

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
December 1, 2008

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2008, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Frank Parker, Vice Chairman Allen Altman and Board Members Kathryn Starkey, Joanne Hurley and Cathi Martin. 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 Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Efrem Tyree (Athenian Academy student) and Robert Corbran (Food & Nutrition Staff member at River Ridge High School).

The Chairman announced that the minutes of the regular meeting and reorganization of the Board November 18, 2008 would be submitted at the December 16, 2008 meeting.

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

- Proclamations Recognizing the History of: Rodney B. Cox Elementary School and Fred K. Marchman Technical Education Center

The Chairman called a brief break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:22 p.m.

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

Student Apologies:

Zachery – Disruption on Land O'Lakes High School campus

Jamal – Issue at Harry Schwettman Education Center

Patrick Connelly, teacher at Land O'Lakes High School stated that he did not intend to be disrespectful toward the Board during the last meeting. He thanked Mrs. Moore for having the microphone volumes adjusted in the boardroom. He feels that District staff members are good stewards of taxpayer monies and asked that school employees be asked for their suggestions on budget cuts and that they be sincerely considered. His suggestion was that cuts be done (by percentage) at the upper levels.

Matthew Ross, senior at James W. Mitchell High School thanked several individuals throughout the District for their help and guidance with his challenges as a person with autism from his elementary years through high school. He detailed his lifelong love of golf and his happiness to be involved in the Mitchell High School Golf Team and distributed autographed copies of ESPN RISE Magazine, which highlighted his golf activities.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Lynne Webb, President of the USEP, congratulated Joanne Hurley on her election to the Board. She updated the Board on the mediation session, which was held November 20. There was no successful resolution; however, there was conversation about upcoming meetings with the Board, which she hopes will previce an agreement without the use of a Magistrate, which cannot happen until late January.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Hurley thanked Mrs. Moore for taking her on a tour of the district offices recently.

Member Altman was pleased that trust funds may be accessed, due to changes in Tallahassee. However, these funds have lost 50% of their value and the retirement pension fund is down 30% statewide.

Chairman Parker attended the art show held recently at the Land O'Lakes Library, in partnership with Pasco Schools and the Community Foundation. He suggested an exhibit be displayed in the lobby during the winter.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Mr. Gadd acknowledged Cutler and Associates, Construction Managers and Harvard Jolly Architects for High School “EEE”. Harvard Jolly representatives gave a brief presentation of the new high school design plan. Discussion was held on landscaping for sound buffering and visibility issues and the future expansion of the outdoor dining facility. Natural turf will be installed on the athletic fields due to additional purchase of land, which may be utilized for practice facilities.

Mr. Davis stated that the fall FCAT schedule has been sent to Board members. The retake results will be received within the next two weeks.

(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.

2.0 Expulsion Recommendations/Hearings (including any addenda)

- 2.1 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 6/26/93) from James W. Mitchell High School – **TABLED**
- 2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 11/17/87) from Moore-Mickens Education Center – **TABLED**
- 2.3 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 8/12/78) from Moore-Mickens Education Center – **TABLED**
- 2.4 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 2/28/94) from Wesley Chapel High School – **TABLED**
- 2.5 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/13/92) from Ridgewood High School – **TABLED**
- 2.6 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/11/90) from Moore-Mickens Education Center – **TABLED**
- 2.7 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/30/91) from James W. Mitchell High School – **TABLED**
- 2.8 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 5/16/92) from Sunlake High School – **TABLED**
- 2.9 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 3/30/94) from Wesley Chapel High School – **TABLED**
- 2.10 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 1/22/94) from Dr. John Long Middle School – **TABLED**
- 2.11 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 6/30/94) from Land O’ Lakes High School – **TABLED**
- 2.12 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/03/86) from Moore-Mickens Education Center – **TABLED**
- 2.13 Bus Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 6/20/94) from Raymond B. Stewart Middle School – **TABLED**
- 2.14 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 6/18/91) from Pasco High School – **TABLED**
- 2.15 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 9/10/92) from Land O’ Lakes High School – **TABLED**
- 2.16 Expulsion of Female Student (DOB 10/21/92) from Land O’ Lakes High School – **TABLED**
- 2.17 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 2/9/92) from Gulf High School – **TABLED**

Member Starkey moved that the Board approve the tabling of expulsions as recommended in items 2.1-2.17. Member Hurley 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. There were no items submitted for the **ACTION AGENDA**.

(3.0 – 13.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Starkey moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Altman seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3.0 Human Resources (including any addenda)

- 3.1 Instructional and Administrative Personnel Recommendations – **APPROVED**
- 3.2 Noninstructional Personnel Recommendations – **APPROVED**

4.0 Students (including any addenda)

- 4.1 Student Transfer Requests – **APPROVED**
- 4.2 Waiver of Student Progression Plan Requirements – Vocational Wheel – **APPROVED**
- 4.3 Gulf Middle School Students To Travel To Big Pine Key, Florida May 1-May 4, 2009 To Participate In Sea Camp – Funding: Fundraisers & Students – **APPROVED**
- 4.4 River Ridge High School Students To Travel To Daytona, Florida April 23- 24, 2009 To Participate In German State Competition - Funding: Student Contributions and River Ridge High School Students To Travel To Orlando, Florida March 5-8, 2009 To Participate In State Leadership Competition For Vocational Students – Funding: CTE Funds – **APPROVED**
- 4.5 Wiregrass Ranch High School Students To Travel To Columbia University, New York January 15-18, 2009 To Participate In Columbia Model United Nations Conference & Exposition – Funding: Fundraisers – **APPROVED**
- 4.6 Hudson High School Band Students To Travel To Myrtle Beach High School March 26-29, 2009 To Participate In “Fiesta Val” – Funding: Fundraisers – **APPROVED**

- 4.7 Wesley Chapel High School Band Students To Travel To University of South Florida Festival of Winds Honor Band December 4-7, 2008 – Funding: Student Contributions – **APPROVED**
- 4.8 Land O’ Lakes High School Students To Travel To Daytona Beach, Florida To Participate In State Cheer & Dance Championship January 9-11, 2009 – Funding: Student Contributions – **APPROVED**
- 5.0 Requests for Use of Facilities** (including any addenda) – **APPROVED**
- 6.0 Construction Services and Code Compliance/Planning/Facility Maintenance Services and Transportation** (including any addenda)
 - 6.1 Amendment No. 1, GMP for High School “EEE” - **APPROVED**
 - 6.2 Builders Risk Insurance for High School “EEE” & Elementary School “R” - **APPROVED**
- 7.0 Business/Finance** (including any addenda)
 - 7.1 Surplus Equipment - **APPROVED**
 - 7.2 Self-Pay Insurance Plan for Part-Time Employees - **APPROVED**
 - 7.3 Warrant Lists - **APPROVED**
 - 7.4 Requisitions and Related Contracts – **None Submitted**
 - 7.5 Bids and Related Contracts – **APPROVED**

Contracts: Nova Southeastern University; University of Phoenix; Verizon Business Network Services (Verizon)
- 8.0 Grant Proposals** (including any addenda)
 - 8.1 2008-2009 Title I Part C Project Budget Amendment - **APPROVED**
- 9.0 Allocations** (including any addenda)
 - 9.1 Wesley Chapel Elementary School – Before School Extended Day Program For Writing - **APPROVED**
- 10.0 Agreements/Contracts** (including any addenda)
 - 10.1 **APPROVED**
- 11.0 2009-2010 Student/Teacher Calendar – PULLED**
- 12.0 Middle And High School 2008-2009 Courses – APPROVED**
- 13.0 Elementary School Course Adoption 2008-2009 – APPROVED**

The Chairman asked for Board member committee reports.

Member Starkey attended the Career Academy Oversight Committee meeting today. The name Career Academy Leadership Academy was designated for the committee and goals and plans were discussed. U.S. Senate Youth Program information was distributed and discussed.

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 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and a Budget workshop at 4:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: December 1, 2008 4:00 p.m.

TOPIC: BUDGET/CALENDAR

The Board met for a workshop session on the budget and school calendar. Present were Board Members Frank Parker, Allen Altman, Kathryn Starkey, Cathi Martin and Joanne Hurley; 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; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Maureen Moore, Communications Department; Bill Kleinsorge and John Simon, Finance Department; Summer Romagnoli, Communications Department; Ken Brown, Information Services; Terry Rhum and Kevin Shibley, Employee Relations Department; Lynne Webb, Jim Ciadellla, and Robert Benjamin, USEP; C.T. Bowen and Jeff Solocheck, St. Petersburg Times; Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune and Ashley Reams, The Laker News.

Mrs. DuBose presented draft copies of the proposed student/teacher calendar for 2009-2010. A discussion session followed and Board members were requested to call Mrs. DuBose with any suggestions they would like brought to the calendar committee.

Mrs. Swinson presented information on the revised budget shortfall for the 2008-2009 school year. She remarked that the budget shortfall as of November 11, 2008 is (\$8,656,611) and presented possible additional savings. A discussion session followed and there was consensus of the Board to hold another budget workshop at 4:00 p.m. on December 16, 2008.

The workshop concluded at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

December 16, 2008

Superintendent