

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
November 4, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 4, 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 Elliott Dunn, 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 Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Adam Diehl, student at J.W. Mitchell High School and Willene Hardie, student at Hudson High School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2008. There being none, and on motion by Member Martin seconded by Member Parker, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Recognition of the Food and Nutrition Department for Best Practice Award from the U.S.D.A.
- Proclamation Recognizing November 15, 2008 as America Recycles Day
- Proclamation Recognizing November, 2008 as the Florida Parental Involvement in Education Month
- Proclamations Recognizing the History of Thomas E. Weightman Middle School and Mary Giella Elementary School

The Chairman called for a short recess for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 10:20 a.m.

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. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, explained that the Union had declared an impasse in the negotiations and would like to bring in a mediator to help in place of a public hearing with a magistrate. Utilizing a mediator could conclude the process quickly and would be less costly as the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services offers mediation at no cost. The Union received two different lists of magistrates for school related personnel and instructional personnel. If a magistrate is used, Ms. Webb stated they would prefer to have one magistrate and one hearing, combining both contracts. She then referred to the purchase orders for clickers to be used for testing purposes. She asked that the Board take into consideration the cost and the how they could be perceived as luxury items.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Martin visited Paul R. Smith Middle School, Anclote Elementary School and H. Schwettman Education Center. She found the students to be very enlightening and was impressed with all the technology in the schools. She thanked Dr. Scanga for accompanying her.

Chairman Starkey initiated discussion on a public records request from Joel Chandler, a marketing researcher. He is requesting information on every school district employee. Ms. DuBose stated that the courts have ruled that the information he requests, is public information with a few exemptions, and can be provided. The Human Resources Department will be complying based on guidelines from the Attorney General. Attorney Alfonso is keeping the District apprised of his findings.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

The Superintendent addressed Ms. Webb's concern regarding the testing clickers. She explained that the clickers would be purchased with grant money and are a priority and goal, as stated in the strategic plan. Teachers and students have offered positive feedback regarding the clickers and time saved during testing.

Mr. Gadd introduced the architectural firms for the new elementary school "S" and the renovation of Sanders Elementary School. Holmes Hepner & Associates presented the preliminary drawings for the new elementary school, which is scheduled to open in August 2010 on Community Drive south of State Road 54. Williamson Dacar Associates presented the design work on the renovation of Sanders Elementary, which is

one of the district's oldest schools. Students currently at Sanders will attend a school that is being built in the Connerton development while the school is being remodeled.

Ms. Swinson asked that the Board accept an off agenda item to reject Bid 09-006-AZ for Behavioral Benefits (MHSA) Services and Employee Assistant Plan (EAP) Services and permission to directly negotiate (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Member Whaley moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Martin. After discussion, Member Parker moved that the Board approve to reject bid #09-006-AZ and permission given to directly negotiate. Member Whaley seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Davis pulled the Gulf High School – Trinity Mustang PPAL request for use of facilities from item 5.0.

(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 5/14/92) from Wiregrass Ranch High School - **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/13/91) from James W. Mitchell High School - **TABLED**
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/9/95) from Seven Springs Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/24/91) from Zephyrhills High School - **TABLED**
- 2.5 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 7/16/94) from Centennial Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 12/11/92) from Gulf High School - **TABLED**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 2/6/93) from Land O'Lakes High School - **TABLED**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 2/27/96) from Raymond B. Stewart Middle School - **TABLED**
- 2.9 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/20/93) from Land O'Lakes High School - **TABLED**
- 2.10 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/8/94) from Harry Schwettman Education Center - **TABLED**
- 2.11 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 10/28/91) from Wesley Chapel High School - **TABLED**
- 2.12 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 4/30/93) from Wiregrass Ranch High School - **TABLED**

Member Parker moved that the Board approve to table the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1-2.12. Member Martin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

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:

- 14.0 Contract for Purchase of Property for Bus Maintenance Facility (20 Acres - Odessa Area)**
- 15.0 Connerton Quit Claim Deed/Land Swap Agreement**

(3.0 – 13.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Martin moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of correction to item 5.0. Member Parker seconded the motion. Member Altman initiated discussion on 11.1, charter schools. He requested on behalf of the Board that parents be involved in the oversight review of the school and after the completion of the evaluation analysis they be given a presentation and allowed the opportunity to ask questions. Board Members stated that they want to do everything they can to help charter schools succeed. There being 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 Waiver of Student Progression Plan Requirements (Vocational Wheel)
 - 4.3 Sunlake High School Senior Class Members to Attend Grad Bash at Universal Studios in Orlando April 25-26, 2009 - Funding: Student Contributions
 - 4.4 Gulf High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team to Travel to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to participate in a Basketball Tournament at Westminster Academy December 28-31, 2008 – Funding: Sponsorships and Fundraising
 - 4.5 Gulf High School - Two Part-Time Students Enrolled in Florida Virtual School Courses to Participate in Graduation Ceremonies
- 5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) – (GHS PPAL pulled)
- 6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance Services and Transportation** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 6.1 Architectural Agreement for Elementary School "S" (Odessa Area)

- 6.2 Amended Easement - Cherchio Property (East Side of Anclote High School)
- 6.3 Proposal for Architectural Services - William Dacar Associates - Sanders Memorial Elementary School Campus Renewal Project
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 7.1 Interim Financial Statement for all Fund Types 7/1/08 to 9/30/08
 - 7.2 2008-2009 Budget Amendments #1-7, #8-10, #11-14
 - 7.3 Surplus Equipment
 - 7.4 Warrant Lists
 - 7.5 Requisitions and Related Contracts
 - 7.6 Bids and Related Contracts
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
 - 8.1 Carl D. Perkins Grant – Section 131 for 2008-09 – Amendment #2
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 9.1 Anclote Elementary School – Increase 1.0 Para or Inst Asst (ESOL/Bilingual); Gulf Highlands Elementary School – Increase 1.0 Para or Inst Asst (ESOL/Bilingual); Hudson Middle School – Decrease 1.0 Para or Inst Asst (ESOL/Bilingual); Sunlake High School - Unfreeze and Decrease 1.0 Para or Inst Asst (ESOL/Bilingual)
 - 9.2 Zephyrhills High School – Decrease 1.0 Sign Language Interpreter and Transfer to Marchman Technical Education Center
 - 9.3 Deer Park Elementary – Extended Day Program 2008-2009
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted
- 11.0 Charter Schools** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 11.1 2007-2008 Athenian Academy of Pasco Annual Charter School Review
- 12.0 Job Descriptions** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
 - 12.1 Revised Job Description *Supervisor of Transportation Operations*
- 13.0 Timelines for Hiring Staff at Anclote High School and Elementary School “V” (Watergrass)** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(14.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Contract for Purchase of Property for Bus Maintenance Facility (20 Acres - Odessa Area) (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute book _____, Page _____.) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the contract for purchase. Member Parker seconded the motion. On question by Chairman Starkey, Mr. Gadd explained that this site would be banked for future use. There being no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(15.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Connerton Quit Claim Deed/Land Swap Agreement (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute book _____, Page _____.) Member Whaley moved that the Board approve the land swap agreement. Member Parker seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Whaley attended the Wellness Policy Council and will forward copies of the minutes to the Board.

Member Altman commended the architects and district staff for all their work with the community and putting together the plans for the construction of new schools and renovation projects.

Member Parker thanked Member Whaley for her many years of dedication to the District.

Chairman Starkey attended an Urban Land Institute meeting and the Charter School Task Force meeting. She plans on touring a nuclear power plant and is working with Progress Energy and Tampa Electric on the power academies. She also will be visiting Germany next week to view their education system.

Member Martin will attend the Gulfside Elementary School Veteran’s Day event in the absence of Chairman Starkey.

There was consensus of the Board to reschedule the December 2 board meeting to Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., as three Board Members will be attending a State conference. It was also discussed and agreed that the January 6, 2009 board meeting would be canceled due to the district being closed for winter break.

The Superintendent thanked Member Whaley for her help over the years.

Mr. Gadd stated that the boundary process has begun for elementary school “V” (Watergrass) and Anclote High School.

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 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

The Chairman announced that there would be a continuance of the Executive Session immediately following today's Board Meeting in the Employee Relations Conference Room.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Martin the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: November 4, 2008 9:00 a.m.

The Board met in executive session on *negotiations*. The session was held in the Employee Relations Conference Room at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Cathi Martin and Marge Whaley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Elliott Dunn, 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; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services and Terry Rhum, Kevin Shibley and Bryan Jack, Employee Relations Department.

The Executive Session was suspended at 9:30 a.m. to hold the School Board meeting and resumed at 11:45 a.m. in the Employee Relations Conference room with the same attendees present.

The Executive Session concluded at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

November 18, 2008

Superintendent