

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
June 3, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2008, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Kathryn Starkey, Vice Chairman Frank Parker and Board Members Marge Whaley, Allen Altman 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 Whaley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Pam Tempest (teacher at Hudson Middle School), Lil Fiorillo (retired Registrar at Hudson Middle School), Trenard Canty (senior at Pasco High School) and Bill Munz (retired Assistant County Administrator).

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2008 and workshop of May 20, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Martin, seconded by Member Parker, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Presentation of Withlacoochee State Forest Receipts to the School Board by Withlacoochee Forestry Center and the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- Presentation to the District School Board of Pasco County as Recipient of the 2008 Best Places to Work Award – Presented by Pasco Hernando Workforce Regional Board, Inc., Career Central

The Chairman called for a break and the Board meeting came back to order at 9:44 a.m.

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

Student Apologies:

Bryan – Criminal Mischief – Hudson High
Jenna – Battery – Mitchell High

Patrick Connolly, teacher at Land O'Lakes High School, requested clarification of what he believes to be a discrepancy between published budget figures on administrative costs recently released by media and the District.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, voiced employee concerns over the possibility of not receiving step increases, which are part of the negotiated contracts. She also presented a petition containing employee signatures urging the Superintendent and the Board to recognize the value of employees by maintaining a fully paid benefit package and step increases. She asked that every option be explored and that the Superintendent and Board consider the additional suggestions from the Union.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Chairman Starkey reviewed Brevard County's budget recommendations posted on their website.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Mrs. Ramos remarked that test scores are coming in on Sunshine State Standards and will be shared with the Board after all have been received.

Mr. Gadd explained that the new job descriptions before the Board today are for positions to be used in the future to help with concurrency issues. On question by Member Whaley, Mr. Gadd remarked that it might be August or September before we move forward on the implementation of school concurrency. The District has asked that the ordinance and impact fees not be combined, although the County is looking in that direction as it would be beneficial to them.

Ms. Tiede acknowledged Mike Asbell who is being recommended as the new principal of Bayonet Point Middle School.

(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 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/19/92) from Wiregrass Ranch High School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 11/23/90) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/19/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/3/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.5 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/31/92) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 6/17/91) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/8/92) from James Irvin Education Center - **TABLED**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/14/94) from River Ridge Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.9 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/15/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.10 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/1/91) from James Irvin Education Center - **TABLED**
- 2.11 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 4/26/90) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.12 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/21/89) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.13 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 8/19/92) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.14 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 2/6/92) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.15 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 10/26/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.16 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/16/93) from Wiregrass Ranch High School - **TABLED**

Member Whaley moved that the Board approve to table the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1-2.16. Member Parker seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

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:

17.0 Policies (including any addenda)

- 17.1 Second Reading – *2008-2009 Elementary and Secondary Codes of Student Conduct*

(3.0 – 16.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Martin moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Parker seconded the motion. Member Parker called for corrections to item 8.2, page 108, number 6, to read “Zephyrhills High School” in the description section and number 8 should be “State” funds. He also noted correction to item 8.3, page 110, which should read “State” funds. 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 Gulf High School Student, Bella Calafiura, to Receive .5 High School Credits in Recreational Activities for Successful Completion of the Orlando Ballet School at the Patel Conservatory Program
 - 4.3 Wesley Chapel High School Cheerleaders and Coaches to Travel to the National Cheerleaders Association Summer Camp at the University of South Florida in Tampa July 23-26, 2008 – Funding: Internal Funds
 - 4.4 Hudson High School Boys Basketball Team to Travel to Coral Springs, Florida, December 19-23, 2008 to Participate in the Kreul Classic Invitational Basketball Tournament - Funding: Boys Basketball Coaches’ Account
- 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** – None Submitted
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 2007-2008 Budget Amendments #43-#46 – April 2008 (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.2 National School Breakfast Program Provision 2
 - 7.3 3rd Quarter Lottery Report for 2007-2008

- 7.4 Declare Computers as Surplus and Authorize Disposition and Donation to the African-American Club of West Pasco
- 7.5 Grant Funds to be Deposited into New Accounts with Bank of America
- 7.6 Surplus Equipment
- 7.7 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 07/01/07-04/30/2008
- 7.8 Secondary Meal Pricing Structure – Food and Nutrition Services
- 7.9 Warrant Lists
- 7.10 Requisitions and Related Contracts
Contract: Rapid Solutions Group
- 7.11 Bids and Related Contracts
Contracts: PreKindergarten Services and Pasco Learning and Activity Centers for Enrichment (PLACE); Caring Pediatrics; Premier Community Healthcare Group, Inc.; Johnson & Wales University; Western Governors University for Student Teaching; East Coast Technical Assistance Center - School Board of Osceola County
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.2 Zephyrhills High School – Project Amendment Request for SUCCEED Grant – **as Corrected**
 - 8.3 Gulf High School – Project Amendment Request for SUCCEED Grant – **as Corrected**
 - 8.4 J.W. Mitchell High School – Project Amendment Request for SUCCEED Grant
 - 8.5 Adult Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers Program, Workforce Investment Act, Title I, Section 167 - 2007-2008 Grant - Project Amendment Request
 - 8.6 IDEA, Part B Preschool Grant – Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2007 roll Forward Funds
 - 8.7 Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) Grant Application
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Allocation Changes at Denham Oaks Elementary and Fox Hollow Elementary Schools
 - 9.2 2008-2009 Allocation Changes for Schwettman Education Center; Student Services Department; Hudson High School; J.W. Mitchell High School (2); Mandela Treatment Center; Crews Lake Middle School; Human Resources Department; Curriculum and Instructional Services; River Ridge High School
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 10.1 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program Agreement for the 2008-09 School Year
- 11.0 Job Descriptions** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 11.1 New Job Description – *Geographic Information System (GIS) Analyst*
 - 11.2 New Job Description – *Planning Specialist*
- 12.0 Additional Summer Work Hours**(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Pasco Education Foundation Board of Directors for 2008-2009** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0 Head Start/Early Head Start Updated Transition Plan** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 15.0 Changes to List of Approved Foreign Exchange Sponsoring Organizations for the 2008-2009 School Year** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 16.0 2008-2009 Prekindergarten Services Continuous Improvement Plan** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(17.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading – *2008-2009 Elementary and Secondary Codes of Student Conduct* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the second reading. Member Martin seconded the motion. On discussion Member Parker noted a clerical error in the placement of the newly added information in item #4, page 238. Member Altman remarked that he would like the cell phone policy readdressed before the beginning of next school year, to enable better enforcement of student cell phone use during school. He has received several calls from teachers reporting that students use text messaging during class, which contributes to cheating situations and he doesn't feel it is fair to the teachers or the students who are abiding by the rules. The Superintendent received consensus of the Board to move forward and work with staff on addressing the policy. Attorney Alfonso noted that in discussion with other counties, there could be legal implications of what happens when cell phones are confiscated. Member Altman suggested that the attorney, a representative of the Board and Superintendent meet and report back on legal compliance and the issuance of new guidelines. The Superintendent said she would also like to meet with the principals on this issue and Member Whaley suggested getting student input too. Member Starkey requested that the student dress code policy be addressed again. She feels there should be more enforcement of the policy and administrators need to be strong with their discipline if students continue not to follow code. There being no further discussion, and on vote the motion, to include the clerical correction, was unanimously approved.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Altman said the insurance pre-bids came in higher than expected due to claims being up and the Insurance committee is in the interview process at this time.

Chairman Starkey attended the Tampa Bay Partnership Leadership conference and remarked that more business community members are speaking out on working together with schools. She also attended the Pasco Education Foundation's emergency meeting.

The Chairman recognized Representative John Legg in the audience.

Attorney Alfonso attended the Florida School Board Attorney conference where discussions centered on the budget and post legislation session issues.

Superintendent Fiorentino acknowledged the lobbyists for the District, Brewser Brown and Eric Prutsman, who will be conducting a legislative review workshop following the Board meeting.

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 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, seconded by Member Martin the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: June 3, 2008 11:00 a.m.
TOPIC: *Charter Schools*

The Board met for a workshop session on charter schools, held in the DIMC Studio at the District Office Complex, Building 3, with Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools facilitating. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Marge Whaley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Sandra Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; 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; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Eric Prutsman and Brewser Brown, Lobbyists; Representative John Legg; Maureen Moore, Director of Communications and Governmental Relations; representatives from USEP; charter school representatives; various district staff; CT Bowen, St. Pete Times; Jeff Solochek, St. Pete Times; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Ashley Reams, The Laker.

Mrs. DuBose updated the Board on the Charter School Task Force committee's plan of work for the 2007-2008 school year and completion of identified priorities.

Charter school representatives presented a five-minute overview of each of their schools:

Academy At The Farm, Suzanne Larkin, Chairperson, Board of Directors
Dayspring Academy, John Legg, Asst. Administrator
Countryside Montessori, Michelle Ferraro, Board Member
Athenian Academy of Pasco, Alicia Rodriguez Bower, Management Group for the Athenian Academy

Discussion followed the presentations and the Charter School Task Force was acknowledged for their outstanding efforts and continued success in the future.

The workshop concluded at 12:00 Noon

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: June 3, 2008 12:15 p.m.
TOPIC: *Legislative Review*

The Board met for a workshop session on legislative review, held in the DIMC Studio at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Marge Whaley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Sandra Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ruth Reilly, Assistant

Superintendent for Elementary Schools, Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Eric Prutsman and Brewser Brown, Lobbyists; representatives from USEP.; various district staff and principals; CT Bowen, St. Pete Times; Jeff Solochek, St. Pete Times; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Ashley Reams, The Laker.

The District's lobbyists updated Board Members on legislative initiatives impacting the District and other measures that passed during the 2008 Legislative Session.

The workshop concluded at 12:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: June 3, 2008 12:45 p.m.

TOPIC: *Negotiations*

The Board met in executive session on negotiations, held in the DIMC Studio at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Marge Whaley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Sandra Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools and Terry Rhum, Kevin Shibley and Bryan Jack, Employee Relations Department.

The Executive Session concluded at 1:40 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: June 3, 2008 1:45 p.m.

TOPIC: *Budget*

The Board met for a workshop session on the District's 2008-2009 budget, held in the DIMC Studio at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Marge Whaley. Member Martin had to leave for a doctor appointment. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Sandra Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Executive Director of Elementary Schools; Members of USEP; various district staff, principals and assistant principals; Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times; Ashley Reams, The Laker and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune.

Mrs. Ramos reviewed budget reduction suggestions and ideas from Member Whaley at the previous budget workshop and explained the historical and present costs of each suggestion.

Representatives from several schools and district departments spoke on behalf of administrators around the County.

Mrs. Swinson gave an overview of the District's capital funds for 2008-2009 and a funding accountability of employees by classification for each county. She reviewed a schedule of fund balances, frozen district allocations and supplements for the District along with a comparison of instructional salaries for Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

The workshop concluded at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

6/17/08

Superintendent