

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**April 1, 2008**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2008, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Kathryn Starkey, Vice Chairman Frank Parker and Board Members Marge Whaley and Allen Altman. Member Cathi Martin was absent due to an injury. 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 Whaley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting, executive session and master board workshop of March 18, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Parker, seconded by Member Whaley the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman remarked that there were no special presentations on the agenda today.

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

Student Apologies:

George – Caused Zephyrhills High School to go into lockdown

Matthew – Brought drugs onto Schrader Elementary School campus

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Business Representative Robert Benjamin said they had nothing at this time.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Parker attended the Volunteer Luncheon recently.

Chairman Starkey just returned from the National School Board Association conference and presented the Magna Awards plaque to the Superintendent, which was given to our district for our environmental and recycling efforts. She will share information learned during the conference at a later date.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Biometrics Pilot at Schrader Elementary and Chasco Middle Schools - **Information**

The Superintendent recently returned from meeting with Legislators in Tallahassee and reported that the budget has not been in as bad a shape in 30 years. Nothing is definite at this time, but what is known is that there will be major cuts to the budget. Funding could be cut to the 2006 levels and possibly 2005 in the coming fiscal year. Employees have been asked to give cost saving suggestions, which will be shared with the Board after they are compiled.

Mrs. Ramos remarked that parent surveys are have been collected and will be brought to the next board meeting.

Dr. Scanga introduced Sharon Sacco as the new Assistant Principal at Hudson Elementary School. On request by Dr. Scanga for a Board Member to sit on the District Vision Committee, Chairman Starkey responded that a member would be chosen at a later date.

Mrs. Swinson asked Rick Kurtz, Director of Food and Nutrition Services to give a brief report on the proposed Biometrics program, which requires students to use their fingers on a touch screen instead of a student ID number. Mr. Kurtz explained that although the fingerprints cannot be replicated, parents would be given the option to opt out of the program if they so choose. Federal funds would be used to fund the program.

Mrs. Swinson updated the Board on the Bonds Refinancing and the status of our Certificates of Participation conversions. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) The district has negotiated reductions in fees from the original proposals and is moving forward on Series 1996 and 2007. A final solution for the 2005 Series is close to being reached.

(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 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 5/30/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 8/11/93) from Ridgewood High School - **TABLED**
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/14/91) from Zephyrhills High School - **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/26/91) from Zephyrhills High School - **TABLED**
- 2.5 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 5/26/92) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/27/95) from Chasco Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 1/1/95) from Seven Springs Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 1/17/92) from Hudson High School - **TABLED**
- 2.9 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 11/11/92) from Pasco High School - **TABLED**
- 2.10 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 5/4/92) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.11 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 11/7/90) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.12 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/24/90) from Ridgewood High School - **TABLED**
- 2.13 Bus Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 12/14/93) from Charles S. Rushe Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.14 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/25/94) from Charles S. Rushe Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.15 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/11/92) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.16 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/2/91) from Ridgewood High School - **TABLED**
- 2.17 Bus Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 1/28/94) from Centennial Middle School
- 2.18 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/3/91) from Wiregrass Ranch High School - **TABLED**
- 2.19 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 4/27/92) from Ridgewood High School - **TABLED**
- 2.20 Bus Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/20/93) from Pine View Middle School

Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the tabling of expulsions as recommended in items 2.1-2.16 and 2.18 and 2.19. Member Parker seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Member Parker moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in items 2.17 and 2.20. Member Whaley seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked Board members to identify the items on the scheduled agenda that they would like placed on the action agenda. The items on the **ACTION AGENDA** are as follows:

- 13.0 Amendments to the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council By-Laws
- 15.1 Resolution Proclaiming April as Instructional Media/Technology Month

(3.0 – 14.0) 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 13.0. Member Whaley 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
  - 3.3 2008-2009 Employee Work Calendars
- 4.0 Students** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 4.1 Student Transfer Requests – None Submitted
  - 4.2 Waiver of Student Progress Plan – Dual Enrollment Course – J.W. Mitchell High School
  - 4.3 Out-of-State Travel Request – Members of the Career Education Clubs of Florida (CECF) from J.W. Mitchell High, Pasco High, Ridgewood High and River Ridge High Schools to Compete in National CECF National Leadership Competition in Reno, Nevada May 6-12, 2008, - Funding: District Special Project Funds for National Competition
  - 4.4 Pasco High School DCT/CECF Students to Travel to Reno, Nevada to Attend the National DCT/CECF/BPA Competition May 6-11, 2008 - Funding: Student Contributions and Internal Funds
  - 4.5 Wesley Chapel High School Officers of the Class of 2009 to Attend the Grad Nite Preview at Disney, Orlando April 18-19, 2008, Funding: Disney
  - 4.6 Ridgewood High School ROTC Students to Travel to The Marine Corp Recruit Depot in Paris Island, South Carolina April 30-May 2, 2008 - Funding: Students and ROTC Orientation Funds
  - 4.7 Pasco High School Yearbook Students to Travel to Tampa April 17-19, 2008 to Participate in Competition and Attend Seminars Regarding Multimedia and Journalism - Funding: Student Contributions
  - 4.8 FBLA Students from River Ridge High, Ridgewood High, Land O'Lakes High and Wiregrass Ranch High Schools to Travel to Orlando April 27-30, 2008 to Attend FBLA State Leadership Conference - Funding: Student Contributions, Fund Raisers and Internal Funds
  - 4.9 Land O'Lakes High School JSA Debate Club to Attend the JSA Debate Club Convention in Orlando April 11-13, 2008 – Funding: Student Contributions

- 4.10 Wiregrass Ranch High School Students to Travel to Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida June 15-18 2008 to Attend a Volleyball Camp – Funding: No Cost to District
- 4.11 Seven Springs Middle School “Lead The Pack” Class to Travel to Tallahassee, Florida April 21-22, 2008 – Funding: Students and Florida Learn and Serve Grant
- 4.12 J.W. Mitchell High School - 1) Officers of the Class of 2009 to Attend Grad Nite Preview at Disney and Grad Bash Preview at Universal Studios in Orlando April 25-26, 2008, Funding: Disney; 2) FBLA Students to Travel to Orlando April 27-30, 2008 to Attend the State Leadership Conference – Funding: Internal Accounts
- 4.13 Odyssey of the Mind Teams from Centennial Middle, John Long Middle, River Ridge Middle, Charles Rushe Middle, Seven Springs Middle, T. E. Weightman Middle, Land O’Lakes High and River Ridge High Schools to Travel to Orlando April 4-6, 2008 to Participate in the Odyssey of the Mind State Competition – Funding: Fundraisers and Internal Funds
- 5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 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 Surplus Equipment
  - 7.2 Interim Financial Statements for All Funds Types 7/1/07-2/29/2008 -
  - 7.3 2007-2008 Budget Amendments #35 - #38 – February 2008 (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 7.4 Warrant Lists
  - 7.5 Requisitions and Related Contracts
  - 7.6 Bids and Related Contracts

**Contracts:** Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando, Inc.; Red Apple Training Center
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
  - 8.1 Sprint Ahead for Education Grant Application
  - 8.2 Accelerated Learning of Pasco Grant – Supplemental Education Services
  - 8.3 SUCCEED Grant Budget Amendment - Marchman Technical Education Center/Ridgewood High School
  - 8.4 SUCCEED Grant Budget Amendment - J.W. Mitchell High School
  - 8.5 SUCCEED Grant Budget Amendment - Zephyrhills High School
  - 8.6 SUCCEED Grant Budget Amendment - Gulf High School
  - 8.7 Title V, Part A Innovative Programs Project Amendment
  - 8.8 Carl D. Perkins Grant for 2007-08 Amendment #1
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 9.1 2008 Summer Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Education Program Calendar and Allocations
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Extended School Year Services – General Guidelines (Under Separate Cover)** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 12.0 High School “Major Areas of Interest” for 2008-2009 School Year** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 14.0 Updated Early Head Start/Head Start Recruitment and Selection Procedures 2008-09** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

(13.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Amendments to the Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council By-Laws (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the Amendments, seconded by Member Parker. Member Parker questioned the change in the bylaws in section IV from a six to seven member quorum, going from an odd number to an even number. During discussion on this point Mrs. Ramos advised that she would speak to the Head Start Policy Council and report back to the Board. Member Whaley amended her motion on the floor to state that the Board approve the By-Laws as written with the exception of the quorum change in Section IV until further advised. Mr. Parker seconded the amended motion. There being no further discussion, and on vote the amended motion carried unanimously.

(15.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution Proclaiming April as Instructional Media/Technology Month. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the resolution as presented. Member Whaley seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Chairman Starkey attended a meeting at Pasco High School on their upcoming renovation project and the Pinellas Education Foundation Breakfast on Career Academies. She attended a charter school council meeting and made note of a workshop, which is being scheduled in June on charter schools.

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 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. A Board Workshop with NEOLA will be held April 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, seconded by Member Parker; the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

**BOARD WORKSHOP: APRIL 1, 2008 10:25 a.m.**

**TOPIC: ERP/GFOA**

The Board met for a workshop session on the Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP). The session was held in the DIMC studio, building #3 of the district office complex. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Marge Whaley; Member Martin was absent due to injury. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Sandra Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Various District Department Staff; Julia Ferrante, Tampa Tribune; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and Ashley Reams, The Laker.

Michael Fletcher and Barry McMeekin with the Government Finance Officers Association explained that the District hired their consulting firm to conduct a needs assessment of the district in terms of computer system needs as they are looking to upgrade current computer systems. The current system was purchased in 1992 and is designed for a much smaller school district. Board Members were presented with the firm's findings and possible solutions, which include the purchasing of a new system, that would be implemented over the next five years. A question and answer session was held after the presentation. There was consensus of Board members present that the district pursue this project and that a recommendation be brought to the Board.

The Workshop concluded at 11:30 a.m.

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: APRIL 1, 2008 11:40 a.m.**

**TOPIC: BOARD ATTORNEY CONTRACT**

The Board met for a workshop session for review of the School Board Attorney contract with McClain Alfonso Meeker and Dunn. The session was held in the DIMC studio, building #3 of the district office complex. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Marge Whaley. Member Martin was absent due to an injury. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Sandra Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Nancy Alfonso, Elliott Dunn and Paul Meeker, The Law Firm of McClain Alfonso Meeker and Dunn; Julia Ferrante, Tampa Tribune; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and Ashley Reams, The Laker.

Mr. Alfonso introduced the partners of the law firm and they each explained their role in working with the district. A discussion session ensued; after which it was determined that a meeting would be held to review the scope of work and discuss negotiations of the law firm's contract. Chairman Starkey stated that a Board Member be included in the meeting, and chose Member Altman with Member Parker being the alternate.

The workshop concluded at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVED  
BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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Superintendent