

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**November 18, 2008**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 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 Allen Altman, and Cathi Martin. Member Whaley was not present. 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 Parker. The Zephyrhills High School ROTC presented colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman recognized Judge Stanley Mills who conducted the swearing in ceremony. Judge Mills administered the Oath of Office and thereby swore in Superintendent Heather Fiorentino. Superintendent Fiorentino took her seat on the dais.

Judge Mills administered the Oath of Office and thereby swore in newly elected School Board Member Joanne Hurley and reelected School Board Member Kathryn Starkey. They took their respective seats on the dais.

The Chairman explained that once each year in November there is reorganization of the School Board and at that reorganization meeting, in accordance with Florida Statutes 1001.371, the Superintendent becomes the Board chairman until a new Chairman is selected.

Superintendent Fiorentino called for nominations for Chairman of the School Board. Member Altman nominated Frank Parker for Chairman of the School Board, seconded by Member Martin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. The Superintendent passed the gavel to Chairman Parker.

The Chairman called for nominations of Vice Chairman. Member Starkey nominated Member Altman for Vice Chairman, seconded by Member Martin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that the next order of business was the appointment of committees. Board Members discussed district committees on which they currently serve and selected the ones on which they will serve for 2008-2009 as follows:

**School Board Membership On District Committees**  
**November 18, 2008**

<b>Committee Title</b>	<b>Person In Charge</b>	<b>Board Member's Name</b>
Architect Selection Committee	John Petrashek	Kathryn Starkey
Charter School Task Force	Renalia DuBose	Kathryn Starkey
Code of Student Conduct	Lizette Alexander	Cathi Martin
Communication Committee	Joanne Hurley	
Construction Manager Selection/Design Build	John Petrashek	Kathryn Starkey
Elementary School Task Force	Dave Scanga	Joanne Hurley
Energy Management Committee	John Soler	Frank Parker
Family Involvement Steering Committee	Randee Williams	Cathi Martin
Focus on Reading and Literacy Committee	Rachel Powers	Joanne Hurley
High School Task Force	Jim Davis	Cathi Martin
Insurance Committee	Mary Tillman	Allen Altman

Legislative Liaison (FSBA)	N/A	Kathryn Starkey Allen Altman – Alt.
Local Planning Agency	N/A	Kathryn Starkey
MACC Council	David Chamberlin	Open to Board Members
Middle School Task Force	Tina Tiede	Allen Altman
New Construction Landscaping Committee	John Petrashek	Kathryn Starkey
Pasco Education Foundation Board	Chip Wichmanowski	Kathryn Starkey Cathi Martin (Alt.)
Pasco Instructional Technology Committee	Wendy Spriggs Bruce Baldwin	Frank Parker
District Vision Committee	Dave Scanga Peggy Jones	Joanne Hurley
Property Value Adjustment Board	N/A	Frank Parker Allen Altman
Site Selection Committee	Chris Williams	Allen Altman
Substitute Committee	Pat Sinclair	Joanne Hurley
<del>Tech Prep School To Career Business and Industry Advisory Council</del>	<del>Peggy Green</del>	<del>Allen Altman</del>
NCLB Task Force	Kathy Sanz	Frank Parker
Health & Wellness Initiatives Committee – Staff	Saybra Chapman	Cathi Martin
Wellness Policy Council – Students	Saybra Chapman/Julie Hedine	Cathi Martin

During discussion, it was agreed by the Board that the Pre-kindergarten/Early Learning Coalition would become part of the Elementary School Task Force Committee instead of developing a separate committee.

Member Martin moved that the Board set the School Board meeting dates on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with the first Tuesday to be held at 9:30 a.m. and the third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Member Altman seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the appointment of the school board attorney. Member Martin moved that the law firm McClain, Alfonso, Meeker and Dunn be retained as the School Board attorney, seconded by Member Starkey. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Rosemary Saposnick, Instructional Assistant at James Marlowe Elementary School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of November 4, 2008. Member Starkey moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Altman. Member Martin called correction to page one, paragraph one, to read that Elliott Dunn was in attendance as board attorney. There being no further discussion and on vote the corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Resolution Recognizing November 19, 2008 as Great American Teach-In Day
- Recognition of the following students, staff and departments:
  - \* Food & Nutrition Department (Expanding Breakfast Awards)

- \* Wiregrass Ranch High School (Information Technology Certified Career Academy – Students Earning Industry Certification)
- \* Wiregrass Ranch High School (National Achievement Scholarship Program Winners)
- \* Melanie Massey-Foltz (Florida Association of School Social Workers)
- \* Georgina Rivera-Singleton (Migrant Success Story of the Year)
- \* Irene Araneda (Florida School Counselor Association Elementary School Counselor of the Year Award)

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

Student Apologies:

Johnathan – River Ridge High School - touching school property

Austin – Drugs – River Ridge High School

Patrick Connelly, Land O'Lakes High School teacher explained his dissatisfaction on budget procedures and stated he was tired of district resources being wasted. He displayed a district handout as an example. He argued that steps should be paid.

Robert Marsh, Land O'Lakes High School teacher read a poem by Rudyard Kipling.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Jim Ciadella and Robert Benjamin, Business Representatives of the USEP welcomed Joanne Hurley to the Board and noted that Lynne Webb was absent due to a USEP meeting. Mr. Ciadella stated that the USEP is aware of the difficult financial times and still hopes there is a way to offer step increases. Mediation is scheduled for this Thursday and they are hoping to resolve issues. Impasse process is still moving. Magistrate hearing is a possibility if mediation is not successful. He implored the Board to look at the letter of May 16 from USEP as they discuss budget considerations. Mr. Benjamin addressed issue of communication between Board and USEP. He expressed his concern, reading in a referenced local newspaper articles that the use of local reserves is possibly being considered for the budget shortfall. USEP had suggested previously that the reserves be used to pay for raises but was told dipping into the reserves would affect the district's bond rating.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Hurley attended "Reading Always Matters" at Ridgewood High School. She also enjoyed the Pasco Education Foundation's talent show held recently.

Member Starkey toured the kitchen at River Ridge Middle High School. She remarked that she just returned from a wonderful trip to Germany where she studied the education model for industry certification and career education. A summary of the trip is being created and she will share with the Board. She has been invited to speak at the Congressional Committee in Washington this spring. She noted that she is happy to be receiving electronic memorandums, however feels some are very long. Superintendent stated that more schools are working on sending their newsletters electronically.

Member Martin discussed her ongoing concern at large number of paper letters and memos being published and mailed. She remarked that she heard a report on television that Pinellas County would possibly be closing five elementary schools and she asked for clarification on interview she heard that about the possibility of Pasco also closing schools. Superintendent Fiorentino clarified that no school closures in Pasco were discussed during the interview and she will research the issue.

Member Altman attended a meeting regarding the new construction academy at Pasco High School, where several businesses brought many great ideas to the table.

Chairman Parker attended the Hudson Middle School All "A" Celebration. He enjoyed a grant presentation from Johnson Engineering at Woodland Elementary School and Education in Action luncheon for University of South Florida.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

1.1 Wellness Policy Implementation Survey Results - **Information**

1.2 Monthly Report of the Pasco Education Foundation - **Information**

Discussion was held on the scheduling of a board workshop on the budget. There was consensus to hold the workshop on December 1, 2008 before the scheduled Board meeting. Attorney Alfonso stated that a time should also be determined to hold a requested special student appeal hearing. The Superintendent requested

that she be given time to confer with staff and would notify Board members tomorrow. Both should take place on December 1, 2008.

The Superintendent initiated discussion on the Athenian Academy Charter School contract update. The Board was informed that the Athenian Academy charter school had won approval for its charter from the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission, an alternative state-level chartering organization.

The Superintendent informed the Board that one of the state budget cuts being proposed is to stop summer FCAT testing. She is concerned that would limit testing opportunities for seniors.

Mrs. Reilly noted that there are two formats being used this year for the School Improvement Plans and they are recommending that all schools use the state format.

Mr. Gadd remarked that developers of the two schools being named tonight have been very friendly and supportive.

Mrs. Swinson said the unofficial numbers of \$9 million received last week does not include the decrease due to loss of student projections. Revised numbers will be sent from the State. An additional one percent cut is expected. A \$15-16 million dollar total cut may be reported for Pasco County. A special session may be convened in January to report these cuts.

Mrs. DuBose stated that staff has been working with NEOLA on the policy revisions. They have requested board workshop dates after the holidays. The dates chosen were suggested for Board presentations of policies January 20 at 4:00 p.m.; February 3, February 17, March 3 and March 17. Dates will be posted if schedule allows.

Mrs. Tiede introduced Tracey Bruno as new Assistant Principal at John Long Middle School.

(2.0) The Chairman announced that there were no expulsion 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:

**15.0 Policies** (including any addenda)

15.1 Second Reading: *Revision and Name Change of Policy KAA, Family Involvement to Parent Involvement in the School Program* - **APPROVED**

15.2 Second Reading: *2008-2009 Student Progression Plan – Revision II* - **APPROVED**

15.3 Second Reading: *Revision of 2008-2009 Elementary and Secondary Codes of Student Conduct to Add Bullying and Harassment Policy* - **APPROVED**

**16.0 Naming of Elementary Schools “R” (Connerton Subdivision in Land O’Lakes) and “V” (Watergrass Subdivision in Wesley Chapel)**

(3.0 – 14.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Altman moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Martin 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 and Athletic Supplements

3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations

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

4.1 Student Transfer Requests – None Submitted

4.2 Wesley Chapel High School Boys Basketball Team Members to Travel to Mt. Dora High School November 28-29, 2008 to Participate in a Basketball Shootout, Funding: Internal Athletic Funds

4.3 Wiregrass Ranch Boys Varsity Basketball Team to Travel to St. Francis Catholic High School in Gainesville, Florida December 29-30, 2008, Funding: Fundraisers

4.4 J.W. Mitchell High School Winterguard to Travel to Dr. Michael Krop High School in Miami, Florida February 6-7, 2009 to Participate in Winterguard Regional, Funding: Student Contributions

4.5 Hudson Middle School Jazz Band to Perform at Disney World, Orlando December 19-20, 2008, funding: Students and Parents

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

6.1 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Zephyrhills Classroom Addition

- 7.0** Business/Finance (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 7.1 Update of School Board Accounts Due to Board Reorganization and Approval of the Use of Current Board Chairman’s Signature
  - 7.2 Approval of Payroll Expenditures for October, 2008 and Authorization to Expend Funds for November, 2008
  - 7.3 School Meal Prices for PACE and New Port Richey Marine Institute
  - 7.4 Summer 2009 Child Care Food Program
  - 7.5 Surplus Equipment
  - 7.6 2007-2008 Tangible Personal Property Inventories
  - 7.7 Warrant Lists
  - 7.8 Requisitions and Related Contracts
  - 7.9 Bids and Related Contracts  
**Contracts:** BayCare Health System, Inc.; Early Childhood Education Program, Early Achievers Academy; Big Cat Sporting Goods, Inc., Petland, and Precious Beginnings
- 8.0** Grant Proposals
- 8.1 SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Award Grant Application
  - 8.2 Expanding Breakfast Awards Grant for Schrader Elementary School and J.W. Mitchell High School
  - 8.3 Expanding Breakfast Equipment Grant at Cypress Elementary School and Gulf Middle School
- 9.0** Allocations – None Submitted
- 10.0** Agreements/Contracts (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 10.1 Settlement Agreement with Dant-Clayton Corporation on J.W. Mitchell High School Bleachers
  - 10.2 Agreements Providing Health Services to Private Schools - St. Anthony Interparochial Catholic School, Bishop Larkin Catholic School and Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School
- 11.0** Charter Schools (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 11.1 Denial of New Charter School Application – New Alternative Education High School of Pasco County
  - 11.2 Charter School Meal Prices
- 12.0** New High School Course Adoptions 2008-2009 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 13.0** 2008-09 School Improvement Plan (SIP) (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- 14.0** Memorandum of Agreement Between the District School Board of Pasco County Head Start Programs and the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco & Hernando Counties, Inc. (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

(15.1) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading: *Revision and Name Change of Policy KAA, Family Involvement to Parent Involvement in the School Program* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Starkey moved that the Board approve the second reading of Policy KAA, seconded by Member Martin. On discussion Member Altman received clarification from Mrs. Reilly that a copy of each school parent involvement policy will be completed and sent to Board members. Superintendent Fiorentino responded to question by Member Starkey that fundamental schools are like charter schools. There being no further discussion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(15.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second Reading: *2008-2009 Student Progression Plan – Revision II* (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Starkey moved that the Board approve the second reading. Member Altman seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(15.3) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Second 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 Starkey moved that the Board approve the Revision, seconded by Member Martin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(16.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Naming of Elementary Schools “R” (Connerton Subdivision in Land O’Lakes) and “V” (Watergrass Subdivision in Wesley Chapel) (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Altman moved that the Board name Elementary School “R” ***Connerton Elementary School***, seconded by Member Starkey. On vote the motion carried unanimously. Member Martin moved that the Board name Elementary School “V” ***Watergrass Elementary School***, seconded by Member Starkey. On vote the motion carried unanimously. Member Starkey thanked Mr. Weber for the sign at Watergrass.

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Starkey attended the Pasco Education Foundation Strategic Planning session and toured the Crystal River nuclear power plant and coal plant. She also attended the USF luncheon today.

Member Altman stated that claims data on insurance is up for claims over \$50,000.

Attorney Alfonso attended the Florida School Board Attorney conference last week. Discussion was held on the changes in public records law and a representative from the Attorney General's office clarified that there is not much we can do except process exemptions for staff members who are eligible. There are changes to the Administrative Procedures Acts regarding rule making. A new agency has been created for review regarding rules for small businesses. This may impact the concurrency process.

Attorney Alfonso stated that there is an employment issue, which will require the Board to have an appeal hearing. Private council is involved for the employee. Request for the appeal was triggered on November 14 and there is a sixty-day deadline for scheduling the hearing. January 13 is the possible last date for a hearing.

Attorney Alfonso provided the Board with a letter of informal objection to a bid procedure and advised that the bid contest was untimely and, therefore, the Board should not consider it.

Attorney Alfonso remarked that he would like the Board to consider an off agenda item regarding his company's contract, which expires within the next few days. Member Starkey moved that the Board accept the off agenda item, seconded by Member Martin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Alfonso said a purchase order must be generated to accommodate an extension in this contract. No changes were suggested for the contract and he will supply a letter for attachment to the purchase order. Member Starkey moved that the Board approve the extension of the contract with McClain Alfonso Meeker and Dunn to continue as the School Board Attorney. Member Martin seconded the motion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

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 December 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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12/16/08

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Superintendent