

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
May 19, 2009

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2009, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Frank Parker, Vice Chairman Allen Altman and Board Members Joanne Hurley and Kathryn Starkey. Member Cathi Martin was not in attendance. 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 Starkey and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the men and women in uniform.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 2009 and workshop of May 5, 2009. There were none, and on motion by Member Starkey, seconded by Member Altman, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Maureen Moore, Director of Communications and Governmental Relations, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Presentation to Winners of the My Favorite Older Person Essay Contest: *Red Abelgas, Tyler Williams, Raiza Aguiar, Bailey Beacham and Tyler Sharp*
- Presentation to the Florida Music Educators Association All-State Band & Chorus
- Presentation to the Career & Technical Education Middle School Student of the Year, *Claudia Canello, SSMS*
- District School Board of Pasco County Recognized as *Best Place to Work 2009 (Largest Employer)* by the Pasco Hernando Workforce Board

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting resumed at 10:13 a.m.

Member Martin joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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

Student Apology: Morgan – Disturbance on football field at Hudson Middle School

Goldie Ayers of New Port Richey shared information on the Florida Fastbreak Basketball non-profit program, which is a community based recreational program. He spoke to the issue of continuation of allowing our facilities to be used, at no charge, for their practices and games. Mr. Davis will research the issue.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, urged the Board to consider levying the extra millage, allowed by Florida law in order to avoid layoffs and maintain benefits for all staff. The Superintendent is researching and asked the Board members to carefully consider the option.

Committee Reports:

Member Starkey attended the River Ridge High School Career Academy Engineering Rollout, which was a great success. She toured several companies with career academy engineering students from Eastlake High School. The companies provide apprenticeships and internships for the students. She also attended the Education Foundation's Annual Strategic Plan retreat.

Member Martin suggested looking at the Vilock Company as a possible business partner.

Chairman Parker attended the Information Technology Committee.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 2008-2009 Parent Satisfaction Survey Report

The Superintendent remarked that the Budget Committee met yesterday and will be sharing information.

Member Hurley congratulated Cypress, Lacoochee and Shady Hills Elementary schools on receiving very positive comments on the recent parent satisfaction surveys. Several comments were made on the possibility of updating the surveys to be tailored more for individual schools to help generate more parent responses.

Dr. Scanga noted that the Parent University Graduation at Ladoochee Elementary was a huge success. Parents were very excited about becoming more involved with the school. Member Starkey suggested submitting the program for a Magna award.

Mr. Davis reminded everyone of the upcoming graduation ceremonies and coaches' recognition banquet.

Mrs. Tiede introduced Mr. Phil Kupczyk who is being recommended as principal at Hudson Middle School.

Mr. Davis introduced Maria Swanson as the new principal of River Ridge High School.

The Chairman recessed the regular Board meeting to hold a closed student appeal hearing and asked that anyone not involved in the hearing leave the room. A court reporter was present.

2.1 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 1/2/93) from River Ridge High School.

At the conclusion of the hearing the Board voted unanimously to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation of expulsion.

The Board went into a closed session for the purpose of pending litigation conducted by School Board Attorney Paul Meeker of McClain Alfonso Meeker Dunn.

The Chairman called the School Board meeting back to order at 12:33 p.m. and continued public comment.

Student apologies:

Anthony – apologized for his action at Paul R. Smith Middle School

Brendon – bus misbehavior – Hudson Middle School (Blanche Maldonado submitted a letter to the Board regarding Brendon. Student's last name will be redacted from the letter.)

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:

12.0 PLACE Program Expansion to San Antonio Elementary School

(3.0 – 11.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Altman moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Martin seconded the motion. Mr. Gadd explained the bus consolidation plan. Member Hurley received clarification that elementary and secondary students will remain on separate buses. Member Starkey received clarification that the Perkins Grant (Item 8.3) money would be spread throughout the district and not just a few schools. There being 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

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

4.1 Student Transfer Requests

4.2 Pasco High School Yearbook Staff to Travel to St. Petersburg, to Participate in the Florida Yearbook Seminar June 24-29, 2009, Funding: Yearbook Company

4.3 Members of Future Business Leaders of America from River Ridge High School and Gulf High School to Compete at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California June 25-29, 2009, Funding: District Special Project funds for National Competition

4.4 River Ridge High School Student, Michelina Schulze to Receive High School Credit for Completion of the Ambassadorial Studies Program at the Washington School of World Studies

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 2009-2010 School Starting and Ending Times

6.2 Change in Appointment to Planning Commission

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

7.1 Surplus Equipment

7.2 2009 Food Service Summer Meals

7.3 Warrant Lists

7.4 Requisitions and Related Contracts

7.5 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Big Cat Sporting Goods, Inc.; Gulfside Regional Hospice, Inc. - Dade City Thrift Shoppe; Precious Beginnings; Royal Oak Nursing Home; The Edwinola Retirement Community; Pasco Regional Medical Center; Premier Community Health Care Group, Inc.; Apple, Inc.; Florida Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

8.0 Grant Proposals

- 8.1 Student/Newspaper Partnership Grant – Chasco Middle School
- 8.2 Grant Proposal 2009-2010 - Adult Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program Workforce Investment Act, Title I, Section 167
- 8.3 Carl D. Perkins Grant for 2009-2010
- 8.4 Florida Learn and Serve 2009-2010 Competitive Projects (Renewal Projects) – Seven Springs Middle School

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

- 9.1 2009 Extended School Year/Reading Camp and Pasco Environmental Adventure Camp Allocations
- 9.2 2009-2010 Instructional and Instructional Support Allocations

ADDENDA: Change to 2009-2010 Allocation Formulas

10.0 Agreements/Contracts – None Submitted

11.0 New High School Course Adoption 2009-2010 (First Responder 3) (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(12.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of PLACE Program Expansion to San Antonio Elementary School. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Hurley moved that the Board not approve the PLACE expansion to San Antonio Elementary School for 2009-2010. Member Altman seconded the motion. Member Hurley reported on the meeting held with the coaches and administration in reference to the Coaches' Camp currently being held at San Antonio Elementary School. She stated that the Coaches' Camp is incorporated and has been given the opportunity to develop a business model to be presented to the Superintendent to show how they may operate as an outside vendor during the 2009/2010 school year. Member Parker expressed concern with the camp fees being \$10 more than PLACE and also believes they will need to be increased in order to continue operating the program. Member Altman expressed concern with the number of students needed for the PLACE program to break even and said to his knowledge they have not advertised to bring in more students. Member Starkey said she is in favor of giving the coaches the opportunity to continue as long as the parents are able to take advantage of it. She stated her concern with the teachers missing school in order to cover the program. On vote the motion carried to not approve the expansion of the PLACE program to San Antonio Elementary School with the ayes being Members Hurley, Altman, Martin and Starkey. Nay vote was Chairman Parker.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Hurley traveled to Okaloosa schools to visit their career academies and attended the New Port Richey Honors Banquet for seniors. She asked that Board members research the bethere.org website regarding a public information program to help parents become more involved in the their student's education. She plans to seek consensus of the Board to allow the district to investigate and take advantage of this program beginning in the 2009-10 school year.

Member Starkey attended the Tampa Bay Partnership Conference; Business Management Academy at J.W. Mitchell High School and traveled to Okaloosa County.

Member Martin reminded everyone of the upcoming FSBA Annual Spring Conference in Tampa June 10-12, 2009.

Member Parker attended the Rotary Club 45th Honors Banquet and the Turnaround Banquet along with Member Altman.

Attorney Alfonso asked that the Board schedule a new date to hold the employee hearing on Mr. Bush. By consensus of the Board the hearing was rescheduled for July 28, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the boardroom, followed by the school board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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 June 2, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 19, 2009 1:30 p.m.

TOPICS: AP/IB/Dual Enrollment

The Board met for a workshop session on *AP/IB/Dual Enrollment*, which was presented by Angie Murphy, Supervisor of CIS. 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; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Lynne Webb, USEP; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times.

Ms. Murphy explained each of the programs in detail and distributed an overview. A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 2:10 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 19, 2009 2:15 p.m.

TOPICS: BUDGET UPDATE

The Board met for a workshop session on the Budget, which was presented by Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer. 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; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Lynne Webb, USEP; Members of the Finance Department; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times.

Board members were informed that there is a projected \$43.7 million shortfall for 2009/10. State funding is being cut by \$10.2 million, and the district expects to bring in approximately \$9.1 million less in property taxes due to a drop in property values. Additional cuts in state funding are anticipated as much as \$9 million as the school year begins. Mrs. Swinson explained that the district is anticipating \$23 million in federal stimulus money, although that money would only replace 2009-10 funding the district received this year from the state and it comes with many strings attached.

After further discussion a question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 3:05 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 14, 2009 1:30 p.m.

TOPICS: Early Retirement

The Board met for a workshop session on *Proposed Early Retirement Plans*, which was presented by Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Lynne Webb, USEP; Mike Hudson, Employee Benefits Department, Chuck Carr, Southern Actuary Services; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times.

Board Members were presented with proposed enhanced early retirement benefits, which are being offered in an effort to reduce the District's workforce to help balance a tight budget without forcing anyone out of a job. A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 3:25 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

June 2, 2009

Superintendent