

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
October 18, 2011

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2011, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Joanne Hurley, Vice Chairman Allen Altman, and Board Members Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart and Alison Crumbley. 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 Armstrong and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence to keep Pasco County law enforcement officers and first response teams in our thoughts.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 4, 2011. There were none, and on motion by Member Altman, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Debra Husted Memorial Dreams Can Come True Award Presented to Liz Cooper
- District Schools Meet Nationally Recognized Levels of Energy Efficiency

The Chairman called a 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.

Robert Marsh of Masaryktown and Land O'Lakes High teacher spoke about his opposition to eSchool. He polled students who reported cheating and no accountability. He has concerns about quality of the courses and the draining of funds from regular classes.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Ed Rhonda, Business Representative for USEP spoke for Mrs. Webb who was absent. He thanked the Board for their continuing support during negotiations.

Committee Reports:

Member Crumbley:

- Career Academy Steering Committee

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Head Start Policy Council Officers

Ruth Reilly:

- Head Start Policy Council Officers unavailable this evening, therefore item 1.1 is tabled

Olga Swinson:

- Reviewed tentative FTE count from Friday and explained penalty process. If the District submits an action plan by February 15, 2012, 75% of any penalty incurred could be refunded back to our District. Current numbers indicate an overage of one or two students in certain classes, which would not warrant adding allocations during an extreme budget shortfall. The majority of classes are under class size, with many of these ESE classes. Dr. Scanga added that it is an extreme challenge and causes trauma in trying to move children to minimize the penalty and is not good practice for students and teachers. The new class size amendment passed this year. Data on classes not in compliance will be given to Board Members. Member Altman questioned which counties did not meet class size last year.

Renalia DuBose:

- NEOLA policy revisions upcoming. Will bring updates to the Board before winter break. Member Armstrong asked for an electronic version. Superintendent Fiorentino stated that policies will be "Pascoized" not cookie cutter changes, only those dictated by state statute will be changed.

Tina Tiede:

- Red Ribbon Week
- Working with Sheriff's Office to broadcast public service announcements to students
- Bayonet Point Middle School to host Army Black Hawk Helicopter in conjunction with anti drug message on October 24

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

2.1 School Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/27/1995) - Anclote High School

Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in item 2.1. Member Crumbley seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

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:

13.0 Policies

13.1 Second and Final Reading of Revised DSBPC Policy 6144 – Investments

(3.0 – 12.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda including any addenda distributed this evening. Member Altman so moved, seconded by Member Crumbley. 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 Change of Placement

4.2 Requests for School Field Trips

5.0 Requests for use of Facilities (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

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6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance

Services and Transportation (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

6.1 Road Easement Agreement with PHCC

7.0 Business/Finance (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

7.1 Surplus Equipment

7.2 Surplus Non-Capitalized Furniture and Equipment

7.3 Warrant Lists

7.4 Request for Approval of Purchase Orders and Associated Contracts**7.5 Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts**

Contracts: City of New Port Richey Police Department; Discovery Education; Good

Samaritan Health Clinic of Pasco, Inc.; Transcare Medical Transportation; Jones International University; The Red Apple Adult Training Center

8.0 Grant Proposals

8.1 Title I School Improvement Initiative 1003(a) 2011-2012

9.0 Allocations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

9.1 Allocation Changes:

Additional Duty - Alternative to Suspension Program

Additional Duty - Educational Plan Activities

Additional Duty - IEP/TIEP Activities

Additional Duty - Tutoring Services (Bishop Larkin School)

9.2 Chasco Middle School Literacy Camp

9.3 Chasco Middle School Math/Science Camp

9.4 Wiregrass Ranch High School Saturday Detention Program

10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted

11.0 Charter Schools (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

11.1 Agreement with Charter Schools for Use and Transfer of Surplus Buses

12.0 Staff Travels (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

12.1 Administrative Staff Members to Attend Virtual School Symposium 2011 in Indianapolis, Indiana

12.2 Hudson High School Instructional Staff Member to Attend Financial Training in Fort Stewart, Georgia

(13.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second and Final Reading of Reviewed DSBPC Policy 6144 – Investments (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the second reading, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Luikart:

- Culinary Arts Grand Opening
- Pasco Middle and High Schools rededication
- 4-Day Task Force

Member Crumbley:

- Culinary Arts Grand Opening
- Pasco Middle School and Pasco High School rededication ceremonies
- Vice President Biden visit to Oakstead Elementary School
- River Ridge High School 20th anniversary celebration

Member Armstrong:

- Spoke at Seven Springs Rotary Club & Beacon Square Civic Association
- Fivay High School golf tournament
- Pasco Legislative Delegation at River Ridge High School
- Remarked that Chasco Fiesta Parade will be a salute to education this year and will honor all connected with education. Parade to be held in March 2012

Member Altman:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the Pasco Middle and High Schools rededication ceremonies
- Spoke at the Penny for Pasco Committee Meeting

Chairman Hurley:

- Attended many special events, including dedications and Vice President Biden's visit to Oakstead Elementary
- Breast Cancer walkathon this weekend at the Shoppes of Wiregrass. Invited all to join her team
- Reminded Board Members that they can suggest workshop topics and can schedule an open topic workshop, if they wish.

Attorney Alfonso:

- Will get addenda language for his contract ready for the November 1 Board Meeting
- Redistricting of Board Members was approved by the County. A public hearing will now be scheduled for the November 1 Board Meeting along with presentation of a resolution for Board approval. He encouraged the Board to accept public comment during the public hearing and noted that a map should be submitted for permanent record.

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 November 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: October 18, 2011 4:00 p.m.

TOPIC: *Attorney Contract/Teacher Evaluation/School Improvement Planning and Assessments/Town Hall Meetings*

The Board met for several workshop sessions at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart, Alison Crumbley; 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; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Kevin Shibley, Director of Employee Relations; Summer Romagnoli, Government Relations; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times.

School Improvement Planning (SIP) Assessments

Members of the Research Department presented an overview of the SIP process and Assessments. Test data and methods were explained along with the Department of Education requirements. Question and answer session followed.

Attorney Contract

Member Altman facilitated the workshop. He distributed information gathered during his research on attorney contracts around the district and state. Discussion was held on the current contract, development of an evaluation survey, and communication issues. There was consensus of the Board to allow the attorney to charge a flat fee of \$100 to cover small miscellaneous expenses. Conversation continued regarding procedures for retaining outside counsel for specific legal areas, to include input from the current attorney. The Superintendent would like attorney to speak to directors and principals after attending the attorney conferences.

Teacher Evaluation

Kevin Shibley, Director of Employee Relation’s Department reported on the status of the new teacher evaluation process. An update was given on the timeline and the development of the evaluation procedures. District staff will be meeting at schools to answer questions and get input from teachers.

Town Hall Meetings

There was consensus of the Board that information would be in a virtual format for the Vision Committee given by the Chairman instead of holding individual town hall meetings.

The workshops concluded at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

November 1, 2011

Superintendent