

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
October 20, 2009

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2009, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Frank Parker, Vice Chairman Allen Altman and Board Members Joanne Hurley and Kathryn Starkey. Member Cathi Martin was absent. 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting and workshops (NEOLA & Concurrency) on October 6, 2009 and executive session on October 2, 2009. There were none, and on motion by Member Hurley, seconded by Member Starkey the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing on the First Reading of the Concurrency Implementation Procedures Manual and asked for public comment. No one came forward. Chris Williams, Director of Planning noted minor changes to the manual regarding the flow chart and commented that any amendments made will be added to the final draft, which is coming back to the Board for second reading in November. Member Altman moved that the Board approve the first reading of the manual with corrections as noted today. Member Hurley seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously. The Chairman announced the Public Hearing on the First Reading of the Concurrency Implementation Procedures Manual closed.

The Chairman remarked that there were no special presentations today.

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. Jim Ciadella, Business Representative of the USEP, reported that 25% of USEP members responded to the recent Union survey, with approximately 130 pages of additional comments. He stated that bargaining teams met and are ready to return to the bargaining table later this week with hopes of settling soon.

Committee Reports:

Member Hurley attended the Charter School Task Force Meeting; site visits to Countryside Montessori and Athenian Academy Charter Schools; and hosted a Town Hall Meeting.

Chairman Parker remarked that the Instructional Technology Committee is moving forward with the search for funds for the implementation of computerized testing. Member Starkey questioned the status of the Government Finance Office Association (GOFA) needs assessment for a District technology upgrade. Ms. DuBose commented that the focus has been on completing NEOLA Board Policies and we should be moving forward more aggressively with the GOFA timeline after the holidays.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 Graduate & Leavers Survey for School Year 2007-2008
- 1.2 Pasco eSchool Enrollment Update

The Superintendent remarked that recent Town Hall Meetings hosted by individual Board members have gone well.

Ms. Reilly reported on the Placement and Follow up Report Survey and noted an increase in the graduation rate and reduction in the drop out rate.

Ms. DuBose reported that the Charles S. Rushe Middle School golf tournament was a success for Take Stock in Children.

Mr. Davis introduced eSchool Principal, Joanne Glenn. Ms. Glenn updated the Board on the eSchool enrollment, which began its first semester serving more than 400 students in grades K-12.

Ms. Tiede updated the Board on H1N1. Permission slips are being distributed to the parents and it is hoped the administering of the vaccine will begin the first week of November at targeted elementary schools.

(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 1/4/95) from Gulf Middle School
- 2.2 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 7/13/94) from Gulf High School
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/28/94) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 4/7/95) from River Ridge High School

Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the tabling of expulsion item 2.3 as recommended. Member Altman seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously. Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the expulsions with services as recommended in items 2.1-2.2 and 2.4. Member Altman 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. There were no items on the **ACTION AGENDA**.

(3.0 – 13.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Altman moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Starkey seconded the motion. Member Starkey expressed concern with the potential closing of the County swimming pools affecting school swim teams (Item 4.10). Mr. Davis stated that although there is much concern with Pasco County Parks and Recreation maintaining their aquatic centers in the future, arrangements have been made for our use of the centers for the remainder of this season. There was 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 Dual Enrollment Request for Byron Turner to Attend Hillsborough Community College
 - 4.3 Waiver of Student Progression Plan Requirements
 - 4.4 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Attend the Key Club State Convention in Orlando April 15-18, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions, Kiwanis Club Donations and Internal Funds
 - 4.5 J.W. Mitchell High School Student to Attend Winter Guard International World Championships in Dayton, Ohio April 7-11, 2010, Funding: Students and Club Fundraisers
 - 4.6 Sunlake High School Students to Participate in the Junior State Convention for Debate in Ft. Lauderdale November 13-15, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.7 Land O'Lakes High School FBLA Members to participate in the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference in Orlando November 19-22, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions and FBLA Club Fees
 - 4.8 River Ridge High School Students to Participate in the Florida State Competition for French in Orlando March 18-20, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.9 Gulf and River Ridge High School Students to Participate in the Florida State Competition for German in Daytona Beach April 22-24, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.10 Gulf High School Students to Participate in a Swimming/Diving Regional Meet November 4-5, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.11 Gulf High School Wrestling Team to Participate in the Hilton Arlington Lone Star Duals Wrestling Tournament in Arlington, Texas January 14-18, 2010, Funding: Student Fundraisers
- 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 Approval of Payroll Expenditures for September 2009 and Authorization to Expend Funds for October 2009
 - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.3 Warrant Lists
 - 7.4 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.5 Bids and Related Contracts

8.0 Grant Proposals

- 8.1 Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant Application Project Amendment
- 8.2 Boys & Girls Club Project Learn Grant Proposal
- 8.3 Title I, Part D Project Amendment

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

- 9.1 Allocation Changes at Various Elementary Schools
- 9.2 Allocation Changes at Various High Schools
- 9.3 J.W. Mitchell High School Saturday School Program 2009-2010 School Year
- 9.4 J.W. Mitchell High School Anger Management After Hours Classes for 2009-2010 School Year
- 9.5 Crews Lake Middle School Allocation Changes

10.0 Agreements/Contracts – None Submitted

11.0 Job Descriptions (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

- 11.1 New Job Description *Paraprofessional (Employment Assistant)*
- 11.2 Revised Job Description *Behavior Specialist*
- 11.3 Deleted Job Description *Teacher of Specific Learning Disabilities*
- 11.4 Deleted Job Description *Teacher of Profoundly Mentally Handicapped*
- 11.5 Deleted Job Description *Teacher of Severely Emotionally Handicapped*

12.0 Change in Board Meeting Dates in January 2010 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

13.0 Marchman Technical Education Center Teacher to Attend the Council on Occupational Education in Atlanta, GA November 4-7, 2009 – Funding: Perkins Grant (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Hurley stated that she received a lot of good information at the recent Florida School Boards Association Training in Ocala. She shared employee concerns she received through email regarding the transfer of sick leave. Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations stated that the rules for use of sick leave are very specific and per Statute and Board Policy, employees are only allowed to transfer their sick leave to immediate family.

Member Starkey attended the CSE meeting at River Ridge High School. She reported information on an afterschool automotive academy article she read recently.

Member Altman thanked the Superintendent and staff who attended his Town Hall Meeting. He commented that the issues have changed, as there is now more concern over technology in the schools instead of inadequate facilities. He questioned the format for the upcoming Board Workshop on the District’s Five Year Work Plan. The Superintendent responded that Finance will show the Board where we are at this time and open the floor for questions and comments. She noted that Board Members should receive information prior to the workshop.

Chairman Parker commented on information received from the Governor’s Office that the State now anticipates there will be another 2.6 billion shortfall next year with the major increases being for Social Services.

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 3, 2009 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 10:21 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

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Superintendent