

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

May 3, 2011

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 3, 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 Luikart and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence for victims of recent tornadoes and remembrance of September 11, 2001 families.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2011 and executive session of April 19, 2011. There were none, and on motion by Member Altman, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Recognition of FFA National Chapter Award Recipient

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 9:50 a.m.

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

- Pam Marron of New Port Richey spoke representing Suncoast Arts Advocacy Group. Her son is a junior band student at J.W. Mitchell High School. She presented a petition of 391 names collected in support of Arts Education in Pasco County Schools. Petition was presented to the Superintendent.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, spoke on tentative agreement of recent contract and presented a timeline. General information meeting tomorrow evening; Monday, building representatives will be meeting with principals to set up procedures for ratification voting, which will take place on May 12. Ballots will be counted on Monday evening and results will be faxed to Employee Relations. The following day, contracts will be presented at the School Board Meeting for ratification by the Board. Ms. Webb discussed the open visioning workshop, following today's board meeting. She feels it is a good opportunity for the Board. She reminded Board members that employees are being hit from many directions, including a 3% reduction in pay with the FRS contribution. She implored the Board that employees cannot continue doing more and more without adequate salary.

Committee Reports:

Member Luikart:

- Conservation Group
- Upcoming Career Academy meeting

Member Armstrong:

- Unable to attend Health and Wellness meeting

Member Altman:

- Unable to attend Insurance meeting

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Update on Imagine Charter School mediation. Moving ahead with formal mediation on May 11.
- FCAT Writing scores will be announced on Wednesday.
- Pull Teresa Barbuto's suspension from item 3.1 – Instructional Recommendations Addenda

Ruth Reilly:

- Discussed 3rd quarter grants summary report.
- Supplied information on Extended School Year (ESY) expenditures from last year - \$1,080,000.

Olga Swinson:

- Currently undergoing two program reviews, including Food and Nutrition Services and Facilities (F.I.S.H. validation)

Tina Tiede:

- Addressed question regarding end-of-course exams and how that may impact ESY. Looking at virtual programs based on competency, not seat time. This may be less expensive for the District.
- Introduced Phil Kupchyk as new principal at Seven Springs Middle School

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

2.1 School Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 1/10/1994) - Fivay High School

Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in item 2.1. Member Crumbley 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:

15.0 Policies

15.1 2011-2012 Elementary and Secondary Student Codes of Conduct - First Reading

15.2 First Reading of Revised DSBPC Policy 6144 – Investments

(3.0 – 14.0) 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 item 3.1 as amended. Member Armstrong 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 – (JWMHS Teresa Barbuto Suspension – PULLED)

3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

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

4.1 Change of Placement

4.2 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 - None Submitted

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

7.1 2011 Food and Nutrition Services Summer Meal Service

7.2 Surplus Equipment

7.3 Certificate of Participation, Series 2008A - Conflict Waiver

7.4 Certificates of Participation, Series 2008A

7.5 Surplus Equipment for Information Services

7.6 Uncollectible Accounts Receivable

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

Contracts: Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties; Apple, Inc.; Board of Trustees of Saint Petersburg College; District School Board of Hernando County; Methodist Cooperative Ministries/Suncoast; St. Leo University

7.8 Request for Approval of Purchase Orders and Associated Contracts

Contracts: Renaissance Learning, Inc.

7.9 Warrant Lists

8.0 Grant Proposals

8.1 Target Arts & Culture in Schools Grant - Chasco Middle School

9.0 Allocations - None Submitted

10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted

11.0 2011-2012 PLACE Program Summer and Fall Fee Schedule (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

12.0 Head Start/Early Head Start Comprehensive Community Assessment 2010-2011 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

13.0 J.W. Mitchell High School staff to attend the Advanced Placement National Conference in San Francisco, California (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

14.0 Land O'Lakes High School staff to attend the 2011 From Structure to Instruction Institute in Atlanta, Georgia (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

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(15.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the item 15.1, 2011-2012 Elementary and Secondary Student Codes of Conduct - First Reading and item 15.2 First Reading of Revised DSBPC Policy 6144 – Investments (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book ____, Page ____.) Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve items 15.1 and 15.2 as submitted. Member Armstrong seconded the motion. Member Altman had concerns regarding the attendance policy and consistency. He feels teachers need more support on the issue of student attendance. Member Armstrong supported Member Altman’s position and said she has had communications from parents with concerns about fighting and supervision on campus. She has issues with zero tolerance regarding ROTC and guns for competition. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve 15.1 and 15.2.

The Chairman called a recess in order to hold a Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation meeting.

(18.1) The President presented the request for approval of the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation - Certificates of Participation, Series 2008A (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book ____, Page ____.) Member Altman moved that the Leasing Corporation approve the Certificates of Participation, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman closed the meeting of the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation and reopened the School Board Meeting.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Master Board training

Member Crumbley:

- Town Hall Meeting
- Seven Springs Rotary
- Excellence in Academics event
- Master Board training

Member Armstrong:

- Excellence in Academics event
- Master Board training
- Judged senior projects at two schools
- PACE breakfast
- Breakfast honoring Superintendent Fiorentino and Chairman Hurley

Member Altman:

- Master Board Training
- Excellence in Academics event

Chairman Hurley:

- Leadership Pasco Day
- Excellence in Academics event
- Juvenile Justice Turn Around Award ceremony

Attorney Alfonso presented an off agenda item for board action. Member Altman moved that the Board take the item as off agenda, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Attorney Alfonso explained that this is a request for the Board to approve out of state travel for three members of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) team to visit a Texas school district. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the out of state travel, seconded by Member Crumbley. Member Crumbley stated that the outcome could save much money for the district. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

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 17, 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 10:22 a.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 3, 2011 8:30 a.m.

TOPIC: *BONDING*

The Board met for a workshop session 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; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune.

Representatives of Public Financial Management, Inc., and Bryant Miller Olive, bonding counsel reviewed bonding information being presented at the 9:30 Board Meeting today regarding bonding and certificates of participation. The presentation outlined Capital Funding Alternatives for Florida School District; Pasco County Schools Debt Profile; Financing Process and Swaps.

Question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 9:28 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 3, 2011 10:35 a.m.

TOPIC: *Open Visioning*

The Board met for a workshop session 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; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Summer Romagnoli, Government Relations Department; Lynne Webb, USEP; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times.

Chairman Hurley stressed the importance of the Board meeting regularly to have open dialogue and to establish priorities for the District. Board Members discussed three areas: Strengthening Board Policies, Improving Communication and Building Better Relationships. Board Members gave their views, opinions and suggestions on each topic. An open topic discussion followed.

Dr. Scanga provided a brief update regarding the vision summary sheet he distributed. He explained that the District's Vision Committee is in the process of updating our vision, guiding principles and performance roles.

Chairman Hurley received feedback from the Board on today's session and stated that the next session will include student achievement and process as the goals. Attorney Alfonso indicated that for noticing purposes the Board should refer to the upcoming session as an open workshop, not visioning.

Lynne Webb, USEP addressed the Board indicating her desire to participate when the board workshops the process portion. She asks that the Board include SRPs if they move forward with a climate survey and seek USEP advice and opinions.

The workshop concluded at 12:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: May 3, 2011 12:20 p.m.

The Board met in closed executive session on *negotiations*. The session was held in the Studio 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 and Bryan Jack, Employee Relations Department.

The Executive Session concluded at 1:23 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

5/17/11

Superintendent