

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
July 22, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 22, 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 Parker and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Sue Beddow, Teacher at Bayonet Point Middle School and asked for healing and caring thoughts for Gabriel Neal, critically injured Sunlake High School student.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting and workshop of July 8, 2008 and Executive Session of June 26, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Parker, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman recognized Education Leadership students in the audience from St. Leo University.

Maureen Moore, Director, Pasco Education Foundation, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Recognition of Gulf Trace Elementary School as the First Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certified Silver K-12 School in Florida

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

Student Apologies:

Nick – Fighting at school

Bradley – Drugs at school

Kevin – Damage to Gulf High School

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco (USEP) had anything to present. Jim Ciadella, Business Representative of USEP, said they have submitted ideas for the Board to consider as the budget process continues. He asked that it be noted on the record that the Union would like any savings that are realized to be earmarked for employee step increases and the maintenance of the insurance program versus other areas of concern. Robert Benjamin, USEP business representative, remarked that USEP has not received feedback to their budget cost saving ideas as of today. He said USEP is committed to being a part of the solution to the budgetary challenges and also requests to be a part of the cost-saving discussions. He referred to a recent article in the St. Petersburg Times that spoke about pet projects of Board members and the Superintendent and he told the Board "the employee should be the Board's pet project." Mr. Benjamin urged the Board to make employee salaries their top priority.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

The Superintendent distributed the new Pasco Highlights flyer and made note that our district made history by making it's first "A". She remarked that Board members will be provided a list of every school and their individual grades.

Chairman Starkey heard a presentation on the School Pool and Walking School Bus programs at a recent Safety Committee meeting. These programs help parents find ways to carpool with other parents and help kids with walking to school safely. She suggested the District look at these as pilot programs at some of our schools.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 2008-09 Test Calendar

1.2 Utility Consumption Review as of 3rd Quarter, SY2007-2008

Mrs. Reilly remarked that the Literacy Conference was a success last week. She noted that Board members have been given updated test calendars for their reference.

Dr. Scanga noted that we are in the process of holding feeder pattern meetings to include discussions on what schools plan to work on next year and giving feedback to teachers. He also acknowledged a student in the audience from University of South Florida in Educational Leadership program.

Mr. Gadd remarked that the Pasco Oversight Committee met and toured Crews Lake Middle School, which will open on schedule.

Mrs. DuBose reminded everyone of the upcoming school dedications, Veterans Elementary on September 24 and Crews Lake Middle on September 25.

Mrs. Tiede remarked that the Chinese Culture Camp kickoff would be held on Monday, July 28 at 9:00 a.m. in the Pasco Middle School auditorium.

(2.0) The Chairman announced that there were no expulsion hearings this evening.

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:

15.0 Policies

- 15.1 First Reading: Revision to Policy GBCB, Employee Conduct and Ethics to include Pasco's Reasonable Suspicion Drug Testing

(3.0 – 14.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Parker inquired about additional information needed for item 7.1. Mrs. Swinson responded that the correct materials were given to Board members during the budget workshop held before the board meeting. Member Parker moved that the Board approve the consent agenda as amended to include the corrected handouts for 7.1. 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 Land O'Lakes High School Students to Travel to Orlando August 5-8, 2008 to Attend the Yearbook Workshop, Funding: School's Yearbook Account
- 4.3 Pasco High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Members to Travel to Indianapolis, Indiana October 20-25, 2008 to Compete in National Competition, Funding: Special Project Funds for National Competitions

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 – None Submitted

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

- 7.1 Advertisement for 2008-2009 Proposed Tentative Budget
- 7.2 Approval of Payroll Expenditures June, 2008 and Authorization to Expend Funds for July, 2008
- 7.3 Surplus Equipment
- 7.4 Warrant Lists
- 7.5 Requisitions and Related Contracts
- 7.6 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Carlton Palms Education Center; Red Apple Training Center Counseling; The Board of Seminole County; New Tampa Psychological Services, Inc.; Verizon Business Network Services Agreement

8.0 Grant Proposals– None Submitted

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

- ~~9.1 Changes to 2008-2009 Allocations at Charles S. Rushe Middle School (Varying Exceptionalities) – No Action Taken~~
- 9.2 Allocation Change for Hudson High School (Adaptive PE)
- 9.3 Allocation Changes at Lacochee Elementary School (Secretary III)
- 9.4 Additional Summer Work Hours for Chasco Elementary School (Reading Specialist)
- 9.5 Parent Involvement Workshop at Northwest Elementary School for 2008-09

10.0 Agreements/Contracts (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book ____, Page ____.)

- 10.1 First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners for Pet Shelter Pilot During Severe Weather Events

11.0 New High School Course Adoption 2008-2009 – Music 4 IB (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book ____, Page ____.)

12.0 New High School Course Adoption 2008-2009 – Agriscience Sales & Services; Agricultural Sales & Services 2 and Agricultural Sales & Services 3 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book ____, Page ____.)

- 13.0 New Middle School Course Adoption 2008-2009 – M/J Physical Fitness & Career Planning; M/J Band 2 & Career Planning and M/J Band 3 & Career Planning** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0 2008-2009 BCE Student Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(15.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading: Revision to Policy GBCB, Employee Conduct and Ethics to include Pasco's Reasonable Suspicion Drug Testing (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the first reading, seconded by Member Martin. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Whaley reported that the Wellness Committee meeting has drafted their new plan for next year and are working on the health assessments, which will be continued this year.

Member Martin suggested that it be stated during a Board meeting that members receive their board packets on Thursday before the meeting, allowing them time to review with staff if needed.

Member Parker said the Energy Committee has been provided with suggestions on energy saving ideas from vendors, which will be brought to the Board at a later date.

Chairman Starkey said a career academy committee is being formed with the Education Foundation. She would like our successful recycling efforts to be shared with others around the nation and she is working on getting community businesses to privately fund Karen Bryant, Recycling Coordinator to travel to San Diego to participate and share our best practices with others.

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 2008-2009 Budget is July 29, 2008. She noted that the time of the meeting has been moved to 5:30 p.m. and will begin with a closed session for pending litigation.

The Chairman requested that budget information requested by USEP also be copied to Board members.

Attorney Alfonso stated that a closed session for litigation with attorney and board is needed to discuss a liability case. It was the consensus of the Board that the closed session be held at the next scheduled meeting on July 29, 2008, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman seconded by Member Parker the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: July 22, 2008 4:10 p.m.

TOPIC: BUDGET

The Board met for a workshop session on the 2008-2009 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; Jim Ciadella and Robert Benjamin, USEP; Finance Department Staff; Rob Aguis, Director of CTE; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and Ashley Reams, The Laker.

Board Members received an overview of the 2008-2009 Budget Analysis showing cuts to various programs and services and an explanation of the Budget Summary Notice by Mrs. Swinson, CFO and John Simon, Finance Services Manager. Discussion ensued on the budget and cost saving efforts with a question and answer session following.

Discussion was also held on “courtesy rides” that are provided to some students where walking conditions are considered hazardous. The district is in the process of re-evaluating the procedure.

Rob Aguis, Director of CTE gave a brief presentation on Career Academies and handed out materials.

The workshop concluded at 5:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

Superintendent