

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
August 19, 2014

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 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 Armstrong 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 August 12, 2014, and workshop of August 12, 2014. There were none, and on motion by Member Altman, seconded by Member Hurley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no special presentations.

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

- Amy M., New Port Richey – student apology.
- Matthew S., Trilby – student apology.
- Isaac R., New Port Richey – student apology.
- Antonio N., New Port Richey – student apology.

Board members thanked the students for their apologies and their parents for their support.

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

- Shared greetings from Kenny Blankenship.
- Commended district staff for a successful first day of school.
- Visited and was impressed with the Transportation Call Center.

Committee Reports:

- Member Armstrong:
 - Investment Oversight Committee – A committee member has resigned; she requested nomination(s) from Board members for a replacement.
 - Health and Wellness Committee – Update on wellness initiatives - additional nutritionists were needed due to the success of the incentive program; YMCA is offering pre-diabetes classes at no cost to interested staff members; Pasco County is one of 5 counties in Florida that still does not have tobacco free campuses.
- Member Hurley:
 - None.
- Member Altman:
 - None.
- Vice Chairman Luikart:
 - Asked Board members to accept an **OFF AGENDA** item later in the agenda.
- Chairman Crumbley:
 - None.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- The first day of school was a good day. He rode a school bus route for Pasco Elementary School; he looks forward to more opportunities to see district staff perform out in the field.
- The Transportation Call Center fielded 1,700 phone calls yesterday. The concept is working well; he thanked Ray Bonti, Executive Director for Support Services, Gary Sawyer, Director for Transportation Services, and John Simon, Director of the Office for Technology and Information Services, for their efforts in establishing the call center; he also thanked staff and volunteers who manned the phones.
- Reported that Board members had received information for **OFF AGENDA** items detailing the plan and costs associated with providing additional support for the lowest 300 schools (3 schools) and including the lowest 400 schools (5 schools). The item is time sensitive.

Ray Gadd:

- Commented on the Transportation Call Center.
 - Ray Bonti noted that buses have reported to their respective compounds; they were still on the road this time last year. He said that the call center is a success and thanked Board members for their support. Member Armstrong asked if schools were using the iPad check-in process, which Mr. Bonti confirmed.

Amelia Van Name Larson:

- Thanked the Student Achievement directors for the presentation at today's Board workshop and Board members for their support – the information is being used in a meaningful way to impact our students.
- Has visited 20 schools in the past 2 weeks. Prior to the first day of school, several teachers made home visits to at-risk students and families, which is already making a difference in their lives.
- Highlighted the **OFF AGENDA** items regarding the lowest 300 and 400 schools – the schools will need additional allocations for support, as well as the purchase of the iReady program. Funds from general revenue, SIG Grant (Part A), digital classroom, and funds leftover in Project 4 of the Race to the Top grant will cover the expenses.
 - Todd Cluff:
 - Visited Schrader Elementary School – he remarked that it is a beautiful campus and encouraged Board members to visit when they had a chance.
 - He introduced Rick Lentz, Regional Vice President, Cutler & Associates, construction managers for Schrader Elementary School. John Petrashek thanked Mr. Lentz and his company for completing the school on time. Cutler & Associates will also be working on the renovations at Bayonet Point Middle School.

(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

There was consensus of the Board to move the closed appeal hearing to the end of the meeting after attorney remarks. Attorney Alfonso will speak with the family prior to the hearing.

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 Armstrong seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

- 3. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** *(See Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 403, Pages 1-5)*
 - A. **Learning Communities**
 - 1. Requests for School Field Trips
 - B. **Teaching and Learning**
 - 1. Course Adoption 2014-2015 - M/J Orientation for Career Clusters
 - 2. Course Adoption 2014-2015 - M/J Personal Career and Skills Development
 - 3. 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. Disciplinary Change of Placement
 - F. **School Field Trips** - None Submitted
- 4. ADMINISTRATION** *(See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book 80, Page 23)*
 - 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 Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 403, Pages 6-11)*
 - A. **Planning Services**

- 1. Request for Use of Facilities
- B. Construction Services**
 - 1. Construction Management Agreement - Marchman Technical Education Center
 - 2. Construction Management Agreement - Bayonet Point Middle School
- 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: *City of Dade City; City of New Port Richey; City of Zephyrhills; Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc.; Pasco County Sheriff's Office; Red Apple Adult Training Center*
 - 2. Out-of-State Travel - 2014 National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) Forum – Pennsylvania
- 6. FINANCE SERVICES** *(See Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 403, Pages 12-13)*
 - A. Warrant Lists
 - B. Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for July 2014 and Authorization to Expend Funds for August 2014
- 7. GRANT PROPOSALS** - None Submitted
- 8. ALLOCATIONS** *(See Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 403, Page 14)*
 - A. Allocation Changes (2014-2015): *Add - Addl Duty TOOLS - SSPS ; Change - Admin Intern - PDSS Change - Admin Intern - GMS Change – Admin Intern - CAES Add - Addl Duty EOC Testing - WRHS Decrease – Temp – ARM*
- 9. INTERNAL AUDIT** *(See Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 403, Pages 15-23)*
 - A. Audit of Chasco Middle School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2010 through June 30, 2013
 - B. Audit of Chester W. Taylor Elementary School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2012 & June 30, 2013
 - C. Audit of Gulf Trace Elementary School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2012 & June 30, 2013
 - D. Audit of Dr. Mary Giella Elementary School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2012 & June 30, 2013
 - E. Audit of J.W. Mitchell High School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2010 through June 30, 2013
 - F. Audit of Moon Lake Elementary School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2012 & June 30, 2013
 - G. Audit of Seven Springs Middle School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2012 & June 30, 2013
 - H. Audit of Watergrass Elementary School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2010 through June 30, 2013
 - I. Audit of Wesley Chapel Elementary School's Internal Accounts – Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2010 through June 30, 2013

(OFF AGENDA) Vice Chairman Luikart made a motion to consider an **OFF AGENDA** item pertaining to Policy 2431.01 (*Student Athlete Eligibility and Participation*). Member Hurley seconded the motion to consider an **OFF AGENDA** item. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Vice Chairman Luikart stated that he is aware policies cannot be changed without giving notice. He has concerns about Policy 2431.01 and made a motion to temporarily suspend current Policy 2431.01, reverting back to the previous policy and process until such time that it can be reworked. The motion died for the lack of a second.

(OFF AGENDA) The Chairman asked for a motion to consider two **OFF AGENDA** items pertaining to the Low 300 Schools (Allocations) (12A) and Low 300 and 400 Schools (iReady Program) (12B). **(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 403, Pages 24-25)**. Member Armstrong so moved, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve **OFF AGENDA** item 12A (*Low 300 Schools*) and item 12B (*Low 300 and 400 Schools*), seconded by Member Hurley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Armstrong:
 - She noted that the Treasury Department has released preliminary rules relative to the Restore Act.

- Member Hurley:
 - Visited the Transportation Call Center.
- Member Altman:
 - Visited 7 schools in his district – they are all busy and happy; he thanked Monica Ilse, Learning Community Executive Director, for her extraordinary support to that region.
- Vice Chairman Luikart:
 - None.
- Chairman Crumbley:
 - None.

Asst. Superintendent Van Name Larson reported that the consultant from TransPro shared positive feedback from the 12 schools included in Phase I of the Success Plan.

School Board attorney Dennis Alfonso said that the room would be cleared of all persons except those involved in the closed student appeal hearing, which will begin after public comments, if any, and announcements by the Chairman.

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 2, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

(2.0) The Chairman recessed the regular meeting at 6:46 p.m. to hold the closed student appeal hearing and asked that anyone not involved in the hearing leave the room. Member Hurley recused herself from deliberation. Melissa Musselwhite, Director, Office for Student Support Programs and Services, presented one expulsion recommendation:

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After discussion, the hearing was pulled. Member Armstrong moved to close the hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was called back to order.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: August 19, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.

TOPICS: *District Highlights 2013-2014*
Student-Athlete Transfer Policy

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; Dave Scanga, Todd Cluff, Beth Brown and Monica Ilse, Learning Community Executive Directors; Betsy Kuhn, Director, Employee Relations Department; Linda Cobbe, Communications Director; Jeff Solocheck, Tampa Bay Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune. Directors Melissa Musselwhite, Vanessa Hilton, Peggy Jones, Angela Porterfield, Rob Aguis, and Chris Williams were also present. Other staff members were also in attendance.

District Highlights 2013-2014

Chris Christoff, Director of the Office for Professional Development and Support Services, welcomed Board members and began the presentation of 2013-2014 district highlights from Student Achievement department directors/staff. Highlights from all departments included increased training of PLC facilitators, teachers and future leaders; increased student achievement, materials and online resources; increased industry certifications and career academies; highest graduation rate in Tampa Bay for 2 consecutive years and second lowest dropout rate; reaffirmation of MTEC accreditation; increase to 59% of ESE parent involvement; increased percentage of students with disabilities graduating with a standard diploma; successful DOE monitoring with 100% compliance; expansion of Head Start/Early Head Start program in 4 locations; administration of over 35,000 tests, piloting of locally developed End-of-Course exams in schools, successful transition to a new SIP process,

new strategic planning process – Our Success Plan – with TransPro Consulting. Todd Cluff, on behalf of the Learning Community Executive Directors, updated the Board on the regional teamwork occurring at schools (working with teachers and increased requests for support, how students use the information they are learning, and teachers sharing and networking information). He invited Board members to visit schools to see learning in action. Goals for this year are to focus on deep academic knowledge, 21st Century Skills (communication and collaboration), and social emotional learning.

Student-Athlete Transfer Policy

Vice Chairman Steve Luikart discussed the purpose of the workshop, reviewing the original intent of the policy and his current concerns. He distributed draft language that would revise the policy, requesting input from FHSAA, high school principals, and others.

Ray Bonti, Executive Director for Support Services, distributed information regarding this policy. He introduced Dr. Roger Dearing, Executive Director, FHSAA, and Denarvise Thornton, Associate Director, FHSAA, guests in the audience.

Phil Bell, Supervisor of Athletics, spoke on the policy language. The policy requires all students switching high schools to apply for permission to play sports or face sitting out a year. He said the policy is working as intended – since the plan was approved, no schools have received fines or had games forfeited or titles rescinded for allowing ineligible students to play. The county has heard 184 appeals to the participation policy, granting 173 requests.

Melissa Musselwhite, Director of the Office for Student Support Programs and Services, spoke on enrollment, the district attendance and other policies related to athletic participation. When asked, Dr. Dearing commented, “athletic participation is a privilege and not a right. All students play on the “same field”, referring to conference, district, regional and state competitions.

Another workshop on this topic will be scheduled for the next School Board meeting date.

The workshop concluded at 5:36 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

September 2, 2014

Superintendent of Schools