

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**June 17, 2008**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2008, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Vice Chairman Frank Parker and Board Members Marge Whaley, Allen Altman and Cathi Martin. Chairman Starkey was out of town. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent, and Dennis Alfonso, Attorney for the Board.

In the absence of Chairman Starkey, Vice Chairman Parker opened the meeting with the reading of the School Board's vision statement, followed with the thought for the day by Member Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Vice Chairman asked for a moment of silence for all the troops overseas serving our country.

The Vice Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2008, executive session of June 3, 2008 and three workshops of June 3, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Whaley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Superintendent Fiorentino attended the Florida School Boards and Florida Association of School Superintendents joint conference last week. She and the Board received a plaque for the completion of the Master Board program, which she presented to the Board.

Superintendent Fiorentino recognized the retirement of Sandy Ramos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services, and presented her with a gift of appreciation from the Board and Staff for all her years of service to the District.

The Vice Chairman recognized graduate students from Saint Leo University.

The Vice Chairman remarked that there were no special presentations this evening.

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

Student Apology: Kelly – Used a stolen cell phone on campus.

The Vice Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, said they had nothing at this time.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Whaley attended the Land O'Lakes High School graduation and noted that they had 591 graduates, which is the largest graduating class in Pasco County history. She also attended the School Resource Officer (SRO) luncheon and the new school retreat for Veterans Elementary School.

Member Altman said the Pasco High School graduation went very well. He attended the joint conference in Tampa last week and chaired a group regarding the State Board of Administration (SBA). He will share information with the Board.

Member Parker attended the graduation ceremonies for Gulf High School and Land O'Lakes High School. He also attended the SRO luncheon.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Monthly Report from the Pasco Education Foundation

Superintendent Fiorentino distributed information regarding affordable housing. She asked that the Board pull items 8.9 (Perkins grant) and 12.0 (Imagine Schools) from the agenda. She also asked that items 6.2 and 6.5 be put under the action agenda for a presentation by the architectural firms.

Superintendent Fiorentino expressed concern with the impact of the new Ethics in Education Act due to the wide scope of infractions included and the retroactive nature of the Bill. The due date for implementation is July 1. No technical assistance paper has been received from the Department of Education at this time. She recognized Mr. Waters and Mr. Florez in the audience in the event the Board had any questions on the renewal of the Comprehensive Risk Management Program on the agenda tonight.

The Superintendent asked that the Board accept an off agenda item regarding a contract extension for CrossPointe Schools (as part of item 7.10) (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Whaley moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Martin. On vote the motion carried unanimously. The Superintendent presented the contract term extension of 90 days and permission to negotiate, maintenance contract for CrossPointe Schools Online, Inc., for approval. Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the contract extension. Member Martin seconded the motion. On discussion it was explained that CrossPointe provides ongoing software maintenance of the TERMS modules and the contract will expire on June 20, 2008. The District's Information Services Department has requested an extension of the terms and conditions of the existing contract through August 20, 2008 and negotiating a new agreement. There being no further discussion, and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scanga stated that attendance has been good in the summer reading camps and extended school year programs.

Mr. Gadd stated that they are working to get as much as possible of the \$10 million money for off-site work with the County. He remarked that a pilot project is planned to convert a small building at Moore-Mickens Education Center into a satellite office for the Maintenance Department.

The Vice Chairman announced that there were no expulsion recommendations this evening.

The Vice 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:

- 6.2 Elementary School "R" (Connerton Development) - Architectural and Geotechnical Fees
- 6.4 Old Pasco Road Property – Letter of Intent – Conservation Easement
- 6.5 Elementary School "V" (Watergrass) – Amendment No. 1 – Guaranteed Maximum Price
- 7.6 Renewal of Comprehensive Risk Management Program for 2008-09
- 7.10 Bids and Related Contracts

(3.0 – 11.0) The Vice Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Whaley moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 7.6, 7.10, 8.9 and 12.0. Member Martin seconded the motion, 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 Sunlake High School Cheerleading Squad to Attend the NCA Cheerleader Camp at the University of Florida in Gainesville July 21-24, 2008 – No Charge to the District
  - 4.3 Sunlake High School Football Team to Attend the Team Football Camp at Stetson University in Deland July 27-30, 2008 – No Charge to the District
- 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 Elementary School "R" (Connerton Development – Land O'Lakes) - Construction Manager Agreement and Preconstruction Services
  - 6.3 2007-2008 Annual Fire Safety, Casualty, Sanitation Inspection Report
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 7.1 Approval to Expend Funds 2008-2009
  - 7.2 2008-2009 Petty Cash Accounts
  - 7.3 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures May, 2008 and Authorization to Expend Funds for June, 2008
  - 7.4 Revision of Board Action Concerning Vista Management Company (VMC) 401(k) Loans
  - 7.5 Surplus Equipment
  - 7.7 Food and Nutrition Services – Extra Duty Days
  - 7.8 Warrant Lists
  - 7.9 Requisitions and Related Contracts
  - Contracts:** Ablenet, Inc.
- 7.10 Bids and Related Contracts (**Moved to Action Agenda**)
  - Contracts:** Gulfside Regional Hospice, Inc.; Royal Oak Nursing Center; Harbor Behavioral Health Care Institute, Inc.; New Port Richey Marine Institute; San Antonio Boys Village;

Sunshine Youth Services; Henkels & McCoy Training Services; Department of Juvenile Justice; PACE Center for Girls; Pasco County Sheriff's Office; Wilson Youth Academy; Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.; Pasco Organization for Services for Transition (POST); Caring Pediatrics; Pasco County Health Department; Ford & Harrison LLP; Drs. Howell, Whitehead & Associates d/b/a Tooth Caboose; Healthy Start Coalition of Pasco, Inc.; Childhood Development Services; Seminole County; Cobbe Dental Associates; Columbus Educational Services, LLC; Sumter County School Board; CARES, Inc; Benjamin N. Cohen, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist; Frank A. Corradini, Clinical Social Worker; Kathryn G. Dies, Ph.D., F.A.G.P.A.; Robert Dies, Ph.D.; Martin Driscoll, Licensed Mental Health Counselor; Mindy E. Duran, M.A., Licensed Mental Health Counselor; Pamela Escobar, Ph.D.; Annette M. Kelm, M.S.; Scot Machlus, Ph.D.; Sally Mallery, M.S., Licensed Mental Health Counselor; The Counseling and Psychotherapy Center of Florida, Inc.

## **8.0 Grant Proposals**

- 8.1 IDEA, Part B, Entitlement Grant and IDEA, Part B, Preschool Entitlement Grant Application – 2008-2009
- 8.2 Adult Education English Literacy and Civics Education Grant for 2008-09
- 8.3 Adult Education and Family Literacy/Adult General Education Grant for 2008-09
- 8.4 Education of Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grant
- 8.5 Title IV, Part A, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Proposal
- 8.6 Title I School Improvement Initiative Grant – 2008-2009
- 8.7 Science, Tobacco and You Grant Proposal 2008-2009
- 8.8 Carl D. Perkins Grant – Section 131 for 2008-2009
- 8.9 Carl D. Perkins Post-secondary Grant – Section 132 for 2008-2009 - **PULLED**
- 8.10 Carl D. Perkins Grant – Section 131 for 2007-08 – Amendment #2
- 8.11 Title III, Part A: English Language Acquisition Project Application (TAPS Number 09A014) for 2008-2009
- 8.12 Title I, Part A Basic, Part C Migrant, and Part D Neglected and Delinquent Consolidated Grant Application for 2008-2009
- 8.13 Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training Recruiting Fund
- 8.14 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Application

## **9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

- 9.1 2008-2009 Allocations - River Ridge Middle School and Crews Lake Middle School
- 9.2 2008-2009 Allocation Changes – Marchman Technical Education Center
- 9.3 Summer Student Allocations
- 9.4 Allocation Changes at Lacoochee Elementary, R.B. Cox Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, T.E. Weightman Middle School and Wesley Chapel High School
- 9.5 Additional Summer Work Hours – West Zephyrhills Elementary School

**ADDENDA:** 2007-08 Additional ESY Reading Camp Allocation – Schrader Elementary School

## **10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

- 10.1 2008-2009 Dual Enrollment Agreement – Pasco Hernando Community College

## **11.0 Middle School Additional Courses Offerings for 2008-2009 – Business Keyboarding and Orientation to Career & Technical Occupations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

## **12.0 Imagine Charter School Contract - PULLED**

(6.2) Elementary School “R” (Connerton Development) - Architectural and Geotechnical Fees (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Steve Johnson and Jeff Cobble of Harvard Jolly Architects presented the master plan of the content area surrounding the school. They remarked on the long-term plans for a middle school, athletic fields and an aquatic center. Accommodations for portables have been made in the plans due to the relocation of Sanders Elementary School students for temporary housing during renovation of their campus. Discussion was held on the shared athletic field maintenance and it was noted that the board attorney was working on a master contract, which will allow for joint use agreements in the future.

(6.5) Elementary School “V” (Watergrass) – Amendment No. 1 – Guaranteed Maximum Price (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Dwight Holmes and Scott Holmes from the architectural firm of Holmes Hepner presented construction plans showing traffic flow of both staff and busses. The school is a reuse of the Gulf Trace and Veterans Elementary school plans, which is very cost effective. It was noted that the campus is secure with lockdown capabilities and signage will be visible. The school will be opened in 2009, with construction beginning tomorrow.

(6.4) Old Pasco Road Property – Letter of Intent – Conservation Easement (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Mr. Gadd provided procedures of how the District plans to use the land uplands for construction of future school sites and wetlands for mitigation purposes that would generate credits.

There being no further discussion, the Vice Chairman called for a motion to approve items 6.2, 6.4 and 6.5. Member Altman moved that the Board approve the three items as presented. Member Whaley seconded the motion, and on the vote the motion carried unanimously.

(7.6) Renewal of Comprehensive Risk Management Program for 2008-09 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Mr. Alan Florez, with Public Risk Insurance Agency described access liability limits. He feels we have adequate levels of insurance, as risk factors stand now. Sovereign immunity was explained and three examples of breaching this sovereign immunity were given. Member Altman expressed his feeling that excess liability is inexpensive and positive for the District. Approximately \$150,000 would be added to the insurance cost if the Board decides to raise the insurance level. A bus accident in recent past in Meadowpoint was used as an example of the need for this coverage. Attorney Alfonso interjected a legal viewpoint on this issue.

There being no further discussion, the Vice Chairman asked for a motion to approve items 7.6 and 7.10. Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the two items. Member Altman seconded the motion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Vice Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Whaley remarked that the Wellness Committee is exploring ways to support bus drivers and maintenance workers.

Attorney Alfonso expanded on the Ethics legislation and reported that the Department of Education is not excited about this legislation and are hoping for a veto. It creates punitive measures against the Board and Superintendent if our county does not follow reporting for teachers with prior criminal records.

Attorney Alfonso remarked on the positive outcome on the Deerwood Academy Charter School trial. He recognized the hard work of Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer and Mary Tillman, Director of Employee Benefits.

Attorney Alfonso shared information on the Imagine Charter School, issues including not-for-profit status of school and enrollment issue. There is concern that the State may cap enrollment figures for last year's projected enrollment, however, Imagine School may have considerably higher enrollment.

The Vice Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. No one came forward.

The Vice Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is July 8, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. It was noted that a dedication service would be held for the new Information Services building July 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.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 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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Superintendent