

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
July 8, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 8, 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 Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Parker, seconded by Member Martin, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman announced that there were no special presentations today.

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

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. The Superintendent announced that USEP members were attending the insurance interviews and not in attendance today.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Altman said the Insurance Committee is in the process of interviewing for pharmacy and health care providers today.

Members Parker, Altman and Starkey attended the dedication today on the new telecommunication's building at the district office complex.

Chairman Starkey along with Member Parker toured Crews Lake Middle School last week.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

The Superintendent announced that the Florida Department of Education released school grades and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results today. She was pleased to report that for the first time ever, the District School Board of Pasco County has received the top ranking of an A.

(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 4/19/93) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/23/91) from Wiregrass Ranch High School - **TABLED**
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/2/92) from Ridgewood High School
- 2.4 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/11/91) from River Ridge High School - **TABLED**
- 2.5 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/16/90) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 8/13/92) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 8/13/94) from Raymond B. Stewart Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/12/96) from Raymond B. Stewart Middle School - **TABLED**

Member Whaley moved that the Board approve to table the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4-2.8. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the expulsion as recommended in item 2.3. 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:

- 11.1 Five-Year Charter Agreement for Imagine School at Land O'Lakes
- 16.1 Second Reading – *Student Progression Plan*

(3.0 – 15.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Parker moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 11.1. Member Whaley 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 Hudson High School Volleyball Team to Travel to Cardinal Gibbons High School October 2-4, 2008 to Participate in a Volleyball Tournament, Funding – Student Fundraisers
 - 4.3 Wiregrass Ranch High School Step Team to Travel to Lake Buena Vista to Attend the Step Team Disney National Competition August 29-30, 2008, Funding: Student Fundraisers and Contributions
 - 4.4 Pasco High School NJROTC Members to Travel to Pensacola, Florida, July 6-12, 2008 to Participate in Basic Leadership Training, Funding – NJROTC School Account and Student Contributions
- 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 2007-2008 Safety & Security Self-Assessment Report
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.2 2007-2008 Budget Amendments #47-51 – May 2008 (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.3 2007-2008 Year-end Budget Amendment #52-60 (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.4 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 7/1/07-5/31/08
 - 7.5 Donation of Surplus Computers to Countryside Montessori Elementary, Academy at the Farm and Athenian Academy of Pasco Charter Schools
 - 7.6 Warrant Lists
 - 7.7 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.8 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Interagency Agreement with Florida Department of Children and Families, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc., and the Pasco Hernando Jobs and Education Partnership Regional Board, Inc.; Amaya Ramos, M.D.; The Harbor Behavioral Health; Dr. Amaya Ramos, M.D.; Prevention Projects, Inc.; Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.; Dorothy Lekarczyk, Ph.D.; Catholic Charities; Diocese of St. Petersburg; Lifespan Service, Inc.; Suncoast Support, Inc.; Rebecca Blanco, Ph.D.; Procurement Card Extension of Bank of America Contract through 9/26/08 and "Piggy-Back" Volusia County School Board with Regions Bank Upon Termination of Contract with Bank of America
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Advanced Placement Incentive Program Grant Proposal 2008
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Allocation Changes at R.B. Cox Elementary, Calusa Elementary and Lacooshee Elementary Schools
 - 9.2 Additional Summer Work Hours – Gulf Trace Elementary School
 - 9.3 Additional Summer Work Hours – Ridgewood High and J.W. Mitchell High Schools
 - 9.4 Increase Student Services School Nurse Allocation by 1.5 Units, Funding – School Supplemental Health
 - 9.5 Pre-K Allocation Change – One Additional Early Head Start Caregiver, Funding – Early Head Start Grant
 - 9.6 Transfer of One Allocation from Construction Services Department to the Planning Department and the Downgrade of the Allocation to a GIS Specialist
 - 9.7 Allocation Changes at River Ridge Middle and River Ridge High Schools
 - 9.8 Additional Summer Work Days – Correction to DIMC Instructional Trainer/Coach
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 12.0 Pasco Education Foundation** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 12.1 Approval of Advertising on Athletic Fields and in Gymnasiums
- 13.0 ADA/504 Accommodation Request** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0 Calendar – Staff Development Instructional Trainer/Coach** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

15.0 Instructional Negotiating Team for 2008-2009 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(11.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Five-Year Charter Agreement for Imagine School at Land O'Lakes (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the charter agreement, seconded by Member Martin. Discussion was held on the school's enrollment figures, which are above the application number and Pasco's projections to the Department of Education (DOE), which is more than DOE might provide funding for if the state puts a cap on spending. The Superintendent and the Board expressed concern about how the district would pay for extra students from Hillsborough County, home schools and private schools, if the state freezes spending. The state conducts an official student count in October and funding is adjusted to match the actual enrollment. The Superintendent said there is no concern if DOE does not cap the district before then. Attorney Alfonso remarked that if the cap happens the district might need to develop a formula to determine how much funding to give the charter school. Member Parker called a correction to section 4.19.2, page 28 of 47 of the contract, to delete the word "internal" and should read "The ~~internal~~ auditor shall report....." Member Whaley amended her motion on the floor to approve the charter agreement with changes to 4.19.2 striking the word "internal". Member Martin seconded the amended motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(16.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading – *Student Progression Plan* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the second reading. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Parker said the Energy Committee is receiving information from vendors on different ways to conserve and are moving forward with additional cutbacks on energy savings.

Chairman Starkey announced that the new Director of the Florida School Boards Association is Linda Winchester from Sumter County. Mrs. Starkey was elected as Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee. She remarked that Gus Stavros was nominated as the Florida School Boards Association's Private Citizen of the year for public education.

Member Starkey initiated discussion on the Language Academy Charter School and she received confirmation that a check for money owed has been sent to the church where the school was located. Attorney Alfonso briefed the Board stating that there has been communication with SunTrust Bank on the transfer of funds from the Academy's account to the District and an agreement has been drawn up and sent to the bank. He will keep the Board updated on this situation.

On question by Chairman Starkey, Superintendent Fiorentino clarified that administrators have received new procedures for working with the Department of Communications in handling media calls. In the near future, it is hoped that employees will have training opportunities on managing the news media and press requests.

The Chairman acknowledged Educational Leadership students in the audience from St. Leo University.

Attorney Alfonso requested that any questions or concerns Board members receive from the public regarding on-going or possible lawsuits should be directed to him.

Member Altman requested Attorney Alfonso to forward the laws on cell phone use at schools to Board members.

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 22, 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 Whaley, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: July 8, 2008 10:40 a.m.

TOPIC: BUDGET

The Board met for a workshop session on the District's budget, which was presented by Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Marge Whaley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; 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; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune; Ashley Reams, The Laker and Nomaan Merchant, St. Petersburg Times.

Mrs. Swinson updated the Board on the Capital Funds for 2008/2009, Proposed Millages and Capital Funding – New Revenue. Mrs. Swinson received direction from the Board to keep the Local Capital Improvement Millage rate at 1.500 for 2008-09. Some Board members expressed concern that the District would not be able to afford a loss of \$7 million by lowering the rate to 1.250 when other sources of capital funding are already expected to bring in about \$43 million less than the current school year.

Board members expressed interest in meeting individually with the Superintendent's staff regarding the budget before the next budget workshop on July 22.

The workshop concluded at 11:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: June 26, 2008 10:35 a.m.

TOPIC: Negotiations

The Board met in executive session on negotiations, held in the Chief Finance Officer's Conference Room, Building #8 of the District School Board Complex. 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; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley and Terry Rhum, Employee Relations Department; John Simon and Bill Kleinsorge, Finance Department.

The Executive Session concluded at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

7/22/08

Superintendent