

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

April 17, 2012

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 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 and Alison Crumbley. Member Steve Luikart was absent due to illness. 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 Dolly Kuhn, teacher at R.B. Stewart Middle School, and Susan Mulieri Trudell, daughter of Commissioner Pat Mulieri.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2012 and workshops of March 20, 2012. There were none, and on motion by Member Crumbley, seconded by Member Altman, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Recognizing Florida School Crossing Guards of the Year
- District Lignell Award Recipients
- Recognition - Regional & State Level Odyssey of the Mind Teams from Pasco County Schools
- Recognition of Master's Level Sponsors of the Pasco Education Foundation

The Chairman called a recess for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

- Ralph Bosek, Museum of Science & Industry, thanked staff for all their work in developing a contract and providing buses for transporting students to the MOSI drug prevention exhibit. He introduced and thanked Mr. Tingley for raising money for the buses and Mary Mitchell Avery, who donated money for the buses. Mr. Tingley said they hope to get 20,000 students through the exhibit.
- Eva Spissak of New Port Richey spoke as a River Ridge parent regarding a student threatening the lives of other students, a teacher and administrator. She questioned zero tolerance and stated that we are failing this student by allowing him to continue to go to school without consequences. She said her daughter is very worried and concerned and asked why he has more rights than those that follow the rules.
- Jennifer Bretnall, River Ridge parent, said her son was in the class the day the student threatened the teacher and students and told her that all the students feared for their lives. She kept her son home the next day as a result of what the student said. She expressed much concern with the fact that the student has been allowed back in school. She said she was told by administrators that they had no choice but to allow him back.
- Dakota Bretnall, River Ridge student stated that he was in the class with the student who threatened the teacher and students and proceeded to describe the incident to the Board. He expressed his fear to go back to school with the student in attendance and said he doesn't understand why the student isn't treated like a regular student.
- Edward Garza of Wesley Chapel spoke to the handbook stating that schools pick and choose what to enforce and each school writes their own rules. He stated that just doing

what the principal says instead of writing a book could save money. He remarked that his school (Wesley Chapel High) has a rule to just let the students fight, do not intercede and call for help and he has a document from his administration that tells them to never touch a student or put yourself in harm's way.

Attorney Alfonso commented on concerns regarding the student issue at River Ridge High School. His office is working closely with staff within the constraints of law. He explained that details cannot be discussed due to laws regarding student rights and protection. Staff has informed him that they are working with law enforcement to insure the health and safety of students.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Kenny Blankenship, Business Representative of the USEP, stated that the tentative agreements for the 2011-12 school year have been signed off on after 10 months of negotiations. He felt the length of time was a direct result of legislation mandated in Senate Bill 736. Agreements will now go before USEP membership for ratification and to the School Board for approval.

Committee Reports:

Member Crumbley:

- Oversight Steering Committee

Member Altman:

- Value Adjustment Board – last meeting of the year

Member Armstrong:

- Health and Wellness Incentive Committee

Chairman Hurley:

- IB Steering Committee
- Vision Committee
- ERP Steering Committee
- Asked for a board member volunteer to serve on the Florida School Boards Association Board of Directors. Member Alison Crumbley volunteered to serve in this position

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Employee Budget Committee

Board Members requested more time to come up with suggestions of a community member to serve on the Budget Committee. Item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- FCAT Testing this week and next

Dave Scanga:

- Update on Vision Committee

Olga Swinson:

- Noted revision/clarification to item 6.1
- Chris Williams, Director of Planning gave a brief update on the Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee and distributed handout of map showing projects around the County (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____)

Renalia DuBose:

- Pulled termination of Elizabeth Loweth from item 3.2, Instructional Employee Recommendations
- Noted addenda to 5.1, Use of Facilities Agreement
- Revised contract with MOSI as part of item 7.11

Tina Tiede:

- All County Jazz Middle and High School Bands this weekend at WCHS
- Scholarship banquet 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.

2.1 School Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 2/3/1998) - Harry Schwettman Education Center

2.2 School Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 8/29/1999) - Thomas E Weightman Middle School

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

3.2 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations

5.1 Requests for Use of Facilities

6.1 Anclote High School Right of Way Conveyance to Pasco County

21.0 Policies

21.1 2012-2013 Elementary and Secondary Student Codes of Conduct - First Reading

22.0 Resolutions

22.1 Resolution Proclaiming April 2012 as Instructional Media Technology Month

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of pulling Elizabeth Loweth from item 3.2, adding Fivay High School request to item 5.1 and revision to item 6.1, Anclote High School. 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 (See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

3.1 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

4.0 Students (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

4.1 Change of Placement

4.2 Odyssey of the Mind State and World Competitions

4.3 Requests for School Field Trips

5.0 Requests for use of Facilities

6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance Services and Transportation (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

6.2 Odessa Elementary School Right of Way Conveyance to Pasco County

6.3 Sanders Memorial Elementary Right of Way Conveyance to Pasco County

7.0 Business/Finance (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

7.1 2010-2011 Tangible Personal Property Inventories

7.2 Audit of School Internal Accounts for the Years Ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011 - Fivay High School

7.3 2011-2012 Budget Amendments #38 through #41 - February 2012 (**See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.**)

7.4 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 07/01/11- 2/29/2012

7.5 Investment & Cash Accounts - Designated Account Signers and Staff Changes in Finance Services Department

7.6 Surplus Non-Capitalized Furniture and Equipment

7.7 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for March 2012 and Authorization to Expend Funds for April 2012

7.8 Surplus Equipment

7.9 Warrant Lists

7.10 Request for Approval of Purchase Orders and Associated Contracts

7.11 Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts

Contracts: Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID); Caring Pediatrics

Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties; Healthy Start Coalition of Pasco, Inc.;

Hillsborough Community College; Museum of Science and Industry, Inc. (MOSI); Regions Bank;

Synrevoice Technologies, Inc.

8.0 Grant Proposals - None Submitted

9.0 Allocations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

9.1 Allocation Changes: Additional Duty - Tutoring Migrant Students (Title I);
Additional Duty - Home Education

9.2 Allocation Changes: Addition of .5 Allocation - Marchman Technical Education
Center Adult Education

10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted

11.0 Extended School Year Services 2011-2012 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

12.0 Approval of the 2011-12 Head Start/Early Head Start Community Assessment Update (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

13.0 High School Course Adoption for 2012-2013(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

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

15.0 Post Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) Course Adoption for 2012-2013 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

16.0 Students in Transition (SIT) Program Agreement for the 2012-13 School Year (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

17.0 Head Start/Early Head Start Volunteer and Visitor Procedures for the 2012-13 School Year (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

18.0 2011-2012 Revised Student/Teacher and Work Calendars (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

19.0 Charter Schools (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

19.1 Academy At The Farm and Dayspring Academy Enrollment 2012-2013 School Year

19.2 Athenian Academy of Pasco Student Enrollment 2012 - 2013 School Year

19.3 Countryside Montessori Charter School Request for Student Enrollment and Addition of 7th Grade
2012-13 School Year

19.4 Imagine School at Land O' Lakes Request for Student Enrollment 2012-2013 School Year

20.0 Staff Travels (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

20.1 J.W. Mitchell High School Administrative Staff Member to attend the College Board Major School
Systems Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

20.2 J.W. Mitchell High School Instructional Staff Members to attend the Annual Southeast Wing-T
Football Clinic in Dublin, Georgia

20.3 Out-of-State Travel - Head Start National Research Conference - Washington, D.C.

21.0 Policies (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

21.1 2012-2013 Elementary and Secondary Student Codes of Conduct - First Reading

22.0 Resolutions (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

22.1 Resolution Proclaiming April 2012 as Instructional Media Technology Month

23.0 Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

(3.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the recommendations with the exception of pulling the termination of Elizabeth Loweth. Member Crumbley seconded the motion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(5.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Requests for Use of Facilities (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the Use of Facilities as amended adding Fivay High School Alumni Volleyball Game. Member Altman seconded the motion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(6.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Anclote High School Right of Way Conveyance to Pasco County (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve the Right of Way Conveyance as revised. Member Altman seconded the motion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(21.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of 2012-2013 Elementary and Secondary Student Codes of Conduct - First Reading (See Miscellaneous Supplemental

Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the Codes of Conduct, seconded by Member Crumbley. An amendment was distributed addressing the use of electronic devices, striking sentences two and three in paragraph #5 pertaining to receiving permission before taking and sharing pictures. Member Armstrong stated that she was more concerned with appropriate use of the pictures after they are taken rather than the actual taking of the pictures. Member Armstrong amended the motion to include the amendment containing the striking of sentence two and three in #5 for the elementary and secondary Codes of Conduct. Member Crumbley seconded for discussion. Member Armstrong made note that it would be very difficult to monitor the taking of pictures and getting permission. It was noted that elementary students may not understand what permission means and questioned would a parent be able to over rule the student. Attorney Alfonso supported the amendment noting that language needs to be consistent with Board policy. Superintendent Fiorentino remarked that a new policy is needed and guidelines would then follow. Mr. Alfonso said there is time between first and second reading of the Codes to explore consequences before updating the policy and Codes. There was no further discussion and on vote the amended motion to approve the first reading of the Elementary and Secondary Codes of Conduct, including the amendment striking sentences two and three in paragraph number 5, carried unanimously.

(22.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Resolution Proclaiming April 2012 as Instructional Media Technology Month (**See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.**) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the Resolution, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Crumbley:

- Cinderella project went well

Member Altman:

- RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
- FSBA Policy and Governance Workshop in Gainesville

Member Armstrong:

- Judged senior projects
- CARES dinner recognizing pioneers in Pasco County
- AIM Golf Tournament with students
- Take Stock in Children dinner
- RSVP Appreciation Luncheon
- Received Certified Board Member status and will be recognized at the FSBA/FADSS Spring Conference in June in Tampa

Chairman Hurley:

- Judged senior projects
- Take Stock in Children
- ZHS to view film for female students entitled "Misrepresentation"
- LOLHS Relay for Life event
- CARES event
- RSVP Luncheon

Superintendent Fiorentino

- Asked that the CARES booklet on historical events be added to the minutes and kept for the record (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Attorney Alfonso

- Somerset Academy Charter Schools – District denied their application for both schools and appeal is now pending. Somerset has offered that if the District would withdraw one

of it's denials then Somerset would withdraw one of their applications. Mr. Alfonso recommended that the Board not accept their proposal, as there are still unacceptable application issues. He received direction from the Board to send a letter to Somerset that the Board does not accept their offer and will proceed with the appeal.

- Dayspring Academy Charter School has requested an extension to their existing contract. Mr. Alfonso remarked they are not eligible to extend until next year when their contract expires. Chairman Hurley previously sent a letter regarding this to Dayspring.
- Countryside Montessori application to expand – Board has acted to accept their request for expansion based upon their high performing status.
- As directed at the last Board Meeting to develop a procedure for naming of facilities, Mr. Alfonso asked that procedures be developed when policies are updated for final approval. He suggested that the Board not act immediately on requests made for the first time at a school board meeting, and hold for a future meeting. This would give time for the item to be reviewed and properly noticed on the agenda. On question by Chairman Hurley, Superintendent Fiorentino remarked on two recent requests for naming school facilities. Her recommendation was to decline the first request as the employee is still working for the district. Regarding the second request, she asked that a decision wait until the policy has been updated.
- Mr. Alfonso announced that the Phillip Young Employee appeal hearing has been canceled on April 24 and there was consensus of the Board to reschedule the hearing on May 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

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 May 1, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: April 17, 2012 3:00 p.m.

TOPIC: *NEOLA/FADSS/Vision Committee Update*

The Board met for workshop sessions at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong and Alison Crumbley; Member Steve Luikart was absent due to illness; 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 Secondary Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Tom Barker, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Beth Brown, Executive Director for Secondary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Director of Employee Relations; various district administrators; USEP representative; Dick Clapp, NEOLA, Jeff Solocheck, Tampa Bay Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune

NEOLA POLICY UPDATES:

Mrs. DuBose and Dick Clapp with NEOLA reviewed policy updates with the Board regarding many topics including challenges in technology that the district will be facing.

FADSS (Instructional Directors):

Mrs. Reilly initiated discussion between the Board and Instructional Directors regarding the Florida Association of School Superintendents' organizational study of the District. Staff addressed areas of concerns in the study and described ways they are implementing changes. Time restraints did not allow for the completion of this workshop and it was announced that the workshop would continue at a later date.

VISION COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Workshop was not held due to time restraints with the School Board Meeting starting at 6:00 pm. Workshop will be held at a later date.

The workshops concluded at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

May 1, 2012

Superintendent