

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
September 14, 2010

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 14, 2010, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Allen Altman, Vice Chairman Joanne Hurley, and Board Members Frank Parker, Kathryn Starkey and Cathi Martin. Also present was Ruth Reilly acting as Secretary to the Board and Dennis Alfonso, Attorney for the Board. Superintendent Heather Fiorentino was out of state.

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 Starkey and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The Chairman announced the Final Public Hearing on Class Size and opened the floor for public comment. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) No one came forward. Mrs. Reilly summarized all options, which the District has implemented to meet class size. She reviewed procedure for maximizing staff use and facilities and highlighted many components of class size, which have been addressed by the District in a successful manner. The Chairman declared the Final Public Hearing on Class Size closed.

The Chairman announced the Final Hearing on the Proposed Annual Budget 2010-2011. (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer distributed a draft analysis of the 2010-2011 budget and reviewed budget items, which reflect last years student enrollment. She explained that the spending plan relies heavily on money that may not be available next year and noted that \$28,369,374.00 additional funds are needed to balance the budget. The District will begin the 2011-2012 school year with a shortfall of \$46.7 million in non-recurring revenues. Ongoing negotiations will determine several items including furlough days and early retirement. The Annual Budget book can be viewed on the District web site through the 2010-2011 school year at www.pasco.k12.fl.us.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment on the budget.

- Robert Marsh of Masaryktown supported the tax increase proposed in the budget and encouraged the Board to approve it.
- Lynne Webb spoke on behalf of the United School Employees of Pasco (USEP) urging the Board to adopt the budget and levy the .25 mill .
- Jim Ciadella of Holiday stated he was proud that his children attended Pasco Schools. He reviewed challenges our district faces financially and implored the Board to pass the budget and .25 millage increase.
- Kenny Blankenship of Land O'Lakes urged the Board to pass the budget and .25 millage increase.

The Chairman stated that the following approvals are requested on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010-2011:

1. The Chairman announced the statements listed below, as per Section 200.065(2)(d), Florida Statutes, prior to the adoption of the millage-levy resolution:
The District School Board of Pasco County
The rolled back rate is 8.2444 mills.
The millage rate to be levied for 2010-2011 is 7.7670 mills
2. **Adopt the Resolution Determining the Revenues and Millages Levied.**
Member Parker moved that the Board approve the resolution. Member Hurley seconded the motion. On vote the motion carried unanimously.
3. **Adopt the Resolution Determining the Critical Needs, Revenues and Millages Levied.**
Member Parker moved that the Board adopt the Critical Needs Resolution. Member Martin seconded the motion. On vote the motion carried 4-1, with the ayes being Parker, Martin, Hurley, Altman and nay vote being Starkey.
4. **Adopt the Final Budget Resolution.**
Member Parker moved that the Board approve the resolution adopting the final budget for

2010-2011. Member Hurley seconded the motion. On vote the motion carried 4-1, with the ayes being Parker, Martin, Hurley, Altman and nay vote being Starkey.

The Chairman declared the final public hearing on the 2010-2011 annual budget closed.

The Chairman announced the public hearing on the Five-Year District Facilities Work Plan and opened the floor for public comments. There were none and the Chairman declared the public hearing on the Five-Year District Facilities Work Plan closed. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

The Chairman announced that the minutes of the regular meeting, executive session and workshop of September 7, 2010 would be submitted at the October 5, 2010 Board Meeting.

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

- Florida Nutrition Association 2009-2010 Community Humanitarian Award
- Presentation of the *Thomas E. Weightman Assist, Believe and Care Awards*
- ~~\$50,000 Grant Donation by Progress Energy Power to Protect Program~~ (cancelled)

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:58 p.m.

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

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, gave update on Race to the Top (RTTT) group meetings. There are 22 group members representing schools, district and the Florida Education Association. She is encouraged by the progress made and said they have pledged to work with the District.

The Chairman provided a letter from State Representative Will Weatherford regarding his support of RTTT.

Committee Reports:

Member Starkey:

- Pasco Education Foundation Board meeting from remote location

Member Hurley:

- Upcoming Charter School Task Force
- Reported on the recent FSBA Board of Director's Conference

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Ruth Reilly:

- Odessa Elementary School Dedication date changed to October 27 at 10:30 so as not to conflict with the Board visit to Volusia County on October 28
- Introduced Bryce Pride as newly appointed Supervisor in Research and Evaluation

Dave Scanga:

- Partnership with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers – all elementary students received activity booklet (working with the Pasco Education Foundation)

Olga Swinson:

- Commended John Simon and the Finance Department for compiling all the budget reports and booklets.
- Commended Planning, Construction Services and Maintenance Departments for their work on the Five Year Facilities Work Plan
- Pulled bid #11-039VJ, Elementary/Middle School yearbooks from item 7.5

Renalia DuBose:

- Upcoming Charter School Task Force meeting

Jim Davis:

- Requested approval for an off agenda item to be presented. Member Parker moved to accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Martin. On vote the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Davis stated that the Board has before them the request for Wiregrass Ranch High School student athletes to participate in the Key West XCursion Cross Country Invitational in Key West, Florida September 24-25, 2010. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the student travel request. Member Starkey seconded the motion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(2.0) The Chairman announced that there were no expulsion hearing 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:

- 12.0 Policies
 - 12.1 First Reading: *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures 2009-2010 Through 2011-2012 – Revisions*
- 13.0 Proclamation to Observe *Constitution Day* on September 17, 2010 and *Celebrate Freedom Week* September 20-24, 2010
- 14.0 Resolution Proclaiming the First Two Weeks in October as Disability History and Weeks

(3.0 – 11.2) 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 with the exception of pulled bid #11-039VJ and including noted corrections and additions. Member Hurley seconded the motion, 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/Supplements
 - 3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations
- 4.0 Students** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 4.1 Change of Placement
- 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** – None Submitted
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Superintendent’s Annual Financial Report
 - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.3 Warrant Lists
 - 7.4 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.5 Bids and Related Contracts (**Pulled Bid #11-039VJ**)
Addenda: Contract with Heartland of Zephyrhills
- 8.0 Grant Proposals** – None Submitted
- 9.0 Allocations** – None Submitted
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Out of State Travel by Staff** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 11.1 Zephyrhills High School Instructional Staff Member to Attend Yearbook Training in Irving, Texas, September 29-30, 2010, Funding: Taylor Publishing
 - 11.2 District Staff Member to Attend and Present at the RTI Innovations Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 7-8, 2010

(12.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of First Reading: *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures 2009-2010 Through 2011-2012 – Revisions* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the policy revisions, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

(13.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Proclamation to Observe *Constitution Day* on September 17, 2010 and *Celebrate Freedom Week* September 20-24, 2010. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the proclamation, seconded by Member Parker. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

(14.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Resolution Proclaiming the First Two Weeks in October as Disability History and Awareness Weeks (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Martin moved that the Board approve the resolution, seconded by Member Parker. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Starkey:

- Thanked Board Members for their support of her ill grandson, who is doing better and will not need surgery

Member Hurley:

- Reminder that the blood mobile will be at the district this Thursday

Chairman Altman:

- Lacochee revitalization update – met as a work group on how the district can collaborate with other organizations to help the community
- Follow up tour of Pasco High School Construction Renovation project

Attorney Alfonso:

- Working with Chris Williams, Director of Planning regarding concurrency - workshop will be scheduled with new incoming board members
- Will forward emails received regarding Charter school questions on the implication of class size on charter schools

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 October 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

October 5, 2010

Superintendent