

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**December 1, 2009**

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2009, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Allen Altman, Vice Chairman Joanne Hurley, and Board Member Frank Parker. Member Kathryn Starkey arrived at 9:35 a.m. Member Cathi Martin was ill and not in attendance. 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting and reorganization of the Board on November 17, 2009 and workshop of November 17, 2009. There was none, and on motion by Member Parker, seconded by Member Hurley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. John Mann, Director of Leadership Development, coordinated the special presentations as follows:

- Presentation by Withlacoochee River Electric Co-op - Capital Credit Refund Check
- Recognition of Gulf Trace Elementary School – Energy Star Rating
- Recognition of Bayonet Point Middle School Receiving 4th Place in Voyager's Florida Math Mania

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

Student Apologies

- Brian – Harry Schwettman Education Center Incident

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, congratulated the Board on their recent reorganization. She gave an update on contract voting numbers, noting an employee turnout of 67%. Differentiated Accountability Model will be negotiated at a future date and early retirement annuities will be looked at for possible savings to the District. She expressed her surprise and concern at the last-minute executive session scheduled for today and stated if the District pursues their own Race to the Top application USEP would be vital partners in that process. USEP is looking for collaboration with this initiative. Ms. Webb spoke to item 9.2 (unfreezing of Employee Relations secretary). She stated that USEP feels the office is adequately staffed with clerical support and general operating dollars can be saved. She also spoke on item 9.5 (changing allocation from Director of Communications to Supervisor on Assignment). She commended Jeff Morgenstein; however, does not understand the monetary rationale with these changes.

Committee Reports:

Member Hurley

- Met with the Career Academy Task Force in preparation for a Board workshop.

Chairman Altman

- Attended Insurance Committee Meeting

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 Superintendent's Annual Report (SAR) 2008-2009
- 1.2 2009-2010 School Advisory Council Membership (SAC) Report

Ruth Reilly

- Introduced Jeff Morgenstein as the recommended Supervisor on Assignment in the Communications Department.

Olga Swinson

- Working on information regarding payment of unemployment funds. Very concerned about escalating costs and the unexpected negative impact on the budget. Superintendent Fiorentino explained the procedure to the Board. More investigation is forthcoming on this issue and will be provided to the Board.

Jim Davis

- Distributed graduate numbers from the 2008-2009 school year.

Tina Tiede

- H1N1 update – program is working well. Commended Lisa Kern, Supervisor of Student Services and the Pasco County Health Department for their efforts.

(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 8/30/95) from Wesley Chapel High School - **Tabled**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 2/15/92) from Wesley Chapel High School
- 2.3 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/13/95) from Gulf Middle School - **Tabled**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 9/9/93) from Hudson High School
- 2.5 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/9/93) from Anclote High School - **Tabled**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/10/94) from James W. Mitchell High School - **Tabled**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 4/28/94) from Wesley Chapel High School - **Tabled**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 7/20/92) from Wiregrass Ranch High School - **Tabled**

Member Parker moved that the Board approve the tabling of expulsions as recommended in items 2.1, 2.3, 2.5 - 2.8. Member Starkey seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in items 2.2 and 2.4. Member Parker 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:

- 7.4 Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2009
- 7.5 2008-2009 Tangible Personal Property Inventories
- 9.2 Unfreeze Allocation – Employee Relations Department
- 9.5 New Allocation – Supervisor on Assignment – Communications and Government Relations Department

(3.0 – 12.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Parker moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 7.4, 7.5, 9.2 and 9.5. 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 an NJROTC Field Meet in Boca Raton, Florida December 11-12, 2009, Funding: Student Contributions
  - 4.3 Gulf and Land O'Lakes High School Students to Participate in an FHSAA State Swim Meeting in Orlando, Florida November 11-12, 2009, Funding: Internal Funds
  - 4.4 River Ridge High School Student to Tour Eglin Air Force Base and Pensacola Naval Station in Destin, Florida March 31-April 3, 2010, Funding: Student Contributions and Internal Funds
- 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 Surplus Equipment
  - 7.2 Interim Financial Statement for All Fund Types 7/1/09-10/31/09
  - 7.3 2009-2010 Budget Amendments #18 - #23 – October 2009 (See Budget Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 7.6 Warrant Lists
  - 7.7 Requisitions and Related Contracts
  - 7.8 Bids and Related Contracts

**Contracts:** Dade City Police Department (SRO)
- 8.0 Grant Proposals**
  - 8.1 2009-2010 District in Corrective Action Grant
  - 8.2 2009-2010 Title I Part D – Local Delinquent American Recovery Act Grant Budget Amendment
- 9.0 Allocations** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
  - 9.1 Various Allocation Changes (Pine View Middle and Land O'Lakes High Schools) Funding: FTE ESE
  - 9.3 Wiregrass Ranch High School – After School Detention Program, Funding: SAC Funds

9.4 Teachers and Coordinators to Provide Supplemental Instruction for After-School English Language and Academic Programs, Funding: ESOL/Title III

9.6 Allocation Changes (Northwest Elementary and Anclote High Schools) Funding: ESE Guaranteed

**10.0 Agreements/Contracts** – None Submitted

**11.0 Timelines for Hiring Staff at Elementary “S”** (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

**12.0 2010-2011 Student/Teacher Calendar**(See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

(7.5) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the 2008-2009 Tangible Personal Property Inventories (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the Tangible Personal Property Inventories, seconded by Member Hurley. On discussion, Member Hurley asked why there is such a large number of “unable to locate” on the inventory. Mrs. Swinson explained the procedures used. Superintendent Fiorentino stated that that the current system needs to be looked at. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(9.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval to Unfreeze Allocation – Employee Relations Department (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Board approve the allocation request. Member Hurley seconded the motion. The Superintendent explained that Pasco has low administrative costs, including staff reductions at the district level. She stated that Employee Relations is a large active department and there is a need for full clerical support and she stands strongly on her recommendation. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(9.5) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a New Allocation – Supervisor on Assignment – Communications and Government Relations Department (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the new allocation, seconded by Member Parker. Member Hurley commented that we are the 11<sup>th</sup> largest district in Florida and need an extremely strong Communications Department. Her preference was to find a person with strong abilities in communication background. There was no further discussion and on vote the motion carried unanimously.

(7.4) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2009 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Jerry Ford of Ford and Harrison explained the bond process. Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. was chosen to underwrite the bonds after extensive interviewing. Mr. Ford commended the Board on their commitment to making good fiscal decisions in the recent past, which has enabled them to have these bond options at this time. Chairman Altman was pleased at the efforts of Pasco Schools during these challenging times to maintain a positive fund balance, in comparison with other districts throughout the state. Board Members acknowledged the financial sacrifices teachers and staff have made; however, feel the benefits will be reaped in the future with a solid future fund balance. George Smith, bond counsel, explained the resolution authorizing the borrowing of \$11 million and the details of the loan. Money generated by the bond issue is planned for the construction of a Culinary Arts Academy at Land O’Lakes High School and improvements to Richey Elementary School. Some of the bond money could be spent on Fivay High School, which is under construction off State Road 52. Superintendent Fiorentino clarified that Richey is in very poor shape and needs extensive work. Mike Baldwin, Citigroup commended the Board on prudent financial decisions and addressed the positive impact of strong fiscal decisions in regards to bond insurance costs. He noted that no bond insurance would be required. Member Parker moved that the Board approve the bonds, seconded by Member Starkey. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman recessed the regular meeting to hold a meeting of the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation.

(13.0) President Altman presented the request for approval of the Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2009 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.) Member Parker moved that the Leasing Corporation Board approve the bonds as submitted, seconded by Member Starkey. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business of the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation, the meeting was closed and the regular School Board Meeting reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Parker

- Commended the Board’s financial decisions.

Member Starkey

- Discussed Progress Energy and solar panels. Feels the pilot program should be at Anclote High School and Paul R. Smith Middle School instead of J.W. Mitchell High School due to their Energy Academy location. Mrs. Reilly remarked that the Curriculum Department is looking into the issue and no information is available at this time.
- Feels there are a lot of good benefits to the "Walking School Bus", which was highlighted in a recent newspaper article. Several parents have set up supervised walking groups for children to and home from school.
- Toured the new wing at Cypress Elementary School and liked the color choices.
- Flyers were distributed to schools inviting parent and community advocacy groups to attend an advocacy workshop today hosted by the Florida School Boards Association.

Member Hurley

- Attended Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at R.B. Cox Elementary School.
- Art exhibit in Zephyrhills
- Disappointed that the "Be There" Campaign has not been implemented. Asked that the program be instituted quickly. A report will be supplied on this topic in January.

Chairman Altman

- Participated in the Great American Teach In at Pasco Elementary 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 of the Board is December 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: December 1, 2009 11:00 a.m.**

**TOPIC: *Negotiation Implications of "Race to the Top"***

The Board met in executive session held in the DIMC Studio, Building #8 of the District Office Complex. Present were Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Frank Parker, Allen Altman and Joanne Hurley. Member Cathi Martin was ill and not in attendance. Also present were 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; and Terry Rhum and Kevin Shibley, Employee Relations Department

The Executive Session concluded at 11:58 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD  
IN OPEN SESSION

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Chairman

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12/15/09

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Superintendent