

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

April 5, 2011

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 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 Allen Altman, and Board Members Cynthia Armstrong, 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Bridget Taylor, teacher at Thomas E. Weightman Middle School and victims of the recent storms.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the executive session of February 21, 2011; regular meeting, executive session and workshops of March 1, 2011 and special board meeting and executive session of March 8, 2011. Chairman Hurley stated that board activities were inadvertently noted as Member Altman's on the Individual Board Member reports for the March 1 Board Meeting. There were no further corrections, and on motion by Member Luikart, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes, as corrected were approved unanimously.

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

- Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee Annual Report
- Recognition of Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee Members

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 9:45 a.m.

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

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, commended the Superintendent's staff on their presentation to the County Commissioners regarding impact fees. She said USEP continues to offer support on this issue. Public education and staff are being threatened from many fronts and these assaults are causing great anxiety among school-based employees. Ms. Webb stated that mobilization teams are being created and sent to schools. Teams will be made up of office staff, retired staff and people on "loan" from the American Federations of Teachers, who she introduced. An impasse hearing is scheduled for April 19 with a pre-hearing conference meeting with the magistrate on April 7. Ms. Webb said the bargaining teams have given her and Jim Ciadella full authority to act on their behalf and urged the board to do the same for the Superintendent.

Committee Reports:

Member Crumbley:

- Parent Involvement Meeting

Chairman Hurley:

- Charter School Task Force
- Joint Workshop with the County
- FSBA Board of Directors Meeting in Tallahassee; Purchasing consortium is being disbanded for now as counties are not taking advantage of the program
- Tallahassee - Day in the Legislature
- Upcoming Board member town hall meetings

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Pasco is being given the National Magna Award for our summer camps for disadvantaged students. Chairman Hurley will be traveling to California to pick up the award for the district
- **Presented off agenda item for approval of the impact fee resolution.** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Armstrong moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. The Superintendent presented the impact fee resolution asking that the County not cut impact fees. If approved by the Board, the resolution would be delivered to the Board of County Commission meeting

this afternoon. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the resolution and authorize the delivery of it today to the Board of County Commission meeting. Member Luikart seconded the motion. On discussion, Attorney Alfonso noted that the Board now has the opportunity to deliberate and disseminate the information as a body and act collectively. Board Members discussed and shared their thoughts regarding the County cutting the impact fees. Member Crumbley said she realizes that the construction businesses are not trying to hurt the school board. Member Armstrong fears at end of the temporary suspension of fees, building may be increasing and the County Commission will not be willing to resume the fees. Member Altman suggested compromises be given to the County such as a cap on the number of houses that would be able to avoid the impact fee or an agreement that states when the fee is restored and that it be increased. Superintendent Fiorentino suggested a workshop prior to the April 19 Board meeting and County Commission meeting. Member Altman was fine with having Attorney Alfonso represent the District in working with the County attorney to determine what would be agreeable. Attorney Alfonso would like to approach the Commissioners regarding concurrency. If there is a huge rush to build, he said we would need to keep concurrency protection in tact. The timetable is vital due to the April 19 meeting. There was no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Ruth Reilly:

- New teacher evaluation system. Viewed one state model. Follow up meetings to be held this week focusing on second model. Plan is due on June 1.
- Distributed Board feedback on workshop requests. Top three priorities: 1) open visioning, 2) technical standards for classroom, 3) community relations

Olga Swinson:

- Noted that the Penny for Pasco video will be shown at an upcoming board workshop

Renalia DuBose:

- Amended item 5.1 use of facilities. Entire fee will be waived for the Holiday Rotary use of Gulf High School.

Tina Tiede:

- FCAT starting next week

(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.

School and Bus Recommendations for Expulsion 1)MTEC 2)RHS 3)JIEC 4)PRSMS 5)HSEC-(bus)

Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve the school expulsions as recommended in items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4. Member Armstrong seconded the motion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the bus expulsion as recommended in item 2.5. Member Armstrong seconded the motion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Member Altman reiterated his concern with students who have constant discipline issues causing problems with staff and interruptions to classes. He would like to consider some alternate placement of these students. Board Members consider this issue a high priority and will discuss it at the next visioning board workshop.

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:

- 3.1 2011-2012 Employee Work Calendars
- 5.1 Requests for Use of Facilities
- 13.0 Extended School Year Services 2010-2011

(3.2 – 21.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 3.1, 5.1, and 13.0. Member Altman so moved, seconded by Member Crumbley. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations**

**3.3 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations**

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

**4.1 Change of Placement**

**4.2 Requests for School Field Trips**

**4.3 Waiver of Student Progression Plan Requirements**

**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 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 6.1 Interlocal Agreement for Pasco High School Collector Road
- 6.2 Cell Tower Ground Lease Agreement for Gulf Trace Elementary
- 7.0 Business/Finance(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 7.1 2010-2011 Budget Amendments #36 through #40-January(See **Budget Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.**)
- 7.2 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 07/01/2010-1/31/2011
- 7.3 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for February 2011, and Authorization to Expend Funds for March 2011
- 7.4 Warrant Lists
- 7.5 Donation for April 5, 2011 Board Meeting
- 7.6 Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts  
**Contracts:** Baycare Behavioral Health, Inc.; Board of Trustees of Saint Petersburg College; East Coast Technical Assistance Center; Grand Canyon University; Pasco County Sheriff's Office; Pasco-Hernando Community College
- 7.7 Request for Approval of Purchase Orders and Associated Contracts  
**Contracts:** Advanced Placement Program; Renaissance Learning, Inc.
- 7.8 Surplus Equipment for April 5, 2011 Board Meeting
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
- 8.1 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida - Health Literacy Grant Initiative
- 8.2 Collaborative Curriculum Challenge Grants for the Gifted
- 9.0 Allocations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 9.1 Allocation Funding Changes at LLES, LMES and WES
- 9.2 Allocation Formulas 2011-2012
- 9.3 New Allocation - Instructional Assistant Adult Education Programs for Moore-Mickens Education Center Adult Education
- 9.4 Title I Extended School Day Program at Gulfside Elementary
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 10.1 2010-2011 Meal Service Contracts
- 10.2 Progress Energy Sunsense Schools Program Interconnection Agreement
- 11.0 Disposition of Surplus Textbooks (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 12.0 District Add-on Program: ESOL Endorsement (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 14.0 New High School Course Adoption for 2011-2012 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 15.0 New Penny For Pasco Oversight Committee Members for 2011 and 2012 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 16.0 Out-of-State Travel for Staff - College Board Major School Systems Meeting, Atlanta, GA(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 17.0 Revision of List of Approved Foreign Exchange Sponsoring Organizations(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 18.0 Out-of-State Travel - Food and Nutrition Services – USDA Procurement Planning Meeting(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)**
- 19.0 Policies - None Submitted**
- 20.0 Resolutions - None Submitted**
- 21.0 Property Acquisitions - None Submitted**

(3.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the 2011-2012 Employee Work Calendars. Member Luikart recommended pulling this item until a later date due to all the changes being made. With consensus of the Board the item was pulled and no action was taken.

(5.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Requests for Use of Facilities (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.) Member Luikart moved that the Board amend the item to waive the entire fee for Holiday Rotary use of Gulf High School. Member Armstrong seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(13.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Extended School Year Services 2010-2011 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.) Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the extended school year services (ESY), seconded by Member Crumbley. Member Luikart requested the costs

and expenses for ESY and questioned whether the district could charge for summer school. Superintendent Fiorentino and Mrs. Reilly explained the legal responsibility of schools to offer classes for limited number of students. Mrs. Reilly will submit data to the Board. Member Armstrong questioned the possibility of using eSchool for summer school. Mrs. Reilly explained that co-enrollment would be eliminated which will cause hardships on students. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the Extended School Year Services for 2010-2011.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Attended Day in the Legislature and FSBA Conference in Tallahassee.

Member Crumbley:

- Cinderella Ball Report
- SAC at Cypress Elementary
- Tallahassee – Day in the Legislature

Member Armstrong:

- Tallahassee – Day in the Legislature
- Chasco Parade
- Student Turnaround Dinner
- Speaker at Spirit of 76 Club
- Invitation to Town Hall meeting on April 6

Member Altman:

- Tallahassee – Met with legislators
- Visited Penny for Pasco construction projects – on schedule and look good

Chairman Hurley:

- Judged senior projects at Gulf High School
- Cinderella Ball
- Spoke to 912 group
- Chasco Parade
- School visits: Pine View Elementary and Middle Schools
- Jury Duty

Attorney Alfonso:

- Morningside road agreement has now been signed by the Board and the Dade City Commission. He will take the original to the Fair Association to execute and process.
- Will respond to Liberty Council correspondence regarding one of our policies
- Odyssey of the Mind State competition is this weekend

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 19, 2011 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 10:50 a.m.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: March 20, 2011 1:30 p.m.**

**TOPIC: Impact Fees**

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Board Room. 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; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Chris Williams, Director of Planning; Summer Romagnoli, Communications and Government Relations; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune

Superintendent Fiorentino introduced Carson Bise of TischlerBise who gave a Power Point presentation on impact fees. Discussion was held on potential sources and changes to capital funding, capital millage, PECO funds, class size reduction funds, Penny for Pasco and current school impact fees.

A question and answer session followed. Board Members said a plan to cut the impact fee would hurt the ability to build new schools. County Commissioners have questioned whether the school impact fee is needed right now as most of the district's new construction has been completed. They have suggested that any reduction in impact fees would be for a limited time and would return to current levels in January 2013. District staff said revenue from impact fees is needed to pay the debt on bonds it issued to build other schools. Mr. Bise remarked that even if the district has sufficient capacity now there are other reasons to keep impact fees in place. Schools could go over capacity if homes in foreclosure were to become occupied. He also noted that there are approximately 70,000 residential housing units that have been approved in Pasco that could generate up to 20,000 additional students.

A joint workshop regarding impact fees with the Pasco County Commissioners and municipalities is scheduled for April 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

The workshop concluded at 2:50 p.m.

### **JOINT WORKSHOP WITH PASCO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

#### **April 4, 2011 9:00a.m. – Impact Fees**

The Board met for a joint workshop session with Pasco County Commissioners at the West Pasco Government Center Board Room. 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; Summer Romagnoli, Government Relations; Carson Bice of Tischler/Bice; John Petrashek, Construction Services and Code Compliance

Discussion was held on county commission proposal to temporarily reduce the school impact fee on new residential construction.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: April 5, 2011 11:00 a.m.**

The Board met in executive session on *negotiations*. The session was held in the Employee Relations Conference Room at the District Office Complex, Building 3. 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; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Bryan Jack and Betsy Kuhn, Employee Relations Department

The Executive Session concluded at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

IN OPEN SESSION

April 19, 2011

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Chairman

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Superintendent