

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

August 12, 2014

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2014, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Alison Crumbley, Vice Chairman Steve Luikart, and Board Members Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, and Joanne Hurley. Also present were Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent and ex officio Secretary to the Board, 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence and personal reflection.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of July 29, 2014. There were none, and on motion by Member Armstrong, seconded by Vice Chairman Luikart, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman opened the Second and Final Public Hearing on the 2014-2015 Student Progression Plan (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 402, Page 1*). Attorney Alfonso stated that notice of this hearing has been posted on the District's web site. The first reading was held on July 1, 2014. Supt. Browning reminded Board members that his proposed change to preserve the valedictorian and salutatorian for all high schools had been added to the item. Chairman Crumbley asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this item. No one came forward. Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the second and final reading of the 2014-2015 Student Progression Plan, seconded by Member Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There were no special presentations.

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

- Charles B. – student apology. Board members thanked him and also his parents for their support.
- Charlotte and Marlow Jones, Port Richey – Spoke on behalf of their sons and the denial of a recent athletic appeal. They said that the policy was not shared with them and they don't understand the reason for the denial. They asked for assistance in keeping their children on the right path by being able to participate in sports. Member Altman asked Supt. Browning to look into the matter and report back to the Board and parents. The Superintendent asked Ray Bonti, Executive Director for Support Services, and Phil Bell, Supervisor (Athletics), to meet with the parents about this issue. Vice Chairman Luikart requested a Board workshop on Policy 2431.01 (*Student Athlete Eligibility and Participation*) at the next scheduled School Board meeting.
- Thomas Wellington, New Port Richey – Addressed his concerns and displeasure with the current student-athletic transfer policy. He believes that the policy has good intentions but some students are being penalized.
- Patrick Connelly, Zephyrhills – Expressed his concerns about the potential deletion of the early retirement program. Experienced teachers and continuity of learning are valuable to the district. He stated that it would be a 'slap in the face' to those who have been loyal for many years but may have to leave in the middle of a school year due to the timeline of this possible decision.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Ed Ronda, Business Representative, USEP:

- Shared greetings from Kenny Blankenship.
- USEP and the district working together can make a successful year for employees and students.

Committee Reports:

- Member Armstrong:
 - None.
- Member Hurley:
 - Strategic Planning Committee.
- Member Altman:
 - Insurance Committee.
- Vice Chairman Luikart:
 - None.
- Chairman Crumbley:
 - None.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- He thanked the teachers, parents, district staff, Rotary Clubs, and community members who assisted in the re-opening of Schrader Elementary School this week. He also thanked Cynthia Armstrong for her coordination of Rotary Club volunteers.
- Next Monday (August 18, 2014) is the first day of school for students – he and staff will be out in schools. He invited Board members to contact his secretary, Jan Schmitz, if they need assistance planning school visits.
- Learning Community Executive Directors Monica Ilse and Beth Brown were out in neighborhoods last weekend, reaching out to inform parents about the impact of the extended school day for those students in the “lowest 300” schools.
- A “Back to School Bash” was held last weekend at the Ridgewood High School and Paul R. Smith Middle School feeder pattern schools. Haircuts, refreshments, immunizations, games, school supplies, shuttles for school tours, etc., were provided at the well-attended events.
- He is looking forward to a great school year.

Ray Gadd:

- John Petrashek introduced a guest in the audience:
 - William Harvard, Harvard Jolly, architect for High School GGG.
- Betsy Kuhn introduced:
 - Lindsay D’Ascenzio, Professional Standards Investigator, Employee Relations;
 - Jennifer Wendel, Professional Standards Investigator, Employee Relations.
- Ray Bonti invited Board members to visit the Transportation Call Center next week – located in Portable 8A at the District Office - to see the new system in action.

Amelia Van Name Larson:

- Yesterday was for the first day back for teachers and many of them are ”twittering away”.
- The district’s new journey has required transparency and new skills and she is proud of the school and district level work that is being done.
- Monica Ilse:
 - Introduced Sharon Morris, Assistant Principal (245), Zephyrhills High School.
 - She gave kudos to the Infinity program and invited Board members to visit the program.
- Todd Cluff
 - He also attended the Back to School Bash at Ridgewood High School and saw great collaboration between all the schools.
 - Acknowledged Shelley Carrino, Principal, Bayonet Point Middle School. He encouraged Board members to visit her at the school.
 - Introduced Melissa Caruso, ICT Literacy Specialist, Office for Teaching and Learning.
- Melissa Musselwhite:
 - Introduced Dr. Jenna Sage, Compliance Resolution Specialist, Office for Student Support Programs and Services.

(2.0) Melissa Musselwhite, Director, Office for Student Support Programs and Services, presented the following expulsion recommendations. Board members have been provided with detailed information on which to base their decision.

- ~~A. Closed Appeal Hearing – Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 06/29/2000) – Raymond B. Stewart Middle School (Pulled, will be rescheduled.)~~
- B. Expulsion Cumulative Report - School Year 2013-2014 (**Information**)

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:

- 10. Resolutions - None Submitted
- 11. Property Acquisitions - None Submitted
- 12. Miscellaneous Action Items - None Submitted

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Altman moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda, including addenda. Member Hurley seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (See *Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 402, Pages 2-4*)

A. Learning Communities

- 1. Requests for School Field Trips

- B. Teaching and Learning**
 - 1. School Choice Change of Placement
- C. Professional Development and School Supports - None Submitted**
- D. Accountability Research and Measurement - None Submitted**
- E. Student Support Programs and Services**
 - 1. Agreement - Eckerd Community Alternatives
- F. School Field Trips - None Submitted**
- 4. ADMINISTRATION** *(See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book 80, Page 11)*
 - A. Human Resources and Educator Quality**
 - 1. Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional, and Professional Technical Personnel Recommendations
 - B. Employee Relations - None Submitted**
 - C. Technology and Information Services - None Submitted**
- 5. SUPPORT SERVICES** *(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 402, Pages 5-8)*
 - A. Planning Services**
 - 1. Surplus Property – Donation of Green Key Property to Pasco County
 - B. Construction Services**
 - 1. High School “GGG” - Architectural Services Agreement
 - C. Food and Nutrition Services - None Submitted**
 - D. Maintenance Services**
 - 1. Surplus Equipment
 - E. Purchasing Services**
 - 1. Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts
CONTRACTS: Bishop Larkin Interparochial Catholic School; Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School; Canvas by Instructure; Carlton Palms Education Center; Discovery Education; Florida Department of Health; St. Anthony Interparochial Catholic School; The Red Apple Adult Training Center; Trapeze Group; University of South Florida Board of Trustees
- 6. FINANCE SERVICES** *(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 402, Page 9)*
 - A. Warrant Lists**
- 7. GRANT PROPOSALS** *(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 402, Page 10)*
 - A. Title I, Part C: Education of Migratory Children 2014-2015**
- 8. ALLOCATIONS** *(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 402, Page 11)*
 - A. Allocation Changes (2014-2015): Fund Change-Prof Dev Spec-NW Region; Fund Change-Prof Dev Spec-Central Region; Fund Change-Prof Dev Spec-East and SW Regions; Add-Sch Social Worker 196 (Title I); Add-Guid Coun, Soc Worker (Eckerd)**
- 9. INTERNAL AUDIT - None Submitted**

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

- Member Armstrong:
 - Attended the 2014-2015 Administrator Kickoff at Wesley Chapel High School. The keynote speaker was inspiring.
 - Recognized Trinity, Port Richey, Holiday and Seven Springs Rotary Clubs for their assistance with moving day at Schrader Elementary School. She thanked the volunteers from Timber Oaks and noted that Principal Tammy Berryhill was well organized.
- Member Hurley:
 - Attended the 2014-2015 Administrator Kickoff at Wesley Chapel High School. She was pleased to see administrators learning the new state testing system.
- Member Altman:
 - None.
- Vice Chairman Luikart:
 - None.
- Chairman Crumbley:
 - None.
 - Complimented the beautiful Schrader Elementary campus.

Dennis Alfonso, School Board attorney, had no comments.

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

The Chairman announced that there is a workshop immediately following today’s meeting in Training Room D.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is August 19, 2014, 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 10:09 a.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: August 12, 2014 - 10:19 a.m.

TOPICS: *Health and Wellness Center Annual Program Overview
District Highlights 2013-2014*

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3, Training Room D. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley, Joanne Hurley and Steve Luikart; Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Operations; Amelia Van Name Larson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Kevin Shibley, Executive Director for Administration; Ray Bonti, Executive Director for Support Services; Todd Cluff, Beth Brown and Monica Ilse, Learning Community Executive Directors; Betsy Kuhn, Director, Employee Relations Department; Linda Cobbe, Communications Director; Lisa Buie, Tampa Bay Times; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune; Directors Christine Pejot, Mark Fox, Joanne Millovitsch, Julie Hedine, Gary Sawyer, Chris Williams, John Simon, and John Petrashek; Nicole Westmoreland, Purchasing Agent; J. R. Law, Safety and Security Officer; Patricia Howard, Senior Manager, EBARM; and Phil Bell, Supervisor.

Health and Wellness Center Annual Program Overview

Executive Director Kevin Shibley introduced John Watson, Crowne Consulting Group/CareHere, who noted highlights of the Health and Wellness Center Annual Program Overview. The wellness clinics have saved the district \$9.2 million over the past three years, annual claims with Florida Blue have decreased and employees have saved \$2.7 million on health care. A fifth clinic is proposed for the Wesley Chapel area. The district is also exploring partnering with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

District Highlights 2013-2014

Executive Director Ray Bonti introduced Administration and Operations directors/staff who presented 2013-2014 department highlights to Board members. Highlights included several department reorganizations, a balanced budget, timely reporting, implementation of HR/Payroll functions in Munis, streamlined procedures, employee recognition program, School Pay credit card pilot, increased utilization of wellness centers, money saving measures, staff trainings, school renovations and projects, increased technology support at schools, increased meal participation, energy savings, sale of surplus properties for additional revenue, expanded P-card program, transportation call center, internal audits completed at 80 schools, updated communication information (social media, Supt. newsletter, video messages, etc.) and updated District and school websites.

The workshop concluded at 12:14 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

August 19, 2014

Superintendent of Schools