

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**November 6, 2012**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 6, 2012, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Joanne Hurley, Vice Chairman Cynthia Armstrong, and Board Members Allen Altman, Steve Luikart and Alison Crumbley. 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 Luikart and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence to reflect on continuing to improve the open and fair election process and education.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 16, 2012 and workshop of October 16, 2012. There were none, and on motion by Member Crumbley, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. John Mann, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services, coordinated the special presentations as follows: (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

- Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2012 and Universal Public Purchasing Certification
- PLACE Celebrates Lights On Afterschool Day

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 9:40 a.m.

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

- Larry Robertson, Zephyrhills High School substitute teacher spoke representing several faculty and staff of the school. They understand that Principal Van Gorden did something inappropriate but feel the punishment does not fit the crime. He does not feel it is fair that he was not offered a chance to transfer to another school or return to the classroom. He stated that Mr. Van Gorden is very well respected member of the community and some believe it was politically motivated. He referenced last year's situation Ms. Kutkomp, teacher at ZHS. He asked that Mr. Van Gorden's resignation be tabled and let the new superintendent review the case.
- Jereme Williams, Autism Center for Excellence Charter School thanked the Board for the process up to this time and looks forward to working with the district.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP spoke:

- The instructional bargaining teams met last night and continue to work through the teacher evaluation process. She gave kudos to the team for careful review of cut scores and not rushing into anything. The band scores were released and we are in good shape, contrary to situations in other district. USEP believes that we can move forward with last year's evaluations and can meet the current deadline.
- Race To The Top grant application includes USEP signature. She explained that although it is not an endorsement it means that the district can apply for the funds. It is hoped that some of these federal dollars can be secured.
- The Elementary Class Action Grievance, representing 1400 elementary teachers, was recently heard by the Superintendent. They are anxiously awaiting response.
- USEP has requested many documents on the Mitt Romney political rally held recently at Land O'Lakes High School. Documents have been received and are being revised. She expressed concerns that there are many violations of professional practices and board policies. They will be forwarding information to Attorney Meyer. Concern was expressed that a request from a previous candidate for governor was denied, yet the Romney rally was approved.
- Recognized that this is the last Board meeting of Superintendent Fiorentino's eight years of service as Superintendent and previous years as a classroom teacher. She also commended her for her years of service in the Legislature as an advocate for public education.

Committee Reports:

Member Luikart:

- Energy Committee

Member Crumbley:

- Upcoming Architectural Review Committee for Schrader Elementary School

Member Altman:

- Project Review Committee, trying to find appropriate funding for needed repairs

Member Armstrong:

- Pasco Education Foundation Executive Selection Committee
- Financial Oversight Committee

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments: (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**1.1 Annual Scholarship Report 2011 - 2012 - Information**

**1.2 First Quarter Grants Summary 2012-2013 – Information**

**1.3 Investment Oversight Committee Annual Report - Information**

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Elementary Teachers Grievance Hearing was held. Report will be complete before she leaves office.

John Mann:

- Thanked staff, led by Tammy Rabon for working quickly to compile RTTT information, competitive grant for \$40 million. Member Altman questioned the timeline of RTTT process. Superintendent Fiorentino responded that it was sent to Research & Evaluation for review in August. Tammy Rabon explained that Federal Government released funds through the states and there were some districts that could not qualify to participate. In Florida, they made this into a state grant and that information was released late in the summer. She clarified that this grant is “leftover” federal grant money.
- Jay Feliciani presented information on the Magna School Award.

Olga Swinson:

- Al Torrence presented the Investment Oversight Committee Annual Report. Commended administration and staff as they work on this important issue. Gene Marshall was recognized for his service as he leaves the committee.

Renalia DuBose:

- Working on processing new policies
- ERP finance system will be changed over in November. Later in the spring, payroll and human resources will go live.
- Made note that item 13.1 Autism School approval is coming before the Board today. They have operated in Hillsborough County and the ESE department has worked extensively with the school.
- Updated the Board on two issues with Countryside Montessori Charter School. Their school has been granted several extensions with the latest being granted on September 4, 2012 for 120 days. They continue to work on the agreement, but no final agreement has been reached to date. The Board attorney will continue to work on this issue.

Tina Tiede:

- Class Size information was transmitted to the State and the district is in compliance after corrections made.
- Introduced new principals, Margie Fackelman, at Paul R. Smith Middle School and Andy Frelick transferring to Zephyrhills High School.

(2.1) At 10:18 a.m. the Chairman recessed the meeting to hold a closed student appeal hearing on the expulsion of a female student (DOB 6/19/1997) from Pasco High School, item 2.1 on the agenda. Everyone was asked to leave the room with the exception of those involved in the expulsion. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of expulsion for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year and the entire 2013-2014 school year. Member Altman seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman reconvened the School Board meeting at 11:19 a.m. Attorney Alfonso announced for the record that the Board had considered and resolved item 2.1, student expulsion in the closed meeting.

(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.

**2.2 School Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 12/5/1996) - Pasco High School**

**2.3 School Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 2/9/1997) - Pasco High School**

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

### **13.0 Charter Schools**

**13.1** Recommendation for Florida Autism Center of Excellence, Pasco Charter Application

### **15.0 Resolutions**

**15.1** Resolution - Great American Teach-In Day

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda, including addenda, with the exception of item 3.1 (Robert Fine Termination-Pulled). Member Crumbley so moved, seconded by Member Armstrong. 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** Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

**3.2** Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations (**Robert Fine Termination Pulled**)

### **4.0 Students (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**4.1** Change of Placement

**4.2** Requests for School Field Trips

### **5.0 Requests for use of Facilities (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**5.1** Requests for Use of Facilities

### **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** Disposition of Inventory - Electronic Parts

**7.2** Surplus Non-Capitalized Furniture and Equipment

**7.3** Surplus Equipment

**7.4** Warrant Lists

**7.5** Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 07/01/2012-7/31/2012 and 08/01/2012-8/31/2012

**7.6** Request for Approval of Payroll Expenditures for October 2012 and Authorization to Expend Funds for November 2012

**7.7** 2012-2013 Budget Amendments # 1 through #13 - July and August 2012 (**See Budget Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.**)

**7.8** Investment Oversight Committee Members for 2012-2013

**7.9** Request for Approval of Purchase Orders and Associated Contracts

**Contract:** Certiport, Inc.

**7.10** Request for Approval of Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts

**Contracts:** Kountry Kitchen; University Community Hospital d/b/a Florida Hospital Tampa, Florida Hospital Carrollwood, and Florida Hospital at Connerton Long Term Acute Care; School District of Volusia County; Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.

**7.11** Audit of School Internal Accounts for the Years Ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011 - Gulf Trace Elementary School and Calusa Elementary School

### **8.0 Grant Proposals (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**8.1** USDOE Race To The Top District Competition Grant

**8.2** Southwest Florida Water Management District Water Resources Education Programs and Splash Mini-grant Funding 2012-13

**8.3** Postsecondary Education Readiness Assessment Grant (PERT)

### **9.0 Allocations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

**9.1** J.W. Mitchell High School Extended Day Program

**9.2** Extended School Day (GTES); Extended School Day Writing Program (DPES); Resource Teacher/Teacher Basic Education (RBCES); Instructional Trainer Coach (GHES, JMMES, LES, NWES, MLES, GSES, SES)

**9.3** River Ridge High School Detention Program

### **10.0 Agreements/Contracts - None Submitted**

### **11.0 Head Start/Early Head Start Program Planning Process (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

### **12.0 Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council By-Laws (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)**

(13.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of Recommendation for Florida Autism Center of Excellence, Pasco Charter Application (**See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.**) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the charter application, seconded by Member Luikart. On discussion, Member Altman expressed concern that the school does not have local ties as preferred by our district. Nancy Scowcroft, Director of Charter Schools explained that the school's board members would be Pasco County residents. Member Altman asked if funding would come back to us for students transitioning

back to Pasco County from Hillsborough County. Superintendent Fiorentino responded that tentatively there are only 38 potential students. There was no further discussion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(15.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the resolution for Great American Teach In Day. (See **Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_**.) Member Altman moved that the Board approve the resolution, seconded by Member Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Crumbley:

- Requested a workshop to review safety procedures for students

Member Altman:

- Requested an update on recent school break-ins and possible security equipment possibly needed in the future at our facilities (could be discussed at a future workshop). Lt. Law, with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office reviewed burglaries at local schools and reassured the Board that it is an active investigation. Security assessments have been reviewed at our school. Superintendent Fiorentino suggested this is an appropriate topic for a workshop and discussion with the new Superintendent.

Chairman Hurley:

- Reminded Board that FSBA/FADSS Conference will be held last week in November in Tampa.
- Received parent call regarding class rank and how GPA is calculated along with information on the Dual Enrollment process at PHCC. Mrs. Tiede will research and get back to the Board with information. Dr. Mann and Darrell Huling are working on the Dual Enrollment situation and adjustments have been made to future registrations. December 2012 registration process was explained by Dr. Mann.

Superintendent Fiorentino updated the Board on the Gulf High political situation. Discipline will be given to staff, however, she does not believe it was done with malice. No policy changes will be made. She thanked the Board for the past eight years and recognized USEP, noting that there are many things to be proud of.

Attorney Alfonso:

- Thanked the Board for approving his firms updated contract
- Counsel has been secured by Mr. Fine and dates for an appeal hearing will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- Advised the Board that his office has received a request for judicial review regarding the bid protest presented at the last board meeting. It is going to the second court of appeal. He will work with Mike Woodall, Purchasing Agent on this issue.

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 20, 2012 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 11:46 a.m.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: November 6, 2012 12:10 p.m.**

**TOPIC: *Student Achievement & Accountability***

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3 Studio. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Joanne Hurley, Cynthia Armstrong, Steve Luikart, Alison Crumbley; Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Renalia DuBose, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; John Mann, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools and Dr. Peggy Jones and Tammy Rabon, Research and Evaluation Department.

Research and Evaluation Department updated the Board on the Assessment & Accountability changes going to the State Board of Education in December. Detailed information was given about statutory requirements on the End of Course exams, which will affect funding and student's graduation along with feedback forms to be sent to the State.

The workshop concluded at 1:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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Superintendent