

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
October 19, 2010

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 19, 2010, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Vice Chairman Joanne Hurley acting as Chairman, and Board Members Frank Parker, Kathryn Starkey and Cathi Martin. Chairman Allen Altman was out of town. 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 Hurley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Brad Ash, Pasco Middle School teacher; Debbie Foote, retired Gulf Middle School teacher and Dorothy Mitchell, former School Board Member under Hospice care.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2010 and executive session of October 1, 2010. There were none, and on motion by Member Parker seconded by Member Martin the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Recognition of Forty-eight Schools Earning Five Star School Award Status for 2009-2010 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

- Valerie Hillary of Zephyrhills expressed her feelings that the assault on her daughter at R.B. Stewart Middle School was not handled properly by the school administration. She stated that this was not the only assault of a female by the same person and she called on the Board to investigate the assault issues happening at the school and asked for the replacement of all the school administrative staff. Lizette Alexander, Director of Student Services was asked to speak with Ms. Hillary outside of the meeting room.
- Christina Ennist of New Port Richey spoke of her concerns as a taxpayer. She addressed her concerns regarding the fiscal responsibility of the District and offered several suggestions for the budget challenges the District is facing.
- Phil Weissburg spoke to the Board regarding his application for employment as a Pasco County instructional teacher. He expressed his disappointment that he was denied possible employment due to a misdemeanor arrest, which he reported was dismissed by the court system. Mr. Weissburg stated that he paid for fingerprinting. Superintendent Fiorentino asked staff to research his situation and report back to her.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Ed Ronda, Business Representative of the USEP, reported that teachers feel unappreciated and over burdened. Meetings have been scheduled within the next two weeks at schools. He noted that USEP is negotiating that for the Edu Job funds be used for this year for staff salaries and benefits, not for rainy day funds. Regarding Race To The Top he stated that Commissioner Smith has said that we do not need union signatures this year. Commended outgoing board members and asked that they fulfill their obligations to staff.

Committee Reports:

Member Parker:

- Technology Committee
- Value Adjustment Board

Member Starkey:

- Cinderella Ball

Member Hurley:

- Boundary Meeting

- 1.0 Reports, Information and Comments
 - 1.1 Insurance Committee Recommendation for 2011 Employee Benefit Packet
 - 1.2 Pasco Education Foundation Monthly Report

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Pulled item 2.1

Ruth Reilly:

- Introduced Glenda McCallister who is being recommended as the new Supervisor in the Exceptional Student Education Department
- Introduced Aimee Boltze who is being recommended as the new Director of Staff Development
- Noted correction to Human Resources Department addenda stating that Aimee Boltze is being recommended as Director of “Staff Development” not “Student Services”
- Noted correction to item 12.1, page 171 of the ESE policies to delete San Antonio Boys Village as they are no longer in existence

Olga Swinson:

- Called attention to insurance committee recommendations in item 1.1
- Noted correction to item 7.7, page 20 in Purchasing packet; should read “Title I” funds, not “Capital” funds

Renalia DuBose:

- Pasco Education Foundation Monthly Report

(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 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/5/94) from Fivay High School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/14/93) from James Irvin Education Center
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/20/96) from Harry Schwettman Education Center

Member Parker moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in items 2.2 and 2.3. Member Martin 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:

5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities (including any addenda)

12.0 Policies

12.1 Second Reading of *Exceptional Student Education Policies and Procedures 2009-2010 Through 2011-2012* – Revisions

12.2 Second Reading of Revised DSBPC Policies (1130, 3130 and 4130)

13.0 Authorization to Purchase Real Property – Tax Deed Auction

(3.0 – 11.0) 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 with the exception of 3.1 and 7.7, as corrected and item 5.0. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3.0 Human Resources (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

3.1 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations (**as corrected**)

3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

4.0 Students (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

4.1 Change of Placement

4.2 Twenty-six Students to Participate in the 56th Annual State Science and Engineering Fair in Orlando, Florida March 23-25, 2011 and Two Students to Participate in the 2011 International Science Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California May 8-14, 2011, Funding: Science Fair Budget

4.3 Gulf High School French Honor Society Students to Participate in the French State Competition in Orlando, Florida April 7-9, 2011, Funding: French Honor Society Internal Funds

4.4 Pasco High School Diversified Career Technology Club Students to Participate in the Cooperative Education Clubs of Florida/Business Professionals of America Leadership Training Workshop in High Springs, Florida November 3-5, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions

4.5 Seven Springs Middle School Students to Attend Sea Camp at the Newfound Harbor Marine Institute, Big Pine Key, Florida April 1-3, 2011, Funding: Fundraisers and Individual Students

4.6 Hudson High School and Fivay High School Students to Participate in a Historic Research Trip to Washington, D.C. February 16-22, 2011, Funding: Student Contributions

- 4.7 Wiregrass Ranch High School Students to Participate in Disney’s Grad Nite 2011 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida April 30-May 1, 2011, Funding: Student Contributions
- 4.8 Land O’Lakes High, Sunlake High and J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Participate in the Junior Statesman of America Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida November 12-14, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Junior Statesman of America Internal Funds
- 4.9 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Participate in the Diversified Career Technology /Career Education Clubs of Florida State Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida March 3-6, 2011, Funding: Student Contributions and Club Internal Funds
- 4.10 Fivay High School Wrestling Team to Participate in the 1A Wars Duals Wrestling Tournament in Englewood, Florida December 28-29, 2010, Funding: Internal Wrestling Funds
- 6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance Services and Transportation** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 6.1 Agriculture Lease Agreement – Hicks Road Property
 - 6.2 Master Agreement for Joint Use of Connerton County Park Property
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Approval of Payroll Expenditures for September 2010 and Authorization to Expend Funds for October 2010
 - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.3 Non-Capitalized Furniture and Equipment Declared Surplus
 - 7.4 Surplus Equipment to be Sold Through Auction
 - 7.5 Warrant Lists
 - 7.6 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.7 Bids and Related Contracts (**as corrected**)

Contracts: Aetna Behavioral Health, LLC; Colliers Arnold, Florida Acquisition & Appraisal, Herr Valuation Advisors; Verizon Business Network services; Green Fiber and Land O’Lakes Recycling; eInstruction; Bridgeton Plumbing & Heating Supply; Herff-Jones and John McLay & Associates; GameTime, Inc; Walsworth and Taylor Publishing; Pasco Hernando Community College; Pasco County Emergency Services Department; Pasco Regional Medical Center; Discovery Education; Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties; State of Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 2010-2011 District in Corrective Action Grant Proposal
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 2010-2011 Title III, After-School/FLASH Programs
 - 9.2 Anclote High School – One Additional Science Resource Teacher Allocation
 - 9.3 Two Additional School Psychologist Allocations for RtI Coaches
 - 9.4 Title I – Extended Day Program Allocations
 - 9.5 Additional Hours – TOOLS Program
 - 9.6 New Allocation – School Nurse
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 10.1 Contract for Installation of a Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Full-Service Automated Teller Machine at the District Office
 - 10.2 School Resource Officer Contracts – 2010-2011
- 11.0 Change in Board Meeting Dates – January 2011 (as corrected)** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(5.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Requests for Use of Facilities (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Hurley commended the Land O’Lakes High School Booster Club for a wonderful job in coordinating the upcoming annual Swamp Fest and thought it was a great idea to use Sanders School for overflow parking. Member Parker moved that the Board approve the Use of Facilities, seconded by Member Starkey. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

(12.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading of *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 second reading with the correction to delete San Antonio Boys Village on page 171. Member Starkey seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(12.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading of Revised DSBPC Policies (1130, 3130 and 4130) (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the second reading of the DSBPC Policy revisions, seconded by Member Martin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(13.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Authorization to Purchase Real Property – Tax Deed Auction (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Attorney Alfonso discussed the purchase of property using this method and noted that the purchase price should not exceed \$100,000 or the appraised value. He stated that an appraisal has been ordered. Member Martin moved that the Board approve the purchase of the property subject to the price not exceeding \$100,000 or the appraised value. Member Starkey seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Fiorentino presented an off agenda item regarding the resignation of Addie Karen Marler. Member Martin moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Parker. On vote the motion carried unanimously. The Superintendent explained that the Board had before them Ms. Marler’s letter of resignation. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)Member Parker moved that the Board accept the resignation, seconded by Member Martin. On question by Member Starkey, Superintendent Fiorentino explained that the letter was not received in time to be placed on the agenda and staff would like to advertise for the position. There was no further discussion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Fiorentino requested that the motion approving the consent agenda be amended in order to correct item 11.0 to read “.....cancel the January 4 Board Meeting”, not January 5. Member Martin amended the motion for approval of the consent agenda to include correcting the date to cancel the Board Meeting of January 4, 2011. Member Starkey seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Member Starkey presented an off agenda item regarding a resolution to support Amendment 8 Class Size as recommended by the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA). Member Parker moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Martin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Member Starkey asked the Board to support the amendment relating to class size as recommended by FSBA. Member Martin moved that the Board approve the resolution supporting Amendment 8. Member Starkey seconded the motion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Starkey:

- Noted editorial regarding Pinellas County School’s possible consideration of uniforms, which she supports
- Working with Representative Weatherford regarding passage of Amendment 8
- Traveling to Washington D.C. to STEM Summit

Member Martin:

- Commended the Pasco Education Foundation for a great job on the Charles S. Rushe Golf Tournament
- Noted a disturbing picture in the newspaper which showed dress code infractions

Member Hurley:

- Received an Amendment 8 call
- Attended the Charles S. Rushe Golf Tournament

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

Attorney Tim Dander spoke representing David Simpson, an employee on suspension without pay. Mr. Simpson would like to have an appeal hearing before the Board. Attorney Alfonso noted that there is a maximum 60 day deadline for scheduling and asked the Board to authorize him to schedule a hearing date to occur sometime after the new Board is inducted in November. He will follow-up with the Superintendent and employee’s counsel to schedule a hearing.

Attorney Alfonso stated that he has been in communication with the Purchasing Department and staff regarding his firm’s contract renewal and requested that it be considered at the next Board meeting.

Ed Ronda, USEP Business Representative spoke against Amendment 8 and implored the Board to not support it. He said USEP believes class size is the best way to support the education of students.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is November 2, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: October 19, 2010 4:10 p.m.

TOPIC: *Reading*

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley. Chairman Allen Altman was out of town. Also present were 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; Jim Davis, Assistant Superintendent for High, Adult and Alternative Schools; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; Curriculum and Instructional Services Department staff; Research Department staff; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times.

Power Point presentation was shown giving an overview of the 2009-2010 elementary and secondary reading achievements and evaluation results.

A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

November 2, 2010

Superintendent