

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
July 28, 2009

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2009, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Frank Parker, Vice Chairman Allen Altman and Board Members Joanne Hurley and Cathi Martin. Member Kathryn Starkey was out of town. 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 for a moment of silence in remembrance of Valeriya Kozynets, student at Zephyrhills High School.

The Chairman announced that minutes of the July 21, 2009 regular meeting and workshop would be submitted at the August 18, 2009 meeting.

The Chairman announced that the public hearing on the tentative school budget for the 2009-2010 school year was now open. Board Members were informed that a 20-minute video on the proposed tentative budget was prepared by the Finance Department and would be available for viewing within the next couple of days on the district website. The Chairman asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on the budget.

Sandra Schaberg of Port Richey and 30-year Pasco teacher spoke regarding construction of a new district administrative building and culinary arts building at Land O'Lakes High School. She asked that other options be looked at due to budget constraints.

Patrick Connolly of Zephyrhills and Pasco teacher spoke regarding Senate Bill 1676 and the district's compliance of the law. This law relates to state-dictated decrease of Superintendent and Board Member salaries and other issues to cut budgets. The Board will have to vote on this issue. Chairman Parker responded that the district is in compliance.

PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGES 2009-2010

	<u>Proposed Tentative</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>	
General Operating Fund:				
* State Required Local Effort	5.092	4.969	0.123	mills
** Discretionary Local Effort	0.748	0.498	0.250	mills
*** Supplemental Discretionary Local Effort	<u>0.000</u>	<u>0.241</u>	<u>(0.241)</u>	mills
Sub-Total General Operating Fund	5.840	5.708	0.132	mills
Capital Project Funds				
** Local Capital Improvements (1)	1.500	1.500	0.000	mills

TOTAL MILLAGE INCREASE	0.132	mills
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* The Commissioner of Education certified the State Required Local Effort at 5.092 mills on July 16, 2009.

** The only millage rates the District School Board has control and authority to change.

*** Supplemental Discretionary Local Effort was eliminated.

(1) Please note that in accordance with the sales tax referendum passed in March, 2004, the two mill local capital improvement has been reduced by 1/2 mill.

(See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

The Chairman stated at this first public hearing on the proposed tentative budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 the following approvals are requested:

- 1) Adopt the tentative millage rate resolution. The Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the tentative millage rate resolution. Member Martin so moved, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote the motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Adopt the tentative budget resolution. The Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the tentative budget resolution. Member Altman moved that the Board approve the resolution. Member Martin seconded the motion. Chairman Parker summarized the 2009-2010 budget figures. On vote the motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Set the Final Public Hearing date on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the School Board Meeting Room at the Administrative Complex. The Chairman asked for a motion to set the Final Public Hearing date. Member Altman moved that the Board approve to set the Final Public Hearing date on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced the first public hearing on the 2009-2010 annual budget closed and reopened the regular meeting of the Board.

The Chairman stated that there were no special presentations this evening.

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. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, remarked that the budget is considered tentative at this point. She agreed that state funding is very disturbing and commended the district on cost-saving measures implemented last year, which has saved jobs this year. Further, she stated that she hopes the Board will keep these saved dollars in their minds as they consider step/salary increases. Negotiations are proceeding on non-money issues and she noted that USEP goal is to get language completed by mid-August, when more specific information on money may be known. Ms. Webb stated that the proposed idea to build a new district administrative building has generated many phone calls to the USEP office. USEP understands the need; however, the timing is perceived to be poor due to financial needs of schools and staff members.

Committee Reports:

Member Hurley will be traveling to Alachua County to see their Culinary Institute on Thursday.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 Grants Summary Report – Quarter 4 April 2009-June 2009
- 1.2 Pasco Education Foundation Monthly Report

Superintendent Fiorentino reported that we have 243 staff members less than last year, which indicates that the district has been tightening their belts. Over 450 staff members could have lost their positions last year; however, only 23 staff members are waiting to be placed. She commended Terry Rhum and the Employee Relations Department for their efforts in placing staff members. She also commended the hard work of the Finance Department for their diligence in providing a balanced budget during these difficult financial times. At the request of the Superintendent, Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer clarified some misunderstandings regarding the issue of the new district administrative building. Superintendent Fiorentino commented on a recent issue of possible grade changes and assured the Board that not one grade change was made at Wesley Chapel High School. An investigation revealed a misapplication, which was not malicious. This situation provided a minor adjustment to GPA's, which was analyzed by USF admissions office. The District collaborated with the Department of Education throughout the entire process.

Mrs. Reilly reported that there is much grant activity this year and they are still looking for competitive grants. The Rtl task force will be expanding and would like for a Board Member to join. Chairman Parker volunteered to serve on the task force.

Mrs. Tiede introduced Paul Lipinski, being recommended as the new assistant principal at Gulf Middle School and Jennifer Matthews-Crosby as the new principal at Pine View Middle School.

(2.0) The Chairman stated that there were no expulsion recommendations this evening.

The Chairman asked Board members to identify the items on the consent agenda that they would like placed on the action agenda. There were items on the **ACTION AGENDA**.

(3.0 – 11.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Martin so moved, seconded by Member Altman. On discussion, Mrs. Swinson remarked that the Board is being asked in item 7.4 to proceed with qualified school construction bonds for a culinary arts facility and other projects, which would be financially feasible. 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 R.B. Stewart Middle School Journalism Students to Travel to Orlando to Participate in a Yearbook Training Camp July 28-31, 2009 – Funding: 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** – None Submitted
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Warrant Lists
 - 7.2 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.3 Bids and Related Contracts
 - Contracts:** Saint Petersburg College; AMI Kids Pasco (formerly known as New Port Richey Marine Institute); G4S Youth Services, LLC; Pasco County Health Department
 - 7.4 Qualified School Construction Bonds
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Early Head Start Supplemental ARRA Funding Application
 - 8.2 Head Start Supplemental ARRA Funding Application
 - 8.3 Early Head Start Expansion ARRA Funding Application
 - 8.4 Head Start Expansion ARRA Funding Application
 - 8.5 Head Start Application for One-Time Program Improvement Funding
 - 8.6 Title I, Part A Grant Budget Amendment 2008-2009
 - 8.7 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Application
 - ADDENDA:** Education for Homeless Children and Youth, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Proposal
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Additional Summer Work Days
 - 9.2 2009-2010 School BCE Student Allocations August 24, 2009 - June 30, 2010
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Adult Education Fees for 2009-2010** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Attorney Alfonso requested that the Board hold an executive session in the near future to discuss pending litigation issues. A court reporter would be present. He also remarked that there is a need for a workshop regarding discussion on concurrency requirements and manuals. He noted that the County has corresponded their timeline with the district and suggested that mid August would be an appropriate time to schedule such a workshop.

The Chairman suggested scheduling an executive session regarding pending litigation and negotiations at 3:00 p.m. on August 18, followed by a budget and concurrency workshop. This is a regularly scheduled board meeting date. There was agreement of the Board.

Member Hurley mentioned the use of facilities agreement, which should be put on an upcoming agenda.

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 August 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

8/18/09

Superintendent