

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**July 20, 2010**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:10 p.m., Tuesday, July 20, 2010, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Allen Altman, Vice Chairman Joanne Hurley, and Board Members Frank Parker, Kathryn Starkey 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 Parker 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, executive session and workshop of July 6, 2010. There were none, and on motion by Member Parker, seconded by Member Hurley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. John Mann, Director of Leadership Development, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- *Battle of the Belts* Seat Belt Safety Campaign Honorees

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:17 p.m.

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

- Student apology: Andrew – River Ridge High School (battery on a school official).
- Patrick Connolly of Zephyrhills stated that it would be hard for Pasco to complain that the State is not funding education if the Board failed to take advantage of the opportunity to raise funds through the .25 millage rate increase. He still has concerns with portions of the policies and hopes he will be pleased with the revisions.
- Robert Marsh of Masaryktown commented that the .25 tax increase is not that much and encouraged the Board to vote for the tax. He referred to an Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., quotation regarding the need for taxes to maintain civilization.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, commended the Board for past decisions and asked that they continue to do it again by passing the .25 millage rate increase.

**Committee Reports:**

**Member Parker:**

- Early Retirement Committee – sending information back to actuary before bringing to the Board. Mrs. Swinson noted that a workshop is planned for August 3 to review the findings.

**Member Starkey:**

- Suggested that some “fast facts” be posted on the back of the Pasco Highlights flyer.

**Member Hurley:**

- Reviewed construction management proposals as part of a committee and interviewed six companies – information is on district web site.

**(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:**

**Superintendent Fiorentino:**

- Pulled items 12.1 - Revised Job Description for *Clinic Assistant* and 12.2 - New Job Description for *School Nurse*.
- Distributed a talking sheet on class size for Board Members to share with the community.

**Ruth Reilly:**

- AYP outcomes/grades in early August – delayed again.

**Dave Scanga:**

- Introduced Traci Hemingway as new Assistant Principal at Pine View Elementary.

**Renalia DuBose:**

- Introduced Elizabeth Kuhn as Supervisor of Employee Relations.

**Tina Tiede:**

- Introduced Terry Holback as new Principal of Hudson 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 12/14/94) from Ridgewood High School
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/26/93) from Wesley Chapel High School
- 2.3 Bus Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 4/8/99) from Chester W. Taylor Elementary School

Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1, 2.2 and 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 consent agenda that they would like placed on the action agenda. The items on the **ACTION AGENDA** are as follows:

- 7.1 Advertisement for 2010-2011 Proposed Tentative Budget Including the Proposed Additional .25 Mills for Critical Operating Needs
- 7.5 Resolution to Levy Millage for Critical Operating Needs for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Fiscal Years

**16.0 Policies**

- 16.1 First Reading - *Revised DSBPC Policies*

(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 7.1, 7.5, 12.1 and 12.2. Member Starkey 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 Change of Placement
- 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 Architectural Agreements for Work Group Projects – Williamson Dacar Associates; Fleischman Garcia Architects, Inc. and Reynolds, Smith & Hill Architects, Inc.
  - 6.2 Agriculture Lease Agreement – Odessa Bus Garage Property (Interlaken Road)
  - 6.3 Electric Utility Easement – Odessa Bus Garage Property
  - 6.4 Cell Tower Ground Lease Agreement for Sunlake High School
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
  - 7.3 Zephyrhills High School – Declare Bunker Rake Surplus and Trade-In
  - 7.4 2010-2011 Petty Cash Funds
  - 7.6 Warrant Lists
  - 7.7 Requisitions and Related Contracts
  - 7.8 Bids and Related Contracts
    - Contracts:** Heritage Park; Goodwill Industries-Suncoast & Career Central, Inc.;
    - Pasco County Health Department
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
  - 8.1 Carl D. Perkins Grant Application for 2010-2011
  - 8.2 2010-2011 IDEA, Part B, Entitlement Grant Application and 2010-2011 IDEA, Part B, Preschool Entitlement Grant
- 9.0 Allocations** – None Submitted
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Early Head Start and Head Start** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 11.1 Refunding Application of Early Head Start Expansion
  - 11.2 Refunding Application of Head Start Expansion
- 12.0 Job Descriptions** (including any addenda)
  - 12.1 Revised Job Description – *Clinic Assistant* - **PULLED**
  - 12.2 New Job Description – *School Nurse* - **PULLED**
- 13.0 Land O'Lakes High School Instructional Staff Member to Attend Yearbook Training in Irving, Texas July 23-26, 2010, Funding: Taylor Publishing** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**14.0 Post Secondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) Course Adoption for 2010-2011** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**15.0 PLACE Program Drop-In Services Rate Increase** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

(7.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Advertisement for 2010-2011 Proposed Tentative Budget Including the Proposed Additional .25 Mills for Critical Operating Needs (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) The extra tax would bring in approximately \$5.5 million for the school district, which is facing a \$28 million shortfall and has been exploring ways to cut spending. During discussion Member Parker said the Legislature has under-funded the school district making the decision necessary. The District needs to keep as many employees working as possible and he feels the extra 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable property value will help do that. Member Starkey said she did not feel comfortable raising taxes at a time when so many people are struggling because of the weak economy. Member Hurley commented that this is only before the Board for advertising at this time. Superintendent Fiorentino noted the need to advertise at the highest rate and then a vote will be taken at the next meeting. Member Parker moved that the Board approve the additional .25 Mills for Critical Operating Needs, seconded by Member Martin. On vote the motion carried with the ayes being Martin, Hurley, Parker and Altman and nay being Starkey.

(7.5) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Resolution to Levy Millage for Critical Operating Needs for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Fiscal Years (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the resolution, seconded by Member Martin. On discussion Member Parker remarked that approval of this issue would put the additional .25 Mills on the ballot to allow future Boards to vote to continue with the .25 mills in later years. Attorney Alfonso clarified that although there is not clear interpretation on the law, the issue has to be put on the ballot in November 2010 in order for the Board to vote on this matter in future years. There must first be a super-majority vote by this Board before the November ballot to approve the .25 Mill for 2010-2011. After further discussion and on vote, the motion carried with ayes being Martin, Hurley, Parker and Altman and nay being Starkey.

(16.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of First Reading - Revised DSBPC Policies (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker motioned to approve the revisions, seconded by Member Starkey. It was noted that this is a "living and breathing" document and will continue to be updated. On vote the motioned carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Starkey:

- A letter from a citizen trying to get employment with the District who is ineligible because of a D.U.I. he received 23 years ago was given to the Superintendent to investigate.

Superintendent Fiorentino brought up an off agenda item for a use of facility request. Member Parker moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote the motion carried unanimously. Superintendent Fiorentino stated that a candidate has requested to film a commercial inside one of the middle schools on Saturday, July 24. She explained that although there would be no fingerprinting required as there would not be students present there would be the need for employees to turn the air conditioning and custodial cleanup, etc. She noted that it would set a precedent and stated that she was not in favor of using our schools for political backdrops. Member Hurley remarked that the setting could be simulated and did not see the need to film inside a school building. She also did not want to set a precedent. There was no further discussion and Member Hurley moved that the Board not approve the request for use of facility. Member Martin seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Fiorentino stated that County Commissioners have been invited to attend the VIP tour of Fivay High School along with 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 and First Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 Budget and Public Hearing on Class Size is July 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Member Starkey remarked that she may not be able to be present at the July 27 meeting and also noted that she would be donating her salary back to the District.

There was no further business to come before the Board and the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.  
(Audio recording of the above proceeding is available and preserved as public document.)

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: July 20, 2010 4:30 p.m.**  
**TOPIC: *Charter School Services and 2010-2011 Budget Update***

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 T.V. Studio. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Director of Employee Relations; Summer Romagnoli, Governmental Relations; Nancy Scowcroft, Director of Charter Schools; Lynne Webb, U.S.E.P.; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and several school board member candidates.

Mrs. Scowcroft updated the Board on the charter schools and presented a handout regarding contracts and related issues. Mrs. DuBose discussed new enrollment procedures and timelines. She noted that the approval for any increases in enrollment would come to the Board for approval before April of 2011. The Charter School Task Force is developing procedures for presentation to the Board in early fall. A question and answer session followed.

Mrs. Swinson presented an overview and update on the budget and proposed millages for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. Discussion was held on the .25 Mills for critical operating needs.

The workshops concluded at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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August 3, 2010

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Superintendent