

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
August 18, 2009

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 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, 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the men and women serving in uniform.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2009 and workshop of July 21, 2009. There were none, and on motion by Member Martin, seconded by Member Starkey the minutes were approved unanimously. The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting and first hearing on the 2009-2010 budget of July 28, 2009. There were none, and on motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Hurley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Recognition of Belinda Pope, SPES Instructional Media Specialist for Receiving Award from Florida Power Library
- Presentation of Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association and the Association of School Business Officials International to Bill Kleinsorge, Director of Finance

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting resumed at 6:21 p.m.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. Student Apologies:
Dillon – Ridgewood High School – Battery
Michael – River Ridge High School – Possession of marijuana
Paul – Hudson Middle School – Battery and harassment

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, spoke on steps for employees. Although it is unclear whether the Florida Legislature will take back some of the state funding the district has been allocated, she remarked that revenues are not as bad as initially expected and indicators are that there will not be a fall special session. She stated that employees have made great sacrifices and deserve to have their contracts honored. She asked that the Board give employee step increases and continue with negotiations.

Committee Reports:

Member Starkey attended the Education Foundation Executive Committee meeting.

Member Altman attended the LPA meeting for Member Starkey.

Chairman Parker attended the Energy Committee meeting and reported that the utility companies have discontinued the interruptible service credit program.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Pasco Education Foundation Monthly Report

The Superintendent reported that teachers and staff are back at work and it has been a great start to the new school year. She reminded everyone of upcoming events; "Inspiring the Dream" seminars being held this week at Wesley Chapel High School and River Ridge High School. Mr. Guy Doud will be the keynote speaker. Ruby Payne, well known speaker will be speaking on September 9 and tickets will be provided by the Pasco Education Foundation. Anclote High School will hold their open house on Septembers 4. She stated that a new server podcast should be up and running soon which will allow teachers to share lessons and their teaching methods throughout the district.

Mrs. Reilly introduced Mary Grey as the recommended Supervisor of Child Care Education Programs (PLACE) and Madonna Vance as the recommended Supervisor of Exceptional Student Education.

Dr. Scanga shared with the Board a new system to help identify buses and children. The system is in place and is being launched as a district wide system to help bus drivers, teachers and parents help get children home safely.

Mrs. Swinson noted a correction to item 13.1, giving the Homeless policy a lettering system (JHFE) instead of the NEOLA numeric system, which has not been officially adopted by the Board at this time.

Mrs. DuBose reported that the district is working diligently with Imagine Charter School on their finances.

Mr. Davis introduced Carin Nettles recommended as Principal of Wesley Chapel High School and Alicia Leary recommended as Assistant Principal at Moore Mickens Education Center.

Mrs. Tiede informed the Board that she is the point person for H1N1 (Swine flu) virus information and noted that they are working with the Student Services Department to review procedures for dealing with any type of pandemic. The Superintendent said the district is working with the Pasco County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management on a plan for this statewide issue.

(2.0) The Chairman remarked 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:

- 3.1 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations
- 3.3 Approval of Contracts that Extend Beyond 10 Months
- 7.1 Out-of-State Travel & Mobile Wireless Communications
- 13.0 Policies**
 - 13.1 First Reading Policy *5111.01 – Homeless Students*

(3.0 – 12.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda as amended with the exception of 3.1, 3.3 and 7.1. Member Starkey so moved, seconded by Member Altman. On discussion, Member Starkey questioned the payment of athletic fees for Athenian Academy Charter School. Nancy Scowcroft, Supervisor of Charter Schools explained that there are two types of fees, one fee is paid by the parent and a separate minimal fee is paid by the charter school for district provided services. There was no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3.0 Human Resources (including any addenda)

- 3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

4.0 Students (including any addenda)

- 4.1 Student Transfer Requests

5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities (including any addenda)

6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance Services and Transportation (including any addenda)

- 6.1 Removal of ClearChannel Billboard at High School “EEE”

7.0 Business/Finance (including any addenda)

- 7.2 Approval of Payroll Expenditures for July, 2009 and Authorization to Expend Funds for August, 2009
- 7.3 Surplus Equipment
- 7.4 Warrant Lists
- 7.5 Requisitions and Related Contracts
- 7.6 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Bishop Larkin Interparochial Catholic School; Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School; ST. Anthony Interparochial Catholic School; Pathfinder, Inc.; Kapok Special Events; Royal Oak Nursing Home ; Hernando Pasco Hospice, Inc. d/b/a HPH Hospice; The Red Apple Adult Training Center; !A!L!C! Advanced Learning Centers; !A+ Tutor U; !Ayuda Academical!; !!!@ All Things Through Learning, Inc.; #1 A+ C.A.T. ; A+ Freijo Tutoring, LLC; A to Z In-Home Tutoring; "AAA" All About Achievement; Abacus In-Home Tutoring, Inc.; ABC Tutors Me; ACES Tutoring; Advanced Learners Private Tutoring; Alpha Academic Services, Inc.; ATS Project Success; Basic Learning Skills, Inc.; Beyond the Bell SES Tutoring, Inc. ; Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc.; FELC Tutors; FUNDamentals Plugged Inc., LLC; Helps, LLC; Huntington Learning Centers, Inc.; Si2 - Supplemental Instructional Services, Inc.; Smart Start Tutoring; Sylvan Learning of Leon & Pasco; Tampa Bay point of Knowledge, Inc. d/b/a Knowledge Points Tampa Bay; Tutorworks; RESPECT of Florida/Abilities, Inc.; Pasco Sheriff's Office; Zephyrhills Police Department

ADDENDA: Disposition of Surplus Textbooks

8.0 Grant Proposals (including any addenda) – None Submitted

9.0 Allocations (including any addenda)

9.1 Additional Summer Work Hours

9.2 Allocation Changes at Denham Oaks and Pasco Elementary Schools

9.3 Anclote Elementary School – Kinder Camp – Funding: Title I

10.0 Agreements/Contracts – None Submitted

11.0 Charter Schools (including any addenda)

11.1 Athenian Academy of Pasco, Inc. Charter Contract Renewal

12.0 Job Descriptions (including any addenda)

12.1 Revised Job Description – *Instructional Media Specialist*

12.2 Revised Job Description – *Instructional Technology Specialist*

13.0 Policies (including any addenda)

13.1 First Reading Policy ~~5111.01~~ JHFE – *Homeless Students*

(3.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations (See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the personnel recommendations, seconded by Member Starkey. Member Altman expressed concern regarding the appointment of an out of district person, when he understood positions were to be filled from within. The Superintendent explained that at this point we have filled from within and are looking outside. Dr. Scanga further explained that the person Member Altman was referring to worked for our district for several years and has been out of Pasco for the past year. The Superintendent stressed that no retirees would be hired back and as we pay year for year, it can be very costly. There was no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(3.3) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Contracts that Extend Beyond 10 Months (See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board approve contracts extending beyond 10 months, seconded by Member Martin. On discussion, Member Hurley remarked that she would like the motion to include approval of “previously appointed” or “approved contracts”. Mrs. DuBose explained that all future contracts of more than 10 months would come before the board for approval. There was no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(7.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Out-of-State Travel & Mobile Wireless Communications (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the request, seconded by Member Martin. Member Hurley stated that she saw no problem continuing to approve cell phones and out of state travel but requested that they be subject to the approval of both the Superintendent and the Board. After further discussion Member Hurley amended the motion on the floor to state approval of Out-of-State Travel & Mobile Wireless Communications subject to the recommendation of the Superintendent and Board to be consistent with new board policy. Member Martin seconded the motion and on vote the amended motion carried unanimously.

(13.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading Policy ~~5111.01~~ JHFE – *Homeless Students* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the first reading of policy JHFE, seconded by Member Martin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Hurley toured Anclote High School, Alachua County Culinary Arts Program, Culinary Institute at Tarpon Springs High School and Coastal Caison Mentoring Partnership Engineering Academy program. She also attended the Leadership Council for Bay Area Education Foundation.

Member Starkey also toured Anclote High School and it was noted that the County has been contacted on the need for better location signs. She attended the Leadership Council Education Foundation, Graduation of Career Mentorship Program and traveled to Safety Town to attend the meeting of school resource officers and crossing guards.

Member Altman toured Anclote High School and visited six schools over the past week along with the Tarpon Springs High School Culinary Arts Institute.

Chairman Parker toured Anclote High School, Tarpon Springs High School and parent information night at Mitchell High School regarding the new Pasco eSchool.

Attorney Alfonso reminded the Board that the employee termination appeal hearing for Mr. Bush would be held August 21 at 9:30 and a court reporter would be present. He attended a recent Florida School Board Attorney Association meeting and will forward materials on to the Superintendent for her staff.

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 September 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, seconded by Member Starkey, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: August 18, 2009 3:00 p.m. (CLOSED TO PUBLIC)

TOPICS: *Pending Litigation and Negotiations*

The Board met in executive session on *pending litigation and negotiations*. The session was held in the DIMC Studio at the District Office Complex, Building 3. 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; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services and Terry Rhum and Kevin Shibley, Employee Relations Department.

The Executive Session concluded at 4:45 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: August 18, 2009 4:55 p.m.

TOPICS: *Concurrency*

The Board met for a workshop session on *concurrency*, which was presented by Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Elizabeth Blair, County Attorney; Justyna Buzewski, County Planning Department; Chris Williams and Robert Torenella of the district Planning Department; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times.

Attorney Alfonso gave an overview of concurrency and the interlocal agreement with the County. He explained that an implementation manual for concurrency has been compiled by district staff for the County Commissioners to consider. Chris Williams, Director of Planning explained the details of the implementation procedures and reviewed timelines and the process. The Board will be asked at a future date to adopt the methodology and make it into a manual, which will be put on the district's web site.

The workshop concluded at 5:48 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

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Superintendent