

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
November 3, 2009

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 3, 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, Kathryn Starkey 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 Chairman Parker 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 asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2009. There were none, and on motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Starkey, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman announced that there were no special presentations this morning.

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

Karen Bryant from Resource & Recovery Department spoke regarding America Recycles Day and acknowledged Joe Painter with Managed Asset Recovery Services (MARS) for his support of the program.

Joe Painter of MARS, enlightened the Board on electronic recycling and thanked the district for all their recycling efforts.

Parents and students spoke concerning the first reading of school boundary changes for Fivay High School and Elementary School "S" (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

- Laura Cole, Suncoast Lakes Community presented a petition of 330 signatures of residents reflecting opposition to their community being rezoned from River Ridge High to Hudson High School. She stated that many residents purchased homes according to the school boundary maps.
- Robert Christian, Suncoast Lakes and team leader for the Transportation Committee didn't feel the reasoning for the rezoning was correctly given and documents didn't show evidence of cost savings.
- Amy Hertog, Suncoast Lakes and team leader for the Feeder Pattern Committee said no meeting minutes were received from the boundary committee meetings. She felt it makes more sense to have the community stay at River Ridge High School or rezone to Land O'Lakes High School and keeping all zoned schools in District 2.
- Dennis Hertog, Suncoast Lakes felt that there is no evidence that feeder patterns make a difference and said the question should be asked whether the move is in the best interests of the students.
- Josh Cole, senior at River Ridge High School and resident of Suncoast Lakes expressed his feelings on how difficult it is being new to a school and not knowing anyone. He had many mentors and found lots of opportunities at River Ridge High that would not be offered at other schools. He asked that the Board allow other students the same stability.
- Jake Stevens, freshman at River Ridge High School experienced several school transfers within the district and stated that with every move came educational changes along with having to make new friends. He felt it is very stressful on students and parents and asked for stability during the remainder of his high school years.
- Dennis Pelkey of Suncoast Lakes said his children went through River Ridge Middle and High Schools and believes the district is a very good system. He built in Suncoast Lakes knowing that his children would continue at River Ridge High School, but would not have if it had been zoned for Hudson High School.
- Sally Miller, Oakstead Community felt parents should have more of a roll in boundary rezoning. She was disappointed that the rezoning would still leave Oakstead Elementary School over capacity and believes there should be a better balance.
- Stephanie Deeb, Suncoast Meadows community opposed the rezoning from Oakstead to Elementary "S" and had concerns with traffic problems. She asked that the Board provide safe transportation to the school.
- Christopher Ayoub, Land O'Lakes remarked that the situation at Oakstead Elementary School is not optimal and there needs to be better balance among the schools.

- Michele Marsh, Oakstead Community said capacity at the school has increased tremendously since the school opened and doesn't feel the move of only 150 students will help.
- Danielle Grimme, Ballantrae Community in Land O'Lakes said she serves on the Planning Committee for Elementary School "S" and handed out information to the Superintendent.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, reported that contract negotiations have ended and employees will maintain a fully paid health benefit package along with stabilization pay. Although she is not pleased with the outcome, she said she does understand. The contract will go to vote November 19. She asked that the Board ratify the agreement at the November 17 meeting contingent on employee ratification on November 23.

Committee Reports:

Member Hurley

- Attended the Building the Dream Luncheon hosted by the Pasco Education Foundation.

Member Starkey

- Hosted an Open House at Trinity Oaks Elementary School. Stated it went well with 20-30 parents and staff in attendance. Suggested that more forums be held to enlighten schools to what other schools are doing and highlighting the good things going on in the District.
- Attended the Engineering Academy Meeting at River Ridge High School.
- Met with the Education Foundation group in Tallahassee where ideas were discussed on collaborating with other school districts on learning academies.

Member Altman

- Represented the Board at the recent St. Anthony dinner celebrating 125 years as a school.

Member Parker

- Attended the Pasco Education Foundation luncheon.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 Grants Summary Report – Quarter 1 July 2009 through September 2009 – **Information**
- 1.2 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Resolution Agreement – **Information**

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Construction on Highway 41, in front of the District Office will be taking place soon. A concrete median is being placed in such a way that it will block District Warehouse traffic and we are working through the issue as it progresses.
- Asked Board Members to make the public aware of the upcoming 2010 Census during their speaking engagements.
- Commended the Union for working along with the District during the negotiation process and noted that the District would have liked to do more if only the money had been available.

Ruth Reilly:

- Nominations for the Magna Awards have been submitted for the Parent University at Lacochee Elementary School and the Ninth Grade Summer Preview experience at J. W. Mitchell High School.
- Introduced David Law who is being recommended as a Grant Resource Specialist in the ESE Department.

Dave Scanga:

- West Zephyrhills Elementary School will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary November 7, 2009.

Tina Tiede:

- Schedule for the first two weeks of H1N1 vaccinations has been received to begin at selected elementary schools Thursday of this week. The District Office should be scheduled some time in December. Questions regarding allergies should be directed to the Pasco County Health Department or individual physicians.

(2.0) The Chairman announced that there were no expulsion recommendations today.

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:

- 8.2 Southwest Florida Water Management District Water Resources Education Programs 2009-2010

- 15.0 First Reading - 2010-2011 School Attendance Boundaries
- 16.0 Resolutions/Proclamations
 - 16.1 Resolution Proclaiming November 15, 2009 as America Recycles Day
 - 16.2 Resolution Proclaiming November 18, 2009 as Great American Teach-In Day
 - 16.3 Proclamation Recognizing November as Parental Involvement in Education Month

(3.0 – 14.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Martin so moved, seconded by Member Hurley. Member Martin amended her motion on the floor to approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 8.2. 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
 - 3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations
- 4.0 Students** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 4.1 Student Transfer Requests
 - 4.2 Gulf High School Students to Participate in the Congres-French State Competition in Orlando March 18-20, 2010 – Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.3 Wesley Chapel High School Student to Participate in the National Fall FBLA Leadership Conference in Orlando November 19-22, 2009 – Expenses paid by Student
 - 4.4 Wesley Chapel High School Dance Students to Participate in the National High School Dance Festival in Miami March 18-21, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Dance Department Internal Funds
 - 4.5 J.W. Mitchell High School Students to Participate in the Junior State Convention for Debate in Ft. Lauderdale November 13-15, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions and JSA/Debate Team Internal Funds
 - 4.6 Sunlake High School Students to Participate in the Girls Basketball Christmas Tournament in Daytona Beach December 27-30, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions and Fundraisers
 - 4.7 Hudson Middle School Jazz Band to Perform at Disney World, Orlando, December 18 and 19, 2009, Funding: Fundraisers
 - 4.8 Land O’Lakes High School Students to Attend the Junior State of America in Ft. Lauderdale November 13-15, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions
- 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 ACH Agreement for Direct Deposit
 - 7.2 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.3 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 7/1/09-7/31/09
 - 7.4 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 7/1/09-8/31/09
 - 7.5 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 7/1/09-9/30/09
 - 7.6 2009-2010 Budget Amendments #1-7 – July 2009
 - 7.7 2009-2010 Budget Amendments #8-11 – August 2009
 - 7.8 2009-2010 Budget Amendments #12-17 – September 2009
 - 7.9 Warrant Lists
 - 7.10 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.11 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Prekindergarten Services; Rapid Solutions Group, Inc.; Scholastic, **Inc.**
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Ridgewood High School CVS Caremark Community Grants
 - 8.3 Chasco Middle School Learning in Florida’s Environment (LIFE) Program 2009-2010
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Corrections to 2009-2010 Allocations
 - 9.2 Allocation Changes at Various Elementary Schools
 - 9.3 Allocation Changes for Food Service
 - 9.4 Allocations Changes for Pasco Middle, Centennial Middle and Chester W. Taylor Elementary Schools
 - 9.5 Allocation Transfers for PLACE Programs at Quail Hollow, Denham Oaks, Sand Pine and New River Elementary Schools

ADDENDA: Allocation Transfer – CCTE to New River Elementary School PLACE
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Charter Schools** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 11.1 Academy at the Farm Request for Middle School Course Access

12.0 German Student Exchange Program (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

13.0 Timelines for Hiring Staff at Fivay High School (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

14.0 Approval of Emeritus Member of the Pasco Education Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(8.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Water Resources Education Programs 2009-2010 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Starkey moved that the Board approve the programs, seconded by Member Martin. Member Starkey discussed the conceptual designs for upgrades to the Starkey Environmental Education Center, which 7th graders visit during field trips and asked that they be shared with teachers. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(15.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading - 2010-2011 School Attendance Boundaries (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Chris Williams, Director of Planning summarized the need for creating new boundaries for Fivay High School and Elementary School "S" and balancing feeder patterns. He reviewed the committee selection process and noted that parent meetings are held after committee members have submitted their recommendations. Issues raised by the Suncoast Lakes citizens were addressed. Terry Rhum, Director of Employee Relations spoke regarding transportation costs. It was noted that the Boundary Committee recommended moving students in the Suncoast Lakes community to Hudson High to keep feeder patterns balanced. After further discussion and clarification that changes could be made when the final reading is held on November 17, 2009, Member Martin moved that the Board approve the first reading of the 2010-2011 boundaries. Member Hurley seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(16.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of three resolutions 16.1 America Recycles Day, 16.2 Great American Teach-In Day and 16.3 Parental Involvement in Education. Member Altman moved that the Board approve the resolutions, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Starkey:

- Speaking at River Ridge Middle School on Africa.

Member Martin:

- Participated in Gulf High School Homecoming Parade and the Pasco Education Foundation Charles S. Rushe Golf Tournament

Member Altman:

- Toured the Pasco Middle School new classroom addition. Suggested the Board read an article "K-12 and College - Tearing Down Walls" before attending the Florida School Boards Association joint meeting in December.

Member Starkey:

- Pasco Hernando Community College is asking for participants for their summer engineering academies.

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 and reorganization of the Board is November 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman; the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: October 27, 2009 2:00 p.m.

TOPIC: Facilities – Capital Outlay

The Board met for a workshop session on *Capital Facilities* in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the District Office Complex, Building 8. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; 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; Terry Rhum, Employee Relations; Representatives from the Departments of Planning and Construction Services and Code Compliance; Lynne Webb, USEP; Finance Department Staff; CT Bowen and Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune.

Mrs. Swinson explained the past practices of Capital Facilities and the 5 Year Work Plan. Sam Draper, Finance Department presented an overview of the 2002-2010 10-Year Project Plan. Chris Williams, Director of Planning gave the new school forecast and John Petrashek, Director of Construction Services and Code Compliance and Gerry Brown, Director of Maintenance Services reviewed the 6 Step process conducted by the Project Review Team.

Several Board Members opposed the construction of a new administration building for the district and suggested using the money on other capital construction projects. Superintendent Fiorentino explained that only specific funding could be used to construct an administrative building. As it took many years to fund this project, she expressed concern that these funds could not be generated again due to further decreased revenue the District will receive.

The workshop concluded at 4:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: October 27, 2009 4:45 p.m.

TOPIC: Negotiations

The Board met in executive session on *negotiations*. The session was held in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the District Office Complex, Building 8. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; 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 Curriculum and Instructional Services and Terry Rhum, Kevin Shibley and Bryan Jack of the Employee Relations Department.

The Executive Session concluded at 5:30 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: November 3, 2009 12:00 Noon

TOPIC: *Differentiated Accountability*

The Board met for a workshop session on *Differentiated Accountability* in the DIMC Studio at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; 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; Terry Rhum and Kevin Shibley, Employee Relations; Jim Ciadella, USEP; Peggy Jones, Research Department; Kathy Steiner, CIS Department and Jeff Solochek, St. Petersburg Times.

Dr. Jones and Ms. Steiner gave an overview and history of the Differentiated Accountability Plan. A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 1:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

November 17, 2009

Superintendent