

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
October 21, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 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, Allen Altman and Cathi Martin. 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 if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7, 2008 and workshop of October 7, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Whaley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Recognition of School Board Member Marge Whaley for 16 Years of Service and Dedication to the School System
- Recognition of 35 Schools Earning Five Star Recognition During the 2007-2008 School Year
- Proclamation Recognizing the History of James M. Marlowe Elementary School and Moore-Mickens Education Center
- Proclamation Recognizing National School Bus Safety Week October 20-24, 2008 (brought forward from action agenda item 13.0 – presentation only, no action taken)

Board Members each acknowledged and praised Member Whaley for her service and dedication to the school system during her 16 years as school board member and employee of the school board.

The Chairman called a brief recess for pictures and the meeting resumed at 6:52 p.m.

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

Student Apology: Michael – Conflict on Hudson Middle School campus

Georgiann Jones of Clearwater expressed concern with negotiations and requested clarification on the testing and grading of reading tests and money set aside for salaries and insurance. Staff will follow up with Ms. Jones.

Kenny Blankenship of Land O'Lakes commended the Board on recognizing transportation employees. He made note that in the past bus drivers have been given a bonus, and he would like to see that continue. He has sat on the negotiating team and feels there is "stonewalling" from the district's side and does not see where the Superintendent is trying to communicate with the Union.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, stated for the record, that the Union is raising objection to the filling of the position of Supervisor of Volunteer Programs with an outside person, when there are many qualified people in the district.

Mrs. Webb also commended Marge Whaley for her many years of dedication to the district and said she would be truly missed.

Mrs. Webb informed the Board that USEP has declared an impasse in contract negotiations and they have filed with the Public Employee Relations Commission for third party intervention.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Altman discussed the scholastic booster club at Pasco High School and requested feedback from other schools that may have one. Mr. Davis will forward information to him.

Member Parker said the Value Adjustment Board is moving forward with getting organized under the new statute and have hired an attorney to represent them.

Chairman Starkey attended a field trip to Polk County schools to view their power academy and aeronautics academy, which are partnering with businesses in the community. She found the model very fascinating. She

said the Learning First Council met with the Florida Home Builders Association and others and are moving forward. She also attended an LPA meeting on Longleaf Ranch school site.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Promotion and Retention Report

Superintendent Fiorentino reminded everyone that next week is Red Ribbon week. She noted that FTE counts ended last week and should be returned to the District from DOE by the end of this week. Budget figures hopefully will be known by the beginning of November.

Chairman Starkey noted that correspondence from several legislators have been received in response to the letter sent by the Board and County Commission requesting their support in sponsoring legislation to return to the previous practice of using in-house counsel to represent them on the Local Property Value Adjustment Board. Copies will be forwarded to Board members.

Mrs. Reilly noted that a future workshop is planned to discuss the school improvement grant along with updates on Hudson Elementary and R.B. Cox Elementary schools and how the pieces fit with the new accountability.

Mr. Gadd said Board approval of the land contract with the Catholic Diocese would allow fast track construction of the new high school, which could open in the fall of 2010.

Mrs. DuBose introduced Randee Williams, being recommended as the new Supervisor of Volunteer Programs in the Communications Department and noted that her salary would be paid with grant dollars. She also stated that the employee discount program committee met and will launch within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Davis pulled the Wesley Chapel High School Arts in Motion use of facilities request from item 5.0.

Mrs. Tiede remarked that student opinions were much appreciated at the Middle School Task Force meeting.

(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 scheduled agenda that they would like placed on the action agenda. The items on the **ACTION AGENDA** are as follows:

12.0 Policies (including any addenda)

12.1 First Reading: *Revision and Name Change of Policy KAA, Family Involvement to Parent Involvement in the School Program*

12.2 First Reading: *2008-2009 Student Progression Plan – Revision II*

12.3 First Reading: *Revision of 2008-2009 Elementary and Secondary Codes of Student Conduct to Add Bullying and Harassment Policy*

14.0 Contract for Purchase of Property for Elementary School “S”(Trinity East Area)

(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 item 13.0 and correction to item 5.0. Member Whaley 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

3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

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

4.1 Student Transfer Requests

4.2 J.W. Mitchell High School Science Bowl Team to Attend Regional Competition for the National Ocean Science Bowl at University of South Florida, St. Petersburg February 20-21, 2009, no cost to District

4.3 River Ridge High School FBLA Students to Attend the Fall Leadership Conference in Tampa October 25-26, 2008, Funding: Student Contributions and FBLA Account

4.4 Wesley Chapel High School Senior Class Members to Attend Grad Nite at Disney in Orlando May 1-2, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions

4.5 Wesley Chapel High School Model United Nations Club to Attend the Model UN Conference at University of Central Florida in Orlando October 18-19, 2008, Funding: Student Contributions and Fundraising Activities

- 4.6 Wesley Chapel High School Model United Nations Club to Travel to the Model UN Nations Conference in Chicago, Illinois February 4-8, 2009, Funding: Students and Fundraisers
- 4.7 Pasco High School FBLA Students to Attend the FBLA Fall Leadership Conference in Tampa October 25-26, 2008, Funding: Student Contributions
- 4.8 Gulf High School Members of the Senior Class to Attend the Grad Bash at Disney in Orlando April 25-26, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions
- 4.9 Land O'Lakes High School Junior Statesman of America Club to Attend the Convention in Fort Lauderdale November 7-9, 2008, Funding: Fundraisers and Student Contributions
- 4.10 Ridgewood High School Band Students to Attend the Tri-State Band Festival at Florida State University in Tallahassee December 5-7, 2008, Funding: Internal Band Funds
- 4.11 Gulf High School Teenage Republican Club to Travel to Washington, D.C. June 6-13, 2009, Funding: Fundraisers and Student Contributions

ADDENDA: 1) Pasco High School NJROTC Students to Attend Training at the Naval Station in Mayport, Florida October 23-25, 2008 – Funding: Internal Funds and Student contributions

2) Gulf High School Students to Travel to Astronomy Village in Chiefland November 1-2, 2008, Funding: Student Contributions

5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities – Pull WCHS – Arts in Motion Peter Pan Production (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 Surplus Equipment

7.2 Approval of Payroll Expenditures for September 2008 and Authorization to Expend Funds for October, 2008

7.3 Warrant Lists

7.4 Requisitions and Related Contracts

Contracts: Rapid Solutions Group

7.5 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Residence Inn by Marriott

8.0 Grant Proposals

8.1 Richey Elementary School – Target Early Childhood Reading Grant

8.2 District in Corrective Action Grant 2008-2009

8.3 Wilson Youth Academy - Jordan Fundamentals Grant

8.4 Pasco High School Best Buy Grant Application 2008-2009

8.5 School Improvement Grant Funds

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

9.1 Denham Oaks Elementary School – Allocation Changes

9.2 Pasco High School – After School Tutoring Program, Funding: Lottery Funds

9.3 J.W. Mitchell High School – After School Tutoring Program, Funding: Lottery Funds

9.4 Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI) for Extended Day Program, Funding: SAI

10.0 Agreements/Contracts – None Submitted

11.0 District School Choice Open Enrollment Plan for 2008-2009 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(12.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading: *Revision and Name Change of Policy KAA, Family Involvement to Parent Involvement in the School Program* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the first reading of policy KAA. Member Altman seconded the motion. Mrs. Reilly explained that this revision does not change practices and puts the policy in accordance with law. Member Parker requested that the Board receive a copy of the final document. There being no further discussion, on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(12.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading: *2008-2009 Student Progression Plan – Revision II* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the first reading of revision II, seconded by Member Martin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(12.3) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading: *Revision of 2008-2009 Elementary and Secondary Codes of Student Conduct to Add Bullying and Harassment Policy* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Martin moved that the Board approve the first reading of the revision to the 2008-2009 codes of conduct. Member Parker seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(14.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Contract for Purchase of Property for Elementary School "S" - Trinity East Area (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the contract for purchase of property. Member Altman seconded the motion. Chairman Starkey received confirmation from Mr. Gadd that there would be more than one access to the school within the next three to five years. There being no further discussion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Whaley remarked that the Wellness committee is reorganizing and there has been increased membership from schools.

Member Parker stated that the Elementary Task Force is moving towards new standards set for 2011.

Chairman Starkey updated the Board on the Education Foundation upcoming events.

The Chairman asked Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations to come forward to speak on the impasse, recently declared by the Union. He explained that negotiations are at standstill, as most of the remaining items regard compensation. Mr. Rhum stated that the District has been communicating the need for patience and understanding as all district employees are in this situation together. Notice of the impasse was received today and procedures will be followed. The administration will have a much better vision of the student counts and revenues, which are linked to those numbers by November 1, 2008. At that time, verification by the Department of Education will be complete and will be able to move forward.

Attorney Alfonso remarked that he has enjoyed working with Member Whaley over the years.

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 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

Superintendent