

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

August 26, 2008

Rescheduled from August 19, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2008, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Kathryn Starkey, Vice Chairman Frank Parker and Board Members Allen Altman and Cathi Martin. Member Marge Whaley was ill and not in attendance. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent, and Dennis Alfonso, Attorney for the Board.

The Chairman announced that this meeting was rescheduled from August 19, 2008 due to Tropical Storm Fay.

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 Michael Romine, student at Wiregrass Ranch High School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting/first hearing on the budget and executive session of July 29, 2008; regular meeting of August 5, 2008 and executive session of August 7, 2008. Being none, and on motion by Member Parker seconded by Member Martin the minutes were approved unanimously.

Maureen Moore, Director, Pasco Education Foundation, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- ~~Presentation of the *Friend of Education* Award to Congressman Gus Bilirakis~~ To be rescheduled
- Recognition of the 2008 Florida High School Athletic Association State Champions - Ridgewood High School (Track and Pole Vault); Pasco High School (Wrestling); Land O'Lakes High School (Cheerleading)

The Chairman called a short recess for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

Student Apology: Bobby – battery at H. Schwettman Education Center

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Jim Ciadella, Business Representative of the USEP, noted that contract negotiations would resume tomorrow evening. He distributed information, with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) attached, to Senate Bill 610 (P.E.). (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) The bill requires additional instruction time for students in dealing with physical education activities during the school day and stated that this is something the union is looking into. He said this MOU was passed by the union early in negotiations in an attempt to put guidelines and assistance in place for all teachers. The Superintendent interjected and questioned whether it was appropriate for him to distribute and discuss an MOU with the Board at this time as it is in the process of negotiations. Attorney Alfonso said he had not read this document, but cautioned the Board to be aware that it is not before them for action at this time unless recommended by the Superintendent and he did not feel it was appropriate to discuss at this time. Mr. Ciadella stated that it was information only to make the Board aware of what is being addressed during negotiations. The Superintendent said input from the Board would be inappropriate and no action should be taken at this time during the process of negotiations. It was agreed at the suggestion of the Superintendent that the cover page (MOU) be removed and the Board look at the bill only. Mr. Ciadella continued to explain the bill and highlighted portions with questions from classroom teachers.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 Grants Summary Report 2007-2008
- 1.2 Biometrics Pilot Program

Superintendent Fiorentino said we had a great start to the new school year, even with Tropical Storm Fay arriving the second day. She has been in contact with the Department of Education and will follow up in writing to request a waiver for the first makeup day for all districts that were hit by this storm.

The Superintendent remarked that the district's student enrollment is about 1,000 students below the projected amount and it is hoped numbers will increase by the 20 day count. The state budget has come in with an approximately eight percent decrease and although the Governor has said he will use trust funds, these funds would only account for approximately 4 percent, which would still leave the district with a \$4.2 million

decrease. On question by Member Starkey, it was explained that FTE money generated by lower student counts is usually absorbed back into the state, especially in bad budget years.

The Superintendent commented that the district is ready to move forward with capital projects once the Governor releases the money, which will help accelerate the economy.

Mrs. Reilly introduced Beth Rawls as the newly appointed Director of Pre-kindergarten Programs; Jackie Choo, Supervisor of ESE Services and Harold Medina Programs Specialist, State and Federal Grants.

Mrs. Tiede recognized Dr. Roberts and Dr. Wentworth from Saint Leo University for their help with the professional development partnership between the district and Saint Leo University, which the board will be voting on this evening. It was noted that Dr. Roberts would be arriving a little later and would be introduced at that time. Mrs. Tiede also introduced principals and staff from Centennial and Pasco Middle schools, who are involved in the partnership.

(2.0) Lizette Alexander, Director of Student Services, presented the following expulsion recommendation. Board members have been provided with detailed information on which to base their decision.

2.1 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/3/91) from Sunlake High School

Member Martin moved that the Board approve the expulsion as recommended in item 2.1. Member Altman seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked Board members to identify the items on the scheduled agenda that they would like placed on the action agenda. The items on the **ACTION AGENDA** are as follows:

- 15.1 First Reading: *Revision to Student Progression Plan*
- 15.2 Second Reading: *Revision to Policy GBCB, Employee Conduct and Ethics to include Pasco's Reasonable Suspicion Drug Testing*

(3.0 – 14.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Parker moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Altman seconded the motion. Member Parker noted that the cover pages for items 7.1 and 16.0 would need to be switched. There being no further discussion, 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 Waiver of Student Progression Plan Requirements (Vocational Wheel)
- 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** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 6.1 Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee – New Member Approval
 - 6.2 R.B. Stewart Middle School New Addition and Remodeling – Certification of Final Inspection
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 COPS, Series 2008 - QZAB Resolution
 - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.3 Approval of Payroll Expenditures July, 2008 and Authorization to Expend Funds for August, 2008
 - 7.4 ESE Surplus Trade-In Request
 - 7.5 Warrant Lists
 - 7.6 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.7 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: ABA Solutions, Inc.; Center for Technology & Education; Red Apple Training Center; Respect of Florida/Axon Technologies; Saint Petersburg College
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Imagine School at Land O'Lakes – Public Charter School Grant Program – Disbursement of Planning and Program Design Grant Funds
 - 8.2 Pasco High School Learn and Serve Project Amendment
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Allocation Changes – Hudson Middle School, Gulf Highlands Elementary and Moon Lake Elementary Schools
 - 9.2 Information Services – New Programmer Allocation

- 9.3 Allocation Change – J.W. Mitchell High School – Transfer 1.0 Unit
Paraprofessional/Instructional Assistant (ESE), Funded IDEA Part B to Hudson High School
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 10.1 Professional Development Partnership Agreement with Saint Leo University
- 11.0 Adult Education Fees for 2008-2009**(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 12.0 Revised 2008-2009 Student Fees for SWISH**(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Job Descriptions** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.1 New Job Description: *Instructional Technology Specialist*
- 13.2 New Job Description: *School Media Specialist*
- 14.0 Middle School Course Adoption 2008-2009** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(15.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading: *Revision to Student Progression Plan* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the first reading, seconded by Member Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(15.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading: *Revision to Policy GBCB, Employee Conduct and Ethics to include Pasco's Reasonable Suspicion Drug Testing* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the first reading of Policy GBCB. Member Atman seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Candace Roberts from Saint Leo University arrived and was recognized. She addressed the Board on how appreciative she was of the partnership between the middle schools and St. Leo University and looks forward to a long-term commitment with the district. She feels it will be very beneficial in preparing teachers. Member Altman remarked that he received some very positive comments from both middle schools on the quality of instruction they received over the summer.

The Chairman called a recess of the School Board meeting and the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation meeting came to order at 6:41 p.m. Present were President Kathryn Starkey and Board Members Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Cathi Martin. Member Marge Whaley was not in attendance. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent and Dennis Alfonso, Attorney for the Board.

(16.0) President Starkey presented the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Program - Certificates of Participation, Series 2008 for approval.(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the certificates of participation. Member Altman seconded the motion. Mrs. Swinson explained some of the key points in the program. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Leasing Corporation meeting was adjourned and the Pasco County School Board meeting reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Altman said the Insurance Committee will meet Thursday and the Board should receive a report by the next Board Meeting.

Member Parker said the Energy Committee discussed items for conservation, which will be brought to the Board at a later date.

Chairman Starkey attended the Career Academy Council advisory meeting and is looking forward to a good relationship with the business community and our career academies. She will be attending the LPA meeting to discuss joint use and co-location of schools and parks.

Chairman Starkey requested that Board Members submit their suggestions for the Florida School Boards Association Legislative Platform to the recording secretary by Thursday of this week in order for them to be submitted by the August 29 deadline.

Member Parker initiated discussion on the Property Value Adjustment Board and the new statutory requirement that the School Board must appoint a member from the business community to sit on its board in addition to one School Board member. Member Altman noted that per statute the person must own a business occupying commercial space located within the school district. He stated that action will need to be taken at the next board meeting to select the person to sit on the board and recommended each Board member submit one name at that time. Attorney Alfonso said it is understood that the organization of this

board cannot happen until after September 1, per statute and also noted that outside legal counsel would need to be hired. Chairman Starkey suggested that the names be sent to the recording secretary along with their legislative platform suggestions by Thursday of this week.

Attorney Alfonso remarked that he would look into the union issue that came up earlier in the meeting. He announced his attendance at the Florida School Board Attorney Association seminar and will share materials with appropriate 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 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. with a workshop following.

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 6:55 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: August 26, 2008 4:00 p.m.
TOPIC: End of Course Exam Summary, Direct Deposit and Discussion of Upcoming Amendments

The Board met for a workshop session in the DIMC studio at the district office administration complex. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Cathi Martin. Marge Whaley was ill and not in attendance. Also present were Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Executive Director for Elementary Schools; Peggy Jones and Sarah Bombly, Research and Evaluation Department; Jim Ciadella and Robert Benjamin, USEP; Summer Romagnoli, Communications and Government Relations Department; Superintendent Candidate Steve Donaldson; Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune.

Dr. Jones presented an overview and summary of the proposed 2008-2009 District End of Course Exams. Question and Answer session followed.

Mrs. Swinson updated the Board on direct deposit for district retirees, which will begin October 21, before going district wide.

Superintendent Fiorentino presented information on upcoming legislation and amendments. Amendment #5 was removed from the ballot and #7 and #9 are in the courts and could be removed.

Calendar issues:

Legislative Platform suggestions are due to the recording secretary by August 28, for submittal to the Florida School Boards Association by August 29.

Member Martin will serve on as Board member representative on the Strategic Plan committee with Members Altman and Parker as backup. Dr. Scanga will notify them as dates are set.

Superintendent Fiorentino and Chairman Starkey will meet with Headstart personnel during their audit on September 22 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. Mrs. Reilly will notify them of time when determined.

The workshop concluded at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

9/16/08

Superintendent