

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
June 16, 2009

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 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, Kathryn Starkey and Cathi Martin. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent, and Elliott Dunn, 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Robert Russell, 9th grade student at River Ridge High School, Wanda Rafuse, teacher at Pasco Middle School and Dustin White, upcoming senior at Land O'Lakes High School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2009. There were none, and on motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Starkey the minutes were approved unanimously.

Chip Wichmanowski, Executive Director of the Pasco Education Foundation, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Recognition of *Mitty P. Locke Elementary, Wesley Chapel Elementary, J.W. Mitchell High and River Ridge High* for Placing in the Odyssey of the Mind Team World Competition
- Presentation to National Board of Interpreters *Jessica Bellingar, Wendy Kuropas, Brian Paille, Patricia Phillips, Yvonne Perkins and Elizabeth Schaefermeyer*
- Presentation of Business Development Week Plaque by the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce

The Board recessed for pictures and the Chairman called the meeting back to order at 6:27 p.m.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. Student apologies:
Jeffrey – Possession of marijuana at Hudson High School
Amber – Battery on a student at River Ridge High School

Valerie Futch of New York spoke regarding her mother's non-reappointment as Assistant Principal at Pasco High School. She asked for consideration of reinstatement of Robin Futch's position.

Robin Futch of Dade City spoke regarding her non-reappointment as Assistant Principal at Pasco High School. She asked for consideration of reinstatement to her position for the 2009-2010 school year.

Bill Bunting of Hudson spoke on behalf of Superintendent Fiorentino. He stated that he feels she is entitled to make personnel decisions for the best interest of the district.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, addressed the Board regarding administrative reappointments. She expressed USEP's disappointment in Superintendent Fiorentino's decision to not extend contracts to several administrators. She noted that fear and uncertainty are moving through the district staff regarding their job security. Negotiations will be beginning soon and USEP has conducted an online survey. Survey data is being reviewed and priorities are being set. She stressed the importance of positive working conditions during these difficult financial times and asked the Board to be open and creative in order to reward employees.

Committee Reports:

Member Hurley attended the Coaches' Camp meeting and noted that a report is forthcoming. She shared information on the Be There Campaign, a media campaign that partners with Tampa Bay districts to take advantage of a \$300,000.00 gift. The program promotes parental involvement with children, which will assist the schools. She received consensus of the Board to move forward. She also attended the Florida School Boards Association Conference (FSBA) last week.

Member Starkey made a presentation on career academies to the New Port Richey Rotary Club with Allen Crumbley and Mark Wimberly. She attended the Pasco Education Foundation Executive Council meeting and visited Tarpon Springs High School Culinary Academy. She attended many sessions at the recent FSBA

Conference in Tampa. She would like to investigate the possibility of having the Purchasing Department contracts on-line.

Member Altman attended the FSBA Conference, Insurance Committee and the Watergrass Elementary School New School Retreat.

Chairman Parker attended the 2009 Principal/School Resource Office Luncheon, Anclote High School New School Retreat and the West Side Boundary Meeting.

During Committee reports, Board Members commended Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services, Maureen Moore, Director of Communications and Governmental Relations and Robin Futch, Assistant Principal at Pasco High School for their years of service and commitment to the District. Although several Board Members questioned the decision making of the Superintendent regarding the non-reappointments, all acknowledged her authority to make such decisions. Included in their remarks was their expectation of more collaboration between the Board and the Superintendent, as she makes decisions regarding future direction of the district.

Member Hurley asked the Superintendent to reconsider the non-reappointments. Member Starkey stated that she felt Mr. Gadd is very professional and capable and is dismayed at the lack of communication regarding his non-reappointment. She commended Valerie Futch on her remarks. Chairman Parker remarked that he was surprised at the method of communication regarding non-reappointments but feels it is the Superintendent's responsibility to appoint or non-reappoint personnel.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Pasco Education Foundation Monthly Report

Superintendent Fiorentino remarked that school grades would be released on Thursday. She stated that the Early Retirement programs would not be implemented at this time, possibly at a later date.

Mrs. Reilly responded to questions regarding the Title III Grant. She said Federal Grant money is released in two increments; however, monies were released at the end of the school year.

Mr. Davis announced that Anclote High School is in need of someone to oversee the Energy Academy.

Mrs. Tiede reported that Extended School Year (ESY) began today. Units and student numbers are being calculated.

(2.0) Sherri Dunham, representing 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 Female Student (DOB 4/26/91) from Wiregrass Ranch High School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/11/94) from Raymond B. Stewart Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/11/94) from River Ridge Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 8/9/95) from Dr. John Long Middle School - **TABLED**

Member Martin moved that the Board approve the tabling of expulsions as recommended in items 2.1-2.4. Member Hurley 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:

- 3.1 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations
- 6.3 Infrastructure Interlocal Agreement for Off Site Road Improvements
- 7.7 Renewal of Comprehensive Risk Management Program for 2009-2010

(3.2 – 18.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Hurley moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 3.1, 6.3 and 7.7. Member Martin seconded the motion. On discussion, Member Martin questioned the large discrepancy on enrollment numbers from last year on the Open Enrollment. Mrs. Reilly explained that the numbers are still being tabulated and a large number of requests are being processed. 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 _____.)
 - 3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

- 3.3 2009-2010 Administrative and Nonbargaining Personnel
- 4.0 Students** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 4.1 Student Transfer Requests
 - 4.2 J.W. Mitchell High School Newspaper and Yearbook Students to Travel to Orlando to Participate in an Annual Summer Workshop July 28-31, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions and Internal Accounts
 - 4.3 Sunlake High School Football Team to Participate in a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Football Camp in DeLand, Florida July 30-August 1, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions and Fundraising
- 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 2008-2009 Safety & Security Self-Assessment
 - 6.2 2008-2009 Annual Fire Safety, Casualty, Sanitation Inspection Report (Informational CD housed in Maintenance Department)
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Approval to Expend Funds 2009-2010
 - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.3 Maintenance Surplus Non-Inventory Parts
 - 7.4 Maintenance Surplus Inventory Parts
 - 7.5 Approval of Payroll Expenditures for May 2009 and Authorization to Expend Funds for June 2009
 - 7.6 2009-2010 Petty Cash Funds
 - 7.8 Warrant Lists
 - 7.9 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.10 Bids and Related Contracts
 - Contracts:** G4S Youth Services, LLC; Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute, Inc.; New Port Richey Marine Institute; Pace Center for Girls - Pasco; Pasco County Sheriff's Office; San Antonio Boys Village, Inc.; Wilson Youth Academy; IBM Mainline Information; Center for Technology and Education; School Link Technologies, Inc.; Caring Pediatrics; ABA Solutions, Inc.; Casper Behavior Approaches, Inc.; Cobbe Dental Associates; Drs. Howell, Whitehead & Associates d/b/a Tooth Caboose; Commercial Recycling; Premier Healthcare Group, Inc.; Pasco-Hernando Community College; Amaya Ramos, M.D.; PLACE program for Extended Care Services for Head Start; Western Governors University; Western State College of Colorado; PLACE Program and Early Learning Coalition of Pasco Hernando Counties, Inc.; The Red Apple Adult Training Center; Florida Virtual School Connections Academy; Florida Virtual School; K12 Florida, LLC
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Project Amendment
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Changes to the 2009-2010 Allocations
 - 9.2 Allocation Changes at Various High Schools
 - 9.3 Allocation Changes at Various Elementary and High Schools
 - 9.4 Title I Before and After School Programs at Various Elementary Schools, Title I Funds
 - 9.5 Approval to Employ Technical Assistant at T.E. Weightman Middle School, School Recognition Funds
 - 9.6 Pasco High School - Addition of 1.0 Basic Teacher Allocation for the Summer Portable Assistance Study Sequence Program, Funding: Title I Migrant
 - 9.7 Allocation for Pasco Virtual Instruction Program
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 10.1 Updated Agreement Between Exceptional Student Education Services, Student Services, and Prekindergarten Services 2009-2010
- 11.0 Additional Summer Work Days** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 12.0 Request for 60-Day Extension of Athenian Academy of Pasco Charter** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Collapse of PLACE Program at Shady Hills Elementary School** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0 2009-2010 Board of Directors for the Pasco Education Foundation, Inc.** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 15.0 Alternative Certification Program for Career and Technical Education** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 16.0 Updated Head Start/Early Head Start Procedures for Shared Decision-Making** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

17.0 Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures 2009-2010 Through 2011-2012 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

18.0 Policies (including any addenda) – None Submitted

(3.1) Discussion was held on the Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page_____.) Member Hurley stated that she does not have a problem with most of the items included, but would like to revisit the Communications Director and Assistant Superintendent for Support Services positions. She wanted to entertain a motion to reconsider the previous allocation approval from the June 2 meeting. Chairman Parker explained that this was not the appropriate time to do that and it could be brought up later in the meeting.

(6.3) Discussion was held on the Infrastructure Interlocal Agreement for Off Site Road Improvements (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page_____.)

John Petrashek, Director of Construction Services and Code Compliance presented information and stated that the District is working with the County regarding various issues on new school construction. Chris Williams, Director of Planning clarified total project estimates.

(7.7) Discussion was held on the Renewal of Comprehensive Risk Management Program for 2009-2010 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page_____.) Allan Flores of Brown and Brown Risk Insurance explained the program and discussed the per building deductible on wind and other losses. Mary Tillman, Director of Employee Benefits and Risk Management presented information on pool values.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve items 3.1, 6.3 and 7.7. Member Martin moved that the Board approve the three items, seconded by Member Altman. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Hurley revisited her previous issue on the 2009-2010 district allocations approved at the June 2 board meeting. The allocations included the Assistant Superintendent for Support Services and Communication Director and she stated that she feels the Superintendent's decision to remove these individuals should have been noted at that time. Member Hurley moved that the Board reconsider the approval of those two positions and deny funding until such time that the issue could be brought back at a future date. Chairman Parker called a recess to confer with Attorney Dunn on the issue and the meeting came back to order at 8:03 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:03 p.m. and on request by Attorney Dunn Member Hurley restated her motion on the floor that the Board reconsider the previous approval for the positions of Assistant Superintendent for Support Services and Director of Communications that were approved on June 2. Superintendent Fiorentino explained that item 9.5 on the June 2 agenda included all district office allocations. Member Hurley announced that she would then withdraw her motion.

Member Starkey attended the School Resource Officer Awards Luncheon.

Member Altman shared his feelings on the non-reappointments stating that he had many communications with parents throughout the week regarding these issues and stressed the importance of teamwork if the district is going to grow. He suggested revisiting the issues in a workshop environment.

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 July 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: June 16, 2009 4:00 p.m.

The Board met for a workshop session on *Pasco Virtual School*, which was presented by Kathy Steiner, Angie Murphy and Lori Wiggins, of the Curriculum and Instructional Services Department. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Elliott Dunn, School Board Attorney; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Jim Davis,

Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Lynne Webb, USEP; Terry Rhum and Kevin Shibley, Employee Relations; various department representatives; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

Board Members were presented with an overview of the new Pasco Virtual School that will open in August of this year. Recent legislation requires that each district have a full time virtual school program. The school will be housed at Crews Lake Middle School and will consist of three programs.. There will be two contracts for the elementary K-5 level and one for secondary grades 6-12.

A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

July 7, 2009

Superintendent