

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
August 2, 2011

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session and First Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 Tentative Budget at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 2, 2011, 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 Allen Altman, and Board Members Cynthia Armstrong, 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 Armstrong and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in support of our public servants who govern our country.

The Chairman announced that the minutes of the regular meeting on July 26, 2011 and workshops of July 26, 2011 would be submitted for approval at the August 16, 2011 Board Meeting.

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

The Chairman called the regular meeting of the School Board closed and announced the public hearing on the tentative school budget for 2011-2012 school year.

Superintendent Fiorentino gave an overview of the \$1 billion school budget: Decrease in the total funds from last year of \$63,397,681.00. Budget has decreased \$296 million in the last four years (\$231 million from capital funds and \$65 million from operating budget). Total millage levied is 7.644, a decrease of .123 from last year. The .25 critical operating millage was removed by the voters. Budget does not include all of the 2011 Session unfunded mandates and will need amendments. 513 positions have been cut and there is a chance that the district may not meet class size.

Attorney Alfonso announced that this is the first public hearing on the 2011-2012 tentative budget. The second and final public hearing on the 2011-2012 budget will be held September 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the board meeting room. He asked if there were public comments on the first public hearing on the budget. No one came forward.

The Chairman presented the request for the approval of the following for the proposed tentative budget for fiscal year 2011-2012: (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

1. Adopt the tentative millage rate resolution. Member Altman moved that the Board approve the tentative millage rate resolution, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
2. Adopt the tentative budget resolution. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the tentative budget resolution, seconded by Member Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
3. Set the Final Public Hearing date on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room at the Administrative Complex. Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the Final Public Hearing date, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that the first public hearing on the 2011-2012 tentative annual budget closed and reopened the regular meeting of the Board.

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

- Robert Marsh of Masaryktown, discussed the district looking at a 4-day week. Personally he said he would not mind, but commented that he once lived near Seattle where schools were closed on Tuesday afternoons and it was very disconcerting as a parent to have teenagers in your home when you have to be at work. He also cautioned that the district might lose students to charter schools as parents may not want to lose the child care aspect of five-day weeks.
- Jason Braunstein with J & S Printing, Inc. expressed his concern with the district contracting with Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises (PRIDE) as their main printer after closing down the district graphics department due to budget cuts. He stated that his local company is one of three vendors that district employees are allowed to use, only if there is a time sensitive printing need. He states that "I am local and I am here and I am eager to provide business." He would like the Board to reconsider the awarded vendor list as he feels he is faster, can beat PRIDE prices and is local. Board Members asked for more details about the district's new printing system. Mrs. Swinson, CFO and Mrs. Goodman, will address the issue and report to the Board.
- Vickie Fulmer of Hudson discussed the discrimination against her family by the district. She stated that she and her husband are employees of the district and their children attend Pasco schools. Their son,

Will Fulmer, was denied school choice to Fivay High School even though he wants to be in the criminal justice program, which is only offered at that school. She asked the Board's help in getting him into the school. Mrs. Reilly will speak with Mrs. Fulmer.

The Chairman announced that United School Employees of Pasco were attending other events and not represented this evening.

Committee Reports:

Member Luikart:

- Requested Board approval to form a new committee to investigate a four-day week. Attorney Alfonso stated that it would only need a consensus of the Board and then the Chairman could set the committee. Member Armstrong suggested calling it a "task force" instead of a "committee" as it is solely for the purpose of one issue. Member Luikart requested that members be pulled from the Superintendent's staff, Sheriff's office, parents, school-based administrators, teachers, etc. and that it be a working task force. Member Altman said representation is needed from around the county and suggested that each Board Member appoint one parent and school-based administrator from their district. There was consensus of the Board to move forward with setting the task force. Superintendent Fiorentino asked that someone from Finance and Information Services be on the task force and that her staff be responsible for choosing the administrators. The task force will meet two times a month for the first three months. Member Luikart will work with the Superintendent.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Ruth Reilly:

- Representative from the Health Department will be speaking on smoking cessation at the August 16 Board workshop
- Called minor correction to item 8.1 on the second page. Board Members were given a corrected copy

(2.0) The Chairman announced 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. The items on the **ACTION AGENDA** are as follows:

8.1 2011-2012 School Improvement Grant, Section 1003(g) - \$116,883

(3.0 – 13.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 8.1. Member Altman 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

- 4.1 Waiver of Student Progression Plan Requirements

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 - None Submitted

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

- 7.1 Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for June 2011, and Authorization to Expend Funds for July 2011
- 7.2 Surplus Equipment
- 7.3 2011-2012 Cafeteria and Vending Machine Change Funds
- 7.4 Warrant Lists
- 7.5 Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts
Contracts: The Red Apple Adult Training Center

8.0 Grant Proposals

- 8.2 2011-2012 School Improvement Grant, Section 1003(g) - \$642,410
- 8.3 2011-2012 Title I, Part A: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
- 8.4 2011-2012 Title I, Part A: School Choice with Transportation and SES
- 8.5 2011-2012 Title I, Part C: Education of Migratory Children
- 8.6 IDEA Part B, Entitlement 2011-2012 grant

8.7 IDEA Part B, Preschool 2011-2012

9.0 Allocations - None Submitted

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

10.1 2011-2012 Meal Service Contracts

11.0 Policies - None Submitted

12.0 Resolutions - None Submitted

13.0 Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

(8.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of 2011-2012 School Improvement Grant, Section 1003(g) - \$116,883 as corrected (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the grant as corrected, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Thanked Chris Williams, Director of Planning for a great job on the redistricting maps

Member Crumbley:

- Would like Superintendent and staff to look into the cost effectiveness of installing more motion detector lights. Her request will be referred to the Energy Committee

Member Armstrong:

- Collected items for “Stuff the Bus” for teachers. Very pleased with the many donated items

Member Altman:

- Value Adjustment Board will organize on Thursday and will be processing appeals. He and Member Armstrong are dividing attendance at the meetings held on the east and west side of the county

Chairman Hurley:

- Read thank you letter from Florida Blood Services for high school student participation in the blood drives

Superintendent Fiorentino

- Commended United Way and Member Crumbley for their support of the “Stuff the Bus” program

Attorney Alfonso

- Spoke regarding the redistricting maps and upcoming joint meeting with the Pasco County Board of County Commissioners on August 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. He stated that now would be a good opportunity for Board Members to discuss the redistricting with staff. Mr. Williams came forward to give a brief overview of the redistricting process. The County has given four different options and Mr. Williams superimposed the schools on to each of the maps for use by Board Members when looking at their districts. The Chairman noted that it is the County’s responsibility and decision as to which option is chosen, but they need to hear School Board input. Mr. Williams will also make copies of the school overlays for the County.

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 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: August 2, 2011 12:00 p.m.

The Board met in executive session on *negotiations*. The session was held in the Employee Relations Conference Room at the District Office Complex, Building 3. 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; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tom Barker, Executive Director of Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Bryan Jack and Betsy Kuhn, Employee Relations Department and Judy Zollo, Acting Director of Finance.

The Executive Session concluded at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

August 16, 2011

Superintendent