

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
May 4, 2010

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 4, 2010, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Allen Altman, Vice Chairman Joanne Hurley, and Board Members Frank Parker, Kathryn Starkey and Cathi Martin. 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 Hurley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Johnathan Pritchard, student at Zephyrhills High School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2010; workshop of April 1, 2010 and workshop of April 20, 2010. There were none, and on motion by Member Parker, seconded by Member Martin, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- 2008-2009 School Wellness Policy Council Program
- Alliance for a Healthier Generation National Bronze Winners
- Watergrass Elementary for Earning Gold LEED Certification
- Anclote High and Veterans Elementary School – LEED Certification

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 10:34 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. Jim Ciadella, Business Representative for USEP commented on state finances and urged the Board to consider levying a .25 school tax (\$5-6 million). He remarked that USEP is hopeful of conversations on early retirement options at the next Superintendent Budget Committee meeting on May 13.

Committee Reports:

Member Parker:

- Energy Committee - commended staff on the Pasco Recycle Brochure, recently published.

Member Starkey:

- Education Foundation Executive Meeting

Member Hurley:

- Vision Committee
- Recommendation of the shortlist for the architectural firm selection is upcoming.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 Grants Summary Report, Quarter 3, January 2010 - March 2010
- 1.2 Wellness Policy Implementation Survey Results
- 1.3 Pasco Education Foundation Monthly Report

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Distributed the new Memorandum of Understanding from the State of Florida for Race to the Top (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- Pull Leanne Schmidt from item 3.2 addenda.

Dave Scanga:

- Recognized the hard work of the schools in making kindergarten registration day a success.
- Vision Committee set the stage for creating a new vision document. Draft should go to the stake-holders for their response mid school year and final approval at end of next year.
- The Ronald McDonald CARE/USF Mobile unit was at Lacoochee Elementary School providing medical and dental services the students. Looking to expand the program to R.B. Cox Elementary School.

(2.0) The Chairman announced that there were no expulsion recommendations today.

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:

7.3 Audit of School Internal Accounts for the Years Ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009

(3.0 – 15.0) 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 3.2 (Leanne Schmidt pulled) and item 7.3. Member Martin seconded the motion. Chairman Altman received clarification on item 7.4 that if PLACE parents refuse to pay for services their children are not allowed to re-enroll at another school. There was no further discussion 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 (**Leanne Schmidt pulled from Addenda**)
- 4.0 Students** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 4.1 Change of Placement
 - 4.2 Ridgewood High School Students to Participate in the Special Olympics Soccer State Finals in Kissimmee, Florida May 14-16, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.3 Chasco Middle School Yearbook Students and Advisor to Attend Lifetouch Yearbook Summer Workshop in Orlando, Florida July 28-30, 2010, Funding: Student Fundraising
 - 4.4 Sunlake High School Football Students to Participate in a Team Football Camp in Deland, Florida July 29-31, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
- 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 Anclote Elementary School Restroom Remodeling Project – Construction Contract
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.2 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 7/1/09 Thru 3/31/10
 - 7.4 Uncollectible Accounts Receivable
 - 7.5 3rd Quarter Lottery Report for 2009-2010
 - 7.6 2009-2010 Budget Amendments #45-#50, March 2010 (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.7 SBE Capital Outlay Bonds, Series 2020
 - 7.8 Warrant Lists
 - 7.9 Requisitions and Related Contracts – None Submitted
 - 7.10 Bids and Related Contracts
Contracts: Premio Computer, Inc.; Johns Eastern Co.; Preferred Government Claims; Johnson & Wales University
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 2009-2010 IDEA, Part B, Entitlement Grant – Amendment #1
 - 8.2 Early Head Start 2010-11 Refunding Application
 - 8.3 Head Start 2010-11 Refunding Application
 - 8.4 Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse Program (StEAP)
- 9.0 Allocations** – None Submitted
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Employee Out of State Travel** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 11.1 River Ridge High School Staff Member to Attend Summer Training Institute at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina, June 20-July 2, 2010 - Funding: Carl Perkins Grant
ADDENDA: Travel and Additional Work Hours for Two Staff Members to Provide Instructional Support for Students Travelling to the Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, Florida May 15, 2010 – Funding: Title X, Part C
- 12.0 Elementary School Course Adoption 2010-2011** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Revision to List of Approved Foreign Exchange Sponsoring Organizations**
- 14.0 Head Start/Early Head Start** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 14.1 Updated Head Start/Early Head Start Transition Plan
 - 14.2 Updated Head Start/Early Head Start Volunteer and Visitor Procedures
- 15.0 Policies** – None Submitted

(7.3) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Audit of School Internal Accounts for the Years Ended June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Member Parker moved that the Board approve the audit, seconded by member Hurley. On discussion Member Hurley requested that schools list what the audit issue is instead of referring to a number and then note how the issue was addressed.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Parker:

- Friends of PACE breakfast
- New Port Richey Honors Banquet for the top 20 seniors from Gulf and River Ridge High Schools

Member Starkey:

- Attended public bus ride in New Port Richey and suggested discussions be held on partnering with the County on using public buses for some high school students
- PACE breakfast
- River Ridge High School Willie Wonka play
- Visited Odessa Elementary School site
- Judged Senior Projects at Gulf High School
- Would like to use ConnectEd messages to invite parents to attend Town Hall Meetings on the budget. She suggested that other Board Members do likewise
- Ideas on talking points for the Town Hall Meetings are to be drawn up.

Member Hurley:

- Oakstead Elementary School National Honor Society induction
- Farewell to Sanders Elementary School event
- Judged Senior Projects at Gulf High and J.W. Mitchell High Schools
- Turn Around Achievement Awards Ceremony
- Public bus ride in New Port Richey

Chairman Altman:

- Turn Around Banquet
- Excellence in Academics Banquet
- Visited new Fivay High School
- Recommended that each Board Member suggest the appointment of one business person or parent to the District Budget Committee. There was consensus of the Board that the suggestions would be sent to the Superintendent quickly before the next committee meeting on May 13.

Attorney Alfonso set a closed Executive Session for Risk Management on May 18.

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 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 4, 2010 11:00 a.m.

TOPIC: *Budget and Legislative Updates*

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; 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; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations; Summer Romagnoli, Government Relations; U.S.E.P. Representative; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times; and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune.

The Board was presented with information regarding the education budget passed by the Legislature during the Session that ended last week. Details were given on several factors within the state budget that could have a severe impact on the District's budget.

Discussion was held on the budget saving suggestions submitted by employees and community members. Board Members are in the process of establishing dates for their individual upcoming town hall meetings, which will allow feedback from the community regarding the proposals being considered.

The Superintendent and Board discussed the reality that they do not believe they can cut the amount of money that has to be cut without eliminating some positions this year. It was emphasized that nothing is final at this time. They will continue to receive feedback and will hold another budget workshop on May 11 at 9:30 a.m.

The workshop concluded at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

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Superintendent