

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
December 21, 2010

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 21, 2010, 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 Allen Altman, and Board Members Cynthia Armstrong, 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 Crumbley and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the men and women in uniform serving around the world.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2010 and workshop of December 7, 2010. There were none, and on motion by Member Armstrong seconded by Member Luikart, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman announced that there are no special presentations this evening.

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

- Robert Marsh of Masaryktown spoke on how teachers and public education are getting "trashed." He does not believe that schools are failing and would like the community to value what we do. He is concerned new voices are trying to disassemble public education because they do not hear what good things schools are doing for students and he would like the Board's voice to speak up for teachers and the district. He commended all our graduates who are going into the service, college and becoming productive citizens.
- Simone Lowery of Wesley Chapel spoke representing residents of the Ashley Pines Subdivision. They are concerned about the boundary changes and moving students from John Long Middle (JLMS) and Wiregrass Ranch High (WGHS) schools to R. B. Stewart Middle (RBSMS) and Wesley Chapel High (WCHS) schools. She presented a petition from the residents and proposed allowing students to remain at JLMS and WGHS. She stated that she also emailed this information to the Board Members and Chris Williams, Director of Planning.

The Chairman remarked that Lynne Webb, President of the United School Employees of Pasco was ill and not present this evening and she extended her best wishes for the Holiday.

Committee Reports:

Member Crumbley:

- LPA Meeting

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

- 1.1 2009-2010 Promotion and Retention Report
- 1.2 Superintendent's Annual Report (SAR) 2009-10 - **Pulled**
- 1.3 Pasco Education Foundation Monthly Report

Superintendent Fiorentino:

- Pulled item 1.2 Superintendent's Annual Report 2009-10

Renalia DuBose:

- Received letter from Dayspring Academy Charter School requesting an articulation agreement between VPK and K-8. Mrs. Reilly reviewed the process. The Superintendent explained that she would only like to have the Board's feelings on this request, with no action to be taken at this time. Nancy Scowcroft, Director of Charter Schools had polled other districts and 13 of the 15 responded stated that they do not allow this in their districts. The Superintendent reminded the Board that Dayspring had asked to increase their enrollment numbers next year and the school will expect the 30 additional students. Mrs. Scowcroft also reminded the Board that this request is an amendment to their existing contract. Chairman Hurley stated that she is not comfortable doing this due to the fact that the contract would have to be opened. Mrs. DuBose expressed her concern that this approval would open the door for other schools to do the same. After further discussion the Superintendent suggested that she decline, with the Board's support and this proposal will not be addressed at the January task force meeting. Member Altman asked that the Chairman gather more information. The Superintendent stated that staff will

make the recommendation to deny the request and will move forward to allow Dayspring to come before the Board.

- Impasse process is moving forward. Imagine Schools local board voted to withdraw their application for a high school. No letter has been received yet on this matter.

(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 12/30/94) from Hudson High School

2.2 Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 3/2/92) from Sunlake High School

Member Altman moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in items 2.1 and 2.2. Member Armstrong 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:

6.2 Site Improvements for District Office Complex and Land O'Lakes High School

15.0 First Reading: 2011-2012 School Attendance Boundaries

(3.0 – 14.0) The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda with the exception of 6.2. Member Crumbley 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

ADDENDA: Academic and Athletic Supplements

4.0 Students (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

4.1 Change of Placement

4.2 Fivay, Wiregrass Ranch, Sunlake and Gulf High School Students to Participate in the Florida High School Athletic Association Regional Cheerleading Competition in Palm Coast, Florida January 7-8, 2011, Funding: Athletic Internal Funds and Student Contributions

4.3 River Ridge High School Band Students to Participate in a National Concert Band Competition in Leesburg, Virginia April 7-10, 2011, Funding: Student Contributions

4.4 River Ridge High School Athletes to Participate in a Regional Wrestling Tournament in Avon Park, Florida February 11-12, 2011, Funding: Athletic Internal Funds

4.5 Pine View Middle School Future Farmers of America Students to Travel to Gainesville, Florida January 7-8, 2011, Funding: Student Funded

4.6 Sunlake High School Students to Participate in the National Honor Society Lead Conference in Lombard, Illinois February 17-20, 2011, Funding: Student Contributions

4.7 River Ridge High School Student Athletes to Participate in a State Wrestling Tournament in Lakeland, Florida February 17-19, 2011, Funding: Athletic Internal Funds

4.8 Hudson High School Student Athletes to Participate in the Florida High School Athletic Association State Cheerleading Competition in Kissimmee, Florida February 4-5, 2011, Funding: Student Contributions

4.9 Land O'Lakes High School Students to Participate in the University of Florida Veterinary School Livestock Judging Clinic in Gainesville, Florida January 7-8, 2011, Funding: Student Contributions

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 Construction Manager Agreements for Work Group Projects

6.3 SunSmart Schools E-Shelter Program – River Ridge High and Wiregrass Ranch High Schools

7.0 Business/Finance (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

7.1 Approval of Payroll Expenditures for November 2010, and Authorization to Expend Funds for December 2010

7.2 Interim Financial Statements for All Fund Types 7/1/10-10/31/10

7.3 Surplus Equipment

7.4 Public Hearing Dates on 2011-2012 Budget

7.5 2010-2011 Budget Amendments #19-24 - October 2010

7.6 Warrant Lists

7.7 Requisitions and Related Contracts – **None Submitted**

7.8 Bids and Related Contracts

Contracts: Florida Association of District School Superintendents; New Port Richey Police Department; Pasco County Board of County Commissioners; Microsoft

8.0 Grant Proposals

- 8.1 Bealls & Whistles for Schools Grant – Deer Park Elementary School
- 8.2 Bealls & Whistles for Schools Grant – Woodland Elementary School
- 8.3 Bealls & Whistles for Schools Grant – Pasco High School
- 8.4 Bealls & Whistles for Schools Grant – Hudson High School
- 8.5 Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries Grant – Chester W. Taylor Elementary School
- 8.6 Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries Grant – Gulf High School

9.0 Allocations (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

- 9.1 Allocation Changes – Custodial Services
- 9.2 Allocation Funding Change – LES, LMES and DBES

10.0 Agreements/Contracts –None Submitted

11.0 Charter Schools (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

- 11.1 2010-2011 School Year Charter School Transportation Contracts

12.0 New High School Course Adoption for 2010-2011 (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

13.0 2010-2011 ESOL Self-Monitoring Verification Document (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

14.0 2010-2011 Revised Employee Work Calendars (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

(6.2) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Site Improvements for District Office Complex and Land O’Lakes High School (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) John Petrashek, Director of Construction Services introduced representatives from Williamson & Dacar and Creative Contractors who presented the plans for the upcoming district office complex and Land O’Lakes High School site improvements. The project will include a new parking lot adjacent to training sites, new entryway into complex off of Highway 41, new sidewalk for safety of walking students along Gator Lane, adequate water supply to the high school and sanitary sewer system. The project will take approximately six months to complete and will begin in January 2011. Board Members commended the District for investing in the safety of the students. Chairman Hurley moved that the Board approve the request for the site improvements, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(15.0) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the First Reading: 2011-2012 School Attendance Boundaries (See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book _____, Page _____.) Chris Williams presented information on the boundary change process and explained that JLMS and WGHS are very overcrowded and WCHS and RBSMS are under capacity. The plan will provide some much needed space at JLMS and WGHS. He detailed numbers and areas impacted by these changes and explained that the same proposal would happen when new middle and high schools are built in the future. Mr. Williams said the parent meetings were well attended and he expressed many sentiments from the parents. He thanked parent, Ms. Lowery for her work on this issue representing Ashley Pines. He continues to believe that the presented plan is the best for all schools. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the first reading of the boundary changes, seconded by Member Altman. Member Armstrong said she attended the presentation at R.B. Stewart Middle School. Member Altman commended parents who participated and appreciates their service on the committee. He discussed two issues. 1. Movement of tenth grade students who are embedded in school activities. He suggested that we check numbers to see if it is possible to leave these students at their home school. 2. Pasco High and Pasco Middle schools. Teachers and administrators agree it is best for students to go to community schools; however, resources must be given to these schools to help these students. Chairman Hurley added her thanks to all parents who have worked on this project. She acknowledged that this is a personal situation for many families and respects their concerns. She asked parents to continue parental involvement at the new schools. There was no further discussion and on vote, the motion carried unanimously

Individual Board members presented and discussed items.

Member Armstrong:

- R.B. Stewart Boundary meeting

Member Altman:

- Zephyrhills High School 100 Year celebration. Would like the Board to recognize the planning group at a future meeting
- Requested information on his suggestion of the purchase of a building on the west side of the county for sale by the bank for a possible alternative school. Mr. Williams stated that he toured the facility, which is a large church on approximately 18 acres on Perrine Ranch Road. It is a multi-use building with

many small classrooms and was being offered at a very good price. Mrs. Swinson stated that it could house approximately 250 students. More information will be gathered and reported back to the Board

Chairman Hurley:

- Attended retirement party for Dave Estabrook, Principal at Charles S. Rushe Middle School
- Traditions on the Greens event in Land O'Lakes
- Winter Band Concerts at Rushe Middle and Land O'Lakes High Schools

Attorney Alfonso:

- Asked Board to mark their calendars for two employee appeal hearings which have been scheduled for David Simpson-February 8 at 9:00 a.m. and Samantha Murchie-February 22 at 9:00 a.m. These will be all day hearings held in the Board Room
- Discussed acquisition of property near ODES. A refund will be forthcoming due to an escrow agreement
- Court dismissed Picculus liability claim as to the District

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

- Mary Rodgers of Wesley Chapel expressed her concern about the possible tenth graders remaining at their home school. Her daughter is a freshman at WGHS and wants to remain at that school. She asked about the possibility of having school choice approved. Mrs. Tiede explained that school choice will open in February 2011 and she should fill out the application and it will be reviewed. A lottery will be used for those not approved.
- Lisa Myers of Ashley Pines Subdivision expressed her concerns about students being moved from WGHS. She highlighted her daughter's and family's involvement in the school and asked that it be reconsidered. Her son is an incoming ninth grader.
- William Murphy of the New River Subdivision stated that he researched schools prior to moving to his new neighborhood. He has concerns about the school grading system. Member Hurley stated that the Department of Education creates the ranking system.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is January 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Luikart the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: December 21, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.

TOPIC: New School Board Orientation

Presenter: Dr. Wayne Blanton, Florida School Boards Association

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; Ruth Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services; Tina Tiede, Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools; Dave Scanga, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools; and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune

Dr. Blanton stated that he like to hold workshop sessions when there is majority of new members elected to the Board. During the session he reviewed and discussed basic principles of the relationship of the Board and Superintendent. A question and answer session followed.

The workshop concluded at 4:45 p.m.

BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

1/18/11

Superintendent