



**District School Board of Pasco County
Workshop Session
December 17, 2019**

Members present

Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Megan Harding

Others in attendance

Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools; Ray Gadd, Deputy Superintendent; Vanessa Hilton, Chief Academic Officer; Betsy Kuhn, Kevin Shibley, Kim Moore, Marcy Hetzler-Nettles, Kim Poe, Monica Ilse, and Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendents; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Linda Cobbe, Public Information Officer; and Jeff Solochek, Tampa Bay Times.

Chairman Beaudoin called the workshop to order at 3:30 p.m.

GALLUP

Peggy Jones, Director, ARM, presented an overview of the Gallup data that was released last week. The school-by-school information will be forwarded to board members, as requested.

DISTRICT CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS INITIATIVE

Chief Academic Officer Vanessa Hilton and Assistant Superintendent Betsy Kuhn outlined Superintendent Browning's proposal to close the opportunity gap on the west side of Pasco County. The proposal will increase challenging programs in schools throughout the district, increase wraparound services for families, expand parental choice, build new schools and renovate/remodel existing schools.

The proposal includes converting Hudson High/Hudson Middle/Northwest Elementary schools to a full-service complex. The plan includes closing Hudson ES after this school year and moving most students to Northwest ES, where families and students will benefit from free medical/dental and other services, along with the Cambridge program. A parent meeting will be held in January to answer questions about rezoning and opportunities being offered. The International Baccalaureate (IB) and STEM/STEAM programs will also be expanded.

Board members commended staff for their work on the proposal.

The workshop concluded at 5:10 p.m.

Approved in open session on January 14, 2020

Chairman

Superintendent of Schools