff are looking for creative ways to celebrate and honor students.
- Shared her concerns about the "summer slide" being exacerbated; looks forward to hearing plans to maintain instructional continuity when students return in August.
- Angela Porterfield (director, Early Childhood Programs) received an email regarding the eligibility to apply for the baseline grant application for a non-competitive 5-year grant award, which was submitted; she will ensure that the program is in full compliance; thanked the team for their work on this project.
- Expressed thanks to staff, teachers, leaders, students, families, and community members for their commitment to our students; a special thanks to those who revised the workload for elementary students in response to parent feedback.

16.2 Other New Business

None.

16.3 School Board Attorney Comments

Dennis Alfonso, school board attorney, had no comments.

**17. Public Comment (Non Agenda Items)**

17.1 Public Comment (Non Agenda Items)

None.

**18. Adjourn**

18.1 Adjourn

The chairman announced the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 5, 2020, via teleconference.

On a motion by Member Harding, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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

*NOTICE: If a person intends to appeal the board's decision with respect to any matter, or has any thought that an appeal may be taken, the person has the responsibility to ensure that a verbatim (word for word) record of the proceeding is made and that the record includes all testimony and evidence upon which an appeal is to be based.*

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Approved in open session on May 5, 2020

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Chairman

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Superintendent of Schools