

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
June 19, 2012

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2012, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Joanne Hurley, Vice Chairman Cynthia Armstrong, and Board Members Allen Altman, Steve Luikart and Alison Crumbley. 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 Crumbley, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Aidan Bower, student at Longleaf Elementary School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on June 5, 2012, workshop on May 25, 2012, joint workshop on May 30, 2012, workshop on June 5, 2012 and executive session on June 5, 2012. There were none, and on motion by Member Armstrong, seconded by Member Crumbley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. John Mann, Director of Communications and Leadership Development coordinated the special presentation as follows: (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

- \$25,000 Grant to Pasco Education Foundation from Wells Fargo

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:06 p.m.

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

- Max Ramos, former Principal of Land O'Lakes High School spoke in support of the stadium being dedicated to Coach John Benedetto. He said Coach Benedetto was a positive influence to many young people and modeled leadership and self-confidence.
- Drew Weatherford, former Land O'Lakes High School student spoke on behalf of Coach Benedetto and the dedication of the stadium in his name. He stated that Coach Benedetto was an amazing role model for him and his entire family and many students have been impacted on and off the field.
- Kenny Blankenship, former student spoke on behalf of Coach Benedetto stating that he was one of his first students and was taught leadership, discipline, teamwork and focus.
- Jerry Cirusuolo thanked the Superintendent for meeting with Connerton Elementary School staff regarding their issues of concern with the school administration. He said the faculty is waiting for an answer. The Superintendent assured him that she was deliberating on her decision and it would be forthcoming.
- Pam Jones, retired teacher from Connerton Elementary stated that she was bullied as a staff member. She detailed past behaviors of the principal and perceived threats of discipline. She will put her thoughts on paper and send to the Board Members.
- Peggy Lopez expressed concern for the staff at Connerton who have been identified from participating in the meeting with the Superintendent. Still waiting for a timely decision from the Superintendent. She compared the bullying to a child being bullied.
- Cathy Brown, retired school nurse referenced an incident in 2010 at Sanders Elementary School when she says the Assistant Principal, Wendy Carswell (who is now the AP at Connerton) pushed her; however, she was placed on administrative leave and Ms. Brown said she was told that Ms. Carswell had done nothing wrong. She distributed copies of the police report (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- Michele Grady of Land O'Lakes read excerpts from a letter by a parent regarding the May 29, 2012 silent demonstration and incident at Connerton Elementary School. She has concerns with the safety of children on the campus. She distributed the letter (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- Melody Grantham, Fivay High School parent of an incoming 12th grade daughter. She expressed concern regarding band certificates given out at the band banquet, which humiliated her daughter. She said she spoke with school administration, but feels no one is taking responsibility for the action that was taken against her daughter. Her daughter is on suicide watch now and receiving counseling. She feels that her daughter is in a hostile environment and asked for her to be transferred to another school. Lizette Alexander, Director of Student Services spoke with Mrs. Grantham outside the Board Room.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Jim Ciadella, Business Representative of the USEP:

- Distributed information regarding endorsement of the Statewide resolution regarding over accountability of students, which is being endorsed by several other counties
- Negotiations are beginning for 2012-2013 and additional financial information has been requested
- Referenced the State's newest evaluation tool for non-classroom teachers, which is comprehensive and lengthy. He encouraged review of staffing levels and moving, where appropriate, to classroom positions
- Would like to see more administrative reductions in addition to what has been done

Committee Reports:

Member Armstrong:

- Health and Wellness Committee

Chairman Hurley:

- Reported that herself and members Altman and Armstrong attended the FSBA Conference in Tampa
- Explained that there is the State Resolution and also a resolution distributed to all counties by the Florida School Boards Association regarding over accountability

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Recognized John Mann, Ed.D. as the new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services, replacing Ruth Reilly, who retired.

Dave Scanga:

- Reviewed the work of the Vision Committee and recognized Peggy Jones, Ed Mutell, the Superintendent and other staff members and parent for their dedication to the Committee's work

Olga Swinson:

- Advised that the backup information for item 7.9, Renewal of the Comprehensive Risk Management Program was before the Board. She introduced Mr. Allen Flores with the Public Risk Insurance agency. Mr. Flores gave a brief presentation discussing the increase and factors which impacted the property insurance rate, including wind model and domestic and global insurance losses. He focused on the way the district can absorb more risk and avoid high rate increases. Member Altman said he feels this is accurate information. He is concerned about the continued use of reserves and exposure to our properties and vehicles. This is a balance which might be best to consider. (\$66 million less in coverage)

Tina Tiede:

- Mrs. Grantham returned and thanked the Board for their help to resolve her daughter's issue at Fivay High 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 Bus Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 3/21/2001) - Moon Lake Elementary School

2.2 School Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/3/1998) - Harry Schwettman Education Center

2.3 School Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 1/1/1997) - James Irvin Education Center

2.4 School Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/12/1996) - James Irvin Education Center

Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4. Member Altman seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked Board members to identify the items on the consent agenda that they would like placed on the action agenda. The items on the **ACTION AGENDA** are as follows:

3.1 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

3.2 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations

7.11 Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts

13.0 Dedicating the Football Stadium at Land O'Lakes High School

16.0 Policies

16.1 2012-2013 Student Progression Plan - First Reading

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 with the exception of 3.1, 3.2, 7.11(Pearson Education,

Inc. Contract Pulled), and 13.0. Member Luikart seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3.0 Human Resources (including any addenda) (See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

3.3 Administrative, Instructional, Non-Bargaining, and School Related Personnel Reappointments

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

4.1 Change of Placement

4.2 Requests for School Field Trips

5.0 Requests for use of Facilities (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

5.1 Requests for Use of Facilities

6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance Services and Transportation (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

6.1 Educational Plant Five-Year Survey Report - 2012 through 2017

6.2 Future Site of Middle School "II" - Easement for Right-of-Way for Withlacoochee River

6.3 Odessa Elementary School - Interlaken Road Right-of-Way Easement

6.4 Richey Elementary School - Water Main Easement Agreement

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

7.1 Approval to Expend Funds - 2012-2013

7.2 Audit of School Internal Accounts for the Years Ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011 - Sand Pine Elementary School and Zephyrhills High School

7.3 Disposition of Library Books from School Media Centers

7.5 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for May 2012 and Authorization to Expend Funds for June 2012

7.6 Warrant Lists

7.7 Student Fees & Athletic Participation Fees for 2012-2013

7.8 Surplus Equipment

7.9 Renewal of Comprehensive Risk Management Program for 2012-2013

7.10 Request for Approval of Purchase Orders and Associated Contracts

Contracts: Cengage-Learning; Playmore West, Inc.

7.11 Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts – (**Pearson Education, Inc. – Pulled**)

Contracts: Accelerate Education and FYI; American Reading Company; Beef O' Brady's; Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College; Bright House Networks, LLC; Calvert Partners, Inc.; Carone Fitness, Inc.; Chris Nocco, Sheriff of Pasco County; CORE Education & Consulting Services; Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ); Education Training Corporation d/b/a Florida Career College; Edwinola Retirement Community; Exceptional Student Education, PreKindergarten Services and Student Services Department; Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Ford & Harrison LLP; Gulfside Regional Hospice, Inc.; Keiser University; Lee County Public Schools; Leon County Public Schools; Medical Center of Trinity (formerly Community Hospital); Ocean Honda; PACE Center for Girls; Pasco-Hernando Community College (2 contracts); Pasco County Health Department; Pasco Learning and Activity Centers for Enrichment (PLACE); Pasco Regional Medical Center; Plato's Closet; PreKindergarten Services and Food and Nutrition Services Department; Rapid Solutions Group; Royal Oak Nursing Center; School Board of Seminole County, Florida; South University – Tampa; Sun Automotive, Inc.; University of South Florida, Board of Trustees; West Winds Assisted Living Facility; Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.; ~~Pearson Education, Inc.-(pulled)~~

8.0 Grant Proposals (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

8.1 Fuel Up To Play 60 Grant

8.2 Title X, Part C Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant

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

9.1 Allocation Changes (2012-2013)

9.2 Allocations - Instructional Trainer Coaches

9.3 Summer 2012 Allocation Changes

10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted

11.0 Approval of Pasco Education Foundation Board of Directors 2012-2013 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

12.0 Change in Board Meeting Date - August 2012 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

14.0 Charter Schools (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

14.1 Athenian Academy of Pasco, Inc. 15-Year Charter Contract

14.2 Countryside Montessori Charter Contract - Request for Extension of Current Contract

15.0 Staff Travels (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

15.1 J.W. Mitchell High School Instructional Staff Member to attend the NJROTC

New Instructor Orientation Training in San Diego, CA

(3.1 & 3.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of 3.1 - Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations and 3.2 - Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations (**See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.**) Member Luikart requested that the Board receive confidential information regarding the staff when they receive their board packets to allow time to review. Member Altman moved that the Board approve the personnel recommendations, seconded by Member Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(7.11) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts (**See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.**) Chairman Hurley questioned the contract with Pearson and exclusive rights for FCAT and remedial materials. Mrs. Swinson said she would need to research. Chairman Hurley moved that the Board approve item 7.11 with the exception of tabling the contract with Pearson Education, Inc. until the next Board Meeting after clarification. Member Altman seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(13.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Dedicating the Football Stadium at Land O'Lakes High School (**See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.**) Member Armstrong thanked supporters of Coach Benedetto. She remarked that the Board can not take naming of facilities lightly, due to longevity of these actions. She suggested that two readings be held before action is taken. She moved that the Board table the item until the next meeting to get community input. Member Luikart seconded the motion and remarked that he would like to hear from booster club and/or school people. Member Altman referenced previous meetings where this was discussed. Chairman Hurley said she had received many emails on this topic and does not support the tabling of it. On vote, the motion died with votes of 4 nays and 1 aye. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve to proceed with naming the stadium after Coach John Benedetto. Member Luikart seconded the motion. On discussion, Member Altman agreed to go forward with a first and second reading on naming facilities when policies are addressed. It was noted that the recommendation was that a period of time was to be determined by the Board. Chairman Hurley said she was not in agreement of placing a time limit on this one and it would be considered in the next update of policies. There was no further discussion and on vote, the motion to approve the naming of the Land O'Lakes High School stadium after Joan Benedetto carried unanimously.

(16.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the 2012-2013 Student Progression Plan - First Reading (**See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.**) Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the first reading, seconded by Member Altman. Tina Tiede addressed questions by Member Altman regarding summer school (ESY) and Member Armstrong regarding early graduation options. Chairman Hurley was informed that course weighting would be clarified at the second reading. There was no further discussion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Received assurance that statutory changes allow for high performing charter schools to be awarded 15-year contracts. Athenian Academy Charter School does meet the criteria.

Member Altman:

- Expressed concerns with students receiving incorrect or conflicting information regarding dual enrollment. The Superintendent explained that Pasco Hernando Community College has limited some course options and changed the way that the district can work with them. Updated information will go out to the schools.

Member Armstrong:

- Will forward the White Paper regarding Pasco Hernando Community College dual enrollment to the Board
- Toured Richey Elementary School renovation
- Wiregrass Ranch High School Video Contest winners were showcased at the FSBA Conference

Chairman Hurley:

- FSBA Conference:
 - Reception to honor Pasco business partners, Dr. Musunuru and Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union
 - Our School Board is one of 11 School Boards in the state to be considered a Certified Board, with three board members having completed 100 hours of training. With the Superintendent and Board training we are also considered a Master Board
- Spoke to Jim Ciadella regarding the resolution. She said personally she doesn't feel it should be taken up as a Board, but as individuals and it is their responsibility to talk to the legislative delegation concerning the key points in the resolution.
- Attended Richey Elementary construction tour

- Suggested a workshop on energy use and devices and consider multi-year projects that may have a pay back in the future

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Remarked that the four freshmen in the Wiregrass Ranch High School video will come to a Board Meeting in August
- Received confirmation that Board Members would like a new draft of the language for naming facilities

Attorney Alfonso:

- Suggested that the Board be consistent when updating Policy 7250 for naming facilities with having a first and second reading on all commemorations
- Received consensus of the Board that the employee hearings scheduled for July 18 and July 23 will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room

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 3, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: June 19, 2012 4:00 p.m.

TOPIC: Career Academy Update and 5-Year Plan; Budget

The Board met for workshop sessions at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart, Alison Crumbley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; John Mann, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Beth Brown, Executive Director for Secondary Schools; Tom Barker, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Various Department and School Representatives; Jeff Solocheck, Tampa Bay Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune

Budget

Olga Swinson presented a comprehensive review of the budget process and timeline calendars. She reviewed updated budget projections and the impact current decisions will have on district finances going forward. Question and answer session followed.

Career Academy Update

Board Members were updated on the progress of the Career Academies and plans for future expansion. The district will be cooperating with business partners to determine future program needs.

The workshop concluded at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

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Superintendent