



**District School Board of Pasco County
Special Meeting/Workshop
June 30, 2020
Via Teleconference**

1. Special Meeting

The special meeting/workshop was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Colleen Beaudoin, with the welcome and reading of the vision statement.

Chairman Beaudoin shared the thought for the day, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Participating via teleconference were Chairman Colleen Beaudoin, Vice Chairman Allen Altman and board members Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley, and Megan Harding. Also participating via teleconference were Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent and ex officio Secretary to the Board, and Dennis Alfonso, attorney for the board.

The chairman asked for a moment of silence for those affected by COVID-19.

1.2 Public Comment

Attorney Alfonso said this matter was noticed as a special meeting and workshop because the re-opening of schools plan might present issues requiring board action. In addition, another item on the agenda is the COVID-19 notice as it relates to board meetings and live and telephonic participation.

Attorney Alfonso reviewed the public speaking guidelines and procedures. Any materials to be shared with the board should be emailed to the board secretary for distribution to school board members after the meeting. Each speaker will have three (3) minutes during this segment of the agenda; all speakers and comments are subject to applicable school board policies regarding civility and decorum. He asked the operator if there were callers to speak on agenda items. The operator said there were no callers.

Attorney Alfonso noted that six public comment emails were received prior to the meeting, all of which were forwarded to board members and made a part of the record: Tiffany Thuma (masks); Susan Cullum (delay re-opening); Sean Gaudet (blended learning); Renee Gaudet (employees at risk); anonymous (COVID procedure response); anonymous (ESE student/medical issue/re-opening).

1.3 COVID-19 Notice

Superintendent Browning noted that since the Governor's Executive Order 20-150 extended telephonic meetings until August 1, 2020, he would strongly suggest school board meetings to be held telephonically until the number of COVID-19 cases and spikes are reduced. After discussion, there was consensus by the school board members to hold the July 7, 2020, workshop via teleconference at 4:30 p.m. and hold the July 7, 2020, school board meeting via teleconference at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to hold the July 7, 2020, school board workshop (4:30 p.m.) and school board meeting (6:00 p.m.), both via teleconference

Motion by Alison Crumbley, second by Cynthia Armstrong.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Megan Harding

Superintendent Browning said he would confirm the workshop start time with Olga Swinson, CFO, and advise board members if the time changed.

2. Workshop/Staff Presentation

2.1 Return to School Plan

Ray Gadd, Deputy Superintendent, began the staff presentation by reviewing page 11 of the PowerPoint (Guiding Tenets for Decision Making):

- Social distancing will be enforced wherever possible.

- The wearing of a masks and/or face shields may be declared mandatory for all staff and students if COVID-19 infections remain high.
- The District, at this time, will require all students to wear a mask to and from their classroom at both arrival and dismissal, including on the bus.
- Secondary students and staff will be strongly encouraged to wear masks at all times, unless social distancing is possible.
- Elementary students and staff will be required to wear masks to their class, and may remove them once they get to class.
- All elementary students in a given class will create a cohort group, and not physically interact with other classes of students in the building, to the extent possible.
- All school buildings will be cleaned thoroughly after school and during the day. Ongoing cleaning protocols will be implemented.
- Buses will be sanitized every after all morning drop offs and at the end of the day and cleaning protocols will be implemented between runs.
- Sick employees and students will be required to remain at home.
- Large gatherings will be limited to numbers that allow for social distancing.

Board member comments:

- Cynthia Armstrong: be flexible; wear masks if deemed necessary; rapidly changing issue; use funds for necessary items rather than providing masks for all students.
- Colleen Beaudoin: concerned about staff and teachers; agrees with secondary requirement; suggests elementary students should wear masks; teachers want students to wear masks; she will wear a mask when teaching; can back off on the requirement when/if needed; parents need to know what will be required.
- Alison Crumbley: has heard from many stakeholders, parents, and teachers who are asking that masks be mandatory; flexibility is key.
- Megan Harding: has heard from many parents and teachers who are waiting to make a choice based on mask requirements; believes we should follow CDC guidelines; what will the guidelines be, etc.; flexibility is essential.
- Allen Altman: noted that consensus by the board is to support staff in developing a plan for masks; suggests allowing staff to take the board member concerns and come back with a recommendation.

Attorney Alfonso said that emergency rule-making might be involved to make the mask issue enforceable and suggests mapping out a strategy before school starts if that is the path the board wants to take.

Staff members spoke on the plan for Re-Opening of School 2020/2021:

- Traditional Model
 - What does the school day look like?
 - Facilities, Food Service, Transportation.
 - What does World Class Learning look like?
 - Social Emotional Learning in Compassionate Schools; Supports for SEL in our Re-Opening Work; Scheduling; K12 Programming (CORE & Electives, Athletics & Co-Curricular, CTE and Adult Ed); Special Programming (School, Accommodations, Related Services, Service Providers, Medically Vulnerable, Job Training, ESOL, Cysis Program, School Choice; Early Childhood).
- eSchool Model:
 - What does the school day look like?
 - Elementary K-5, Secondary Grades 6-12, Student Ownership in Scheduling, Online Collaboration and Instructional Experiences.
 - What does World Class Learning look like:
- A Look Across All Models
 - Traditional environment, Enhanced environment, Hybrid environment, Blended environment, Virtual environment.

At the conclusion of the presentation, board members thanked staff for their work on the plan, shared their concerns, and asked questions to clarify certain issues.

2.2 Board Action

None.

2.3. Adjourn

The chairman announced that a school board workshop will be held at 4:30 p.m. on July 7, 2020, via teleconference, and the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 7, 2020, via teleconference.

On a motion by Member Harding, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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

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Approved in open session on July 7, 2020

Chairman

Superintendent of Schools