

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
September 2, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 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 Marge Whaley and Allen Altman. Member Cathi Martin was ill and not in attendance. 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 Parker and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Courtney Lancour, student at Gulf Middle School.

The Chairman remarked that minutes of the August 26 regular meeting and workshop would be submitted at the September 16 meeting due to Tropical Storm Fay.

Maureen Moore, Director, Communications and Government Relations, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Recognition of the Communications and Human Resources Departments as Recipients of the 2008 Sunshine State School Public Relations Associations First Place Award

The Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. Student apology: Jose – assault on Ridgewood High School campus

Bill Phillips of New Port Richey updated the Board on the Gulf High School Buccaneer Alumni Invasion for which all Gulf High School alumni from 1928 to 2008, including the current senior class, will be invited. The event will be held October 24 and 25 and he asked that a resolution be done recognizing October 25, 2008 as Gulf High School night. He said School Board Members are also invited to attend, as four new academic and athletic scholarships will be given to students from Gulf High School at the October 25 event.

The Chairman called a short break for a photo and the meeting came back to order at 9:48 a.m.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Jim Ciadella, Business Representative of the USEP, stated that USEP passed their first economic proposal at the bargaining table August 27 and they are anticipating receipt of the end of the year financial report from the district soon. He remarked that proposed state constitutional amendments 7 and 9 dealing with school taxes and vouchers are being contested and arguments will be heard at the Supreme Court level on September 3. If they remain on the November ballot, USEP would appreciate the support of the Board and Superintendent in defeating the passage of these amendments.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Altman remarked that the adult education graduation on the eastside was outstanding with standing room only.

Member Parker attended the adult education graduation on the westside and was pleased to see many students and adults receiving their certificates.

Chairman Starkey shared pictures of the master board ceremony with the Board.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Monthly Report of the Pasco Education Foundation – Chip Wichmanowski

Dr. Scanga stated that electronic progress reports are ready on eSembler, with reports cards soon to follow. This will allow teachers to work more efficiently and cut paper costs.

On question by Chairman Starkey, Mr. Gadd reported that a training program is being organized to better instruct plant managers on the maintenance and care of new trees.

Mrs. Swinson remarked that the QZAB resolution is being rebid as only one bank responded to the original RFP.

Mr. Davis initiated discussion that several schools have been requested to place political advertisements in their athletic programs. He said he advised them against doing this after conferring with Board Attorney Alfonso. Mr. Alfonso remarked that Board policy gives discretion in such matters to the principal. Otherwise the Board policy is open to interpretation, but practice has been to be very stringent against permitting partisan and/or controversial political speech. Additionally, Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) has a by-law that suggests that political speech could be a cause for disqualification of the team in competition. After further discussion, Board Members were in agreement and Member Whaley asked that all schools be contacted regarding this issue and given a copy of the policy. Mr. Davis will comply with that request.

(2.0) The Chairman announced that there were no expulsion hearings for action today.

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:

16.0 Naming of High School “FFF” (Holiday)

(3.0 – 15.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Whaley moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Parker seconded the motion. He commented that the Energy Management Program is a cost savings to the district and also an award-winning program in energy management and recycling efforts. Member Altman received confirmation that the “actual dollars spent” reflected on page four of the Energy Management Handbook are valid figures. Chairman Starkey asked for clarification on the need for Board approval on course adoption changes for charter schools. Mr. Davis explained that once the Board adopts specific courses from the state list they can then be used at all schools, including charters. There being no further discussion, 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** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 4.1 Student Transfer Requests
 - 4.2 Hudson High School “Class Act Band” Students to Travel to New York City to Participate in “Meet the Arts” at Lincoln Center April 30-May 3, 2009, Funding: Sponsorships and Fundraisers
 - 4.3 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 Lease Agreement – Park for Oakstead Community Development District (DCC)
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.2 Warrant Lists
 - 7.3 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.4 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Red Apple Training Counseling Contract; Scholastic, Inc.
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Project Amendment Request for Adult Migrant & Seasonal Farmworker Program, Workforce Investment Act, Title I, Section 167-2008-2009 Grant
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Zephyrhills High School – Addition of One Instructional Assistant – Funding: Carl D. Perkins Grant
 - 9.2 Changes to 2008-2009 Allocations - T. E. Weightman Middle School and Wesley Chapel High School, Funding: ESE Guaranteed
 - 9.3 Oakstead Elementary School – Additional Summer Work Hours, Funding: Medicaid
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 10.1 2008-2009 Dual Enrollment Agreement with Pasco Hernando Community College
- 11.0 Charter Schools** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 11.1 Dayspring Academy Charter School – Request for Course Adoption – Elementary Drama
 - 11.2 Academy At The Farm Charter School – Request for Middle School Course Adoption – Advanced United States History and Comprehensive Science 3
 - 11.3 Transportation Contracts for Athenian Academy, Day Spring Academy and Imagine Charter Schools

- 12.0 Extension of the 2004-05 Policies and Procedures for the Provision of Specially Designed Instruction and Related Services for Exceptional Students for the 2008-09 School Year** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 13.0 Updated 2008-2009 Master Inservice Plan** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 14.0 Energy Management Program Handbook for School Year 2008-2009** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- 15.0 Memorandum of Understanding – Overpayments and Underpayments** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(16.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Naming of High School “FFF” in Holiday. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Whaley moved that the Board name the school *Anclote High School*. Member Parker seconded the motion. Board Members discussed suggestions from the community. Among some of the suggestions were Holiday High, Freedom High and Nature Coast High. Board Members agreed that Anclote High would meet the geographical criteria sometimes used when deciding a name. There being no further discussion, and on vote the motion was approved unanimously.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Altman recognized and thanked Mary Tillman, Director Employee Benefits for all her and her department’s work and research they did on the District’s insurance plan.

Chairman Starkey remarked that she would like follow-up information on the car-pooling program. Attorney Alfonso reported that a study group out of University of South Florida is in the process of compiling information and he noted that there are liability issues in addition to other concerns with the program. He will contact their liaison and report back to the Board.

Superintendent Fiorentino stated that Board members would be receiving copies of the legislative platform suggestions forwarded to the Florida School Boards Association. Member Altman remarked that as part of the restructuring of local Property Value Adjustment Boards, local government entities must bear the financial burden of hiring independent legal counsel (previously the School Board Attorney and County attorney could represent each side) and he would like this to be added to the legislative platform suggestions. Board Members expressed concern with this issue and would like to return to the previous practice, saving school resources. Chairman Starkey suggested that a joint letter from the County and School Board be sent requesting that this requirement be revisited.

Chairman Starkey remarked that she would like all of the Board to receive a copy of the Urban Land Institute report.

Attorney Alfonso presented an off agenda item requiring Board action on the selection of a non-board member designee for participation on the Property Value Adjustment Board (VAB). Member Whaley moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Parker. On vote the motion carried unanimously. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Mr. Alfonso remarked Board Members were asked at the last meeting to submit at least one name for consideration at today’s meeting. Attorney Alfonso gave Board Members the requirements for the position and discussion ensued. Member Altman nominated Mike Prilliman, a local businessman in the Zephyrhills community. Member Parker seconded the motion and stated that he felt Mr. Prilliman would have a good understanding of changes in real estate law. Member Whaley thought it would be good to have someone on the east side. There being no further discussion, and on vote, the recommendation of Mike Prilliman carried unanimously.

Attorney Alfonso informed the Board that the indemnity agreement with SunTrust Bank relative to the Language Academy was now complete and would be sent to Mrs. Swinson so money can be transferred into the District’s account.

Attorney Alfonso revisited the issue of USEP distributing a Memorandum of Understanding attached to Sentate Bill 610 dealing with P.E. legislation at the last Board meeting. After researching, he reiterated his thoughts that it was not appropriate, as the Board should not be involved in the bargaining process until an agreement is reached.

Chairman Starkey suggested the possibility of the District considering starting its own charter school that would focus on drop out students. She feels a charter school would give the district flexibility it doesn’t have with traditional schools. Superintendent Fiorentino will look into the request and report back to the Board.

The Superintendent remarked that as a conservation measure classroom temperatures have been adjusted. Several schools have units that are not working efficiently and the Maintenance Department is in the process of checking out all the systems.

The Chairman congratulated Joanne Hurley as the newly elected School Board member. Ms. Hurley will replace Member Marge Whaley who is retiring.

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 and final hearing on the budget is September 16, 2008 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 10:38 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: September 2, 2008 10:55 a.m.

TOPIC: Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

The Board met for a workshop session on *GFOA*, which was coordinated by Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration. The workshop was moved from the DIMC Studio to the Board Room due to the large attendance. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Marge Whaley. Member Cathi Martin 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; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; 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; Barry McMeekan and David Burna, GFOA Representatives; Joanne Hurley, Board Member elect; Jim Ciadella, USEP; various district office staff; Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune.

Barry McMeekan and David Burna, Senior Managers of GFOA reviewed the findings of the needs assessment that was conducted on the District for upgrading of the current computer system. The Board was brought up to date on the scope of work for the procurement services process phase along with the Enterprise Business process project (ERP) and timelines.

The workshop concluded at 11:50 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: September 2, 2008 12:00 Noon

TOPIC: Information Session - Budget Variances

The Board met for a workshop session in the DIMC Studio, Building 3 of the district office complex. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Marge Whaley. Member Cathi Martin 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; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; 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; Maureen Moore, Communications and Government Relations Department; Bill Kleinsorge and John Simon; Finance Department; Joanne Hurley, School Board member elect; Jim Ciadella; USEP; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

Mr. Kleinsorge and Mr. Simon presented an explanation of the budget process and how the budget is developed and balanced. Board members also were given a comparison of budget to actual dollars for fiscal year 2006-2007. A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 12:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: March 18, 2008 12:45 p.m.

The Board met in executive session in the DIMC Studio, Building #3 of the district office complex, relocating from the Employee Relations Conference room. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Marge Whaley. Member Cathi Martin 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; Bill Kleinsorge and John Simon, Finance Department and Terry Rhum, Kevin Shibley and Bryan Jack, Employee Relations Department.

The Executive Session concluded at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

9/16/08

Superintendent