

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

November 4, 2014

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Alison Crumbley, Vice Chairman Steve Luikart, and Board Members Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, and Joanne Hurley. Also present were Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent and ex officio Secretary to the Board, 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Pedro Perez, bus driver.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2014, and workshop of October 21, 2014. There were none, and on motion by Member Hurley, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman opened the First Reading on the DSBPC Policies Update - Volume 14, No. 2 (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 1*). Attorney Alfonso stated that notice of this hearing has been posted on the District's web site. Chairman Crumbley asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this item. No one came forward. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the First Reading of the DSBPC Policies Update - Volume 14, No. 2, seconded by Vice Chairman Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Linda Cobbe, Director of Communications, coordinated the special presentation as follows: (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 2*)

- State of Florida Migrant Business Partnerships

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 9:39 a.m.

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

- Brooke Smith, Chiefland – representing the American Heart Association. Spoke on their efforts to educate students on heart health issues and distributed a folder to each Board member containing program information. (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 30*)
- Mason M., New Port Richey – student apology. Board members thanked him for his apology and the parents for their support.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Kenny Blankenship, President of the USEP, spoke:

- Questioned potential changes in salary policies and leaves as listed on pages 6-7 of the DSBPC Policies Update – Volume 14, No. 2; he could not find the actual policies that were being changed. Kevin Shibley, Executive Director for Administration, confirmed that none of those policies are being recommended for change.
- Negotiations – they are looking at the district's recent proposal and working to present a reasonable counter proposal. He reported that employees are being told if a decision is not made this week, the Board will be moving to impasse. He hopes this is not the case.
- He distributed a copy of the "Resolution on Accountability" adopted by Palm Beach County and asked that a discussion on this topic be added to the November 18, 2014, School Board agenda. (*See Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 31*)

Committee Reports:

- Member Armstrong:
 - None.
- Member Hurley:
 - Charter School Task Force – not all charter schools are members of the task force, but the committee discusses issues related to all charter schools.
 - Steering Committee for Strategic Plan – they are identifying priorities and responsible parties for each area.
 - Attended the annual meeting to discuss the effectiveness of the St. Leo University student teaching intern program.

- Member Altman:
 - Visited several east Pasco schools where teachers have commented on the quality of teachers from St. Leo University.
- Vice Chairman Luikart:
 - None.
- Chairman Crumbley:
 - St. Leo Collegiate Task Force – Spencer Pylant, Communications and Government Liaison, is attending today’s meeting on her behalf.
 - Pasco Hernando State Collegiate Task Force – had a conference call meeting; working on an agreement for submission to the Board in the near future.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- No comments today.

Ray Gadd:

- John Petrashek introduced business partners (architects and construction managers) for the Shady Hills and Quail Hollow Elementary Schools renovation projects.
- Kevin Shibley:
 - Staff recommendation – Joshua Nelson, Supervisor, Office for Technology and Information Services.
 - Recognized the ERP team for their work and implementation of MUNIS and acknowledged Tyler Technologies for their assistance.
- Olga Swinson:
 - She reported that representatives from Bryant Miller Olive, P.A. and Raymond James & Associates are in attendance to answer any questions regarding the Resolution - Authorizing Issuance of COPS, Series 2014 QSCB, which is listed on today’s agenda. Member Altman said that the Investment Oversight Committee members are impressed by the research and work done by the partners and are confident we are getting a good deal.

Student Achievement (Beth Brown):

- Angela Porterfield introduced the Head Start Program Policy Council officers.

(2.0) The Chairman remarked that there were no expulsion recommendations tonight.

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:

10. Resolutions

- A. Florida Parent Involvement in Education Month
- B. Great American Teach-In Day

11. Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

12. Miscellaneous Action Items

- A. Change of Board Meeting Dates - December 2014, January 2015

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Member Altman moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda, including addendum. Member Armstrong seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- A. Learning Communities (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Pages 3-5*)
 - 1. Requests for School Field Trips
 - 2. Out-of-State Travel - Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic - Illinois
 - 3. Out-of-State Travel - NCSS Annual Social Studies Conference – Massachusetts
- B. Teaching and Learning (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 6*)
 - 1. School Choice Change of Placement
- C. Professional Development and School Supports - None Submitted
- D. Accountability Research and Measurement - None Submitted
- E. Student Support Programs and Services (*See Misc. Supp. Minute Book 408, Page 7*)
 - 1. Disciplinary Change of Placement
- F. School Field Trips - None Submitted

4. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Human Resources and Educator Quality (*See Personnel Supplemental Minute Book 80, Page 28*)
 - 1. Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional, and Professional Technical

- Personnel Recommendations
- B. Employee Relations - None Submitted
- C. Technology and Information Services - None Submitted
- 5. SUPPORT SERVICES**
 - A. Planning Services (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 8*)
 - 1. Requests for Use of Facilities
 - B. Construction Services (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Pages 9-10*)
 - 1. Construction Management Agreement - Quail Hollow Elementary School
 - 2. Construction Management Agreement - Shady Hills Elementary School
 - C. Food and Nutrition Services - None Submitted
 - D. Maintenance Services (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 11*)
 - 1. Surplus Equipment
 - E. Purchasing Services (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 12*)
 - 1. Bid Recommendations, Bid Renewals, and Contracts
 - Date/Time: October 28, 2014; 13:55:00
 - CONTRACTS:** *Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College; Crisis Center of Tampa Bay; Lifespan Services, Inc.; Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties, Inc.; Florida Department of Health; Gulfside Regional Hospice, Inc.; Nova Southeastern University; Saint Leo University; Southeastern University*
 - F. Additional Support Services Items (*See Misc. Supp. Minute Book 408, Page 13*)
 - 1. Student/Teacher Calendar 2015-2016
- 6. FINANCE SERVICES** (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Pages 14-18*)
 - A. Mobile Wireless Communications - 2014-2015
 - B. Warrant Lists
 - C. Interim Financials For All Fund Types - 07/01/2014 through 09/30/2014
 - D. 2014-2015 Budget Amendments - September 2014 - #14 through #19 (*See Budget Supplemental Minute Book 34, Page 14*)
 - E. Resolution - Authorizing Issuance of COPS, Series 2014 QSCB
 - F. Certificate of Participation, Series 2014 QSCB - Conflict of Waiver
- 7. GRANT PROPOSALS** (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Pages 19-22*)
 - A. Leslie Thiel Donation
 - B. School Improvement Grant 1003(a) 2014-15
 - C. Title I Part A - Education of Disadvantaged Children and Youth
 - D. Postsecondary Education Readiness Assessment Grant (PERT)
- 8. ALLOCATIONS** (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 23*)
 - A. Allocation Changes (2014-2015):
 - Add - Addl Duty ESD - PVMS (SAI)*
 - Add - Addl Duty Inst Satellite Ed - JIEC (Title I)*
 - Add - Sch Pysch - SSPS (FTE)*
 - Add - Addl Duty NI - SSPS (IDEA)*
- 9. INTERNAL AUDIT** (*See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 24*)
 - A. Analysis of the Closing of FACE Charter School - Information Only

(10A) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a proclamation for *Florida Parent Involvement in Education Month* (**See Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 25**). Member Hurley moved that the Board approve the proclamation for Florida Parent Involvement in Education Month, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(10B) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a proclamation for *Great American Teach-In Day* (**See Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 26**). Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the proclamation for Great American Teach-In Day, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(12A) The Chairman presented the request for approval to *Change of Board Meeting Dates - December 2014, January 2015* (**See Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 27**). Member Altman moved that the Board approve the Change of Board Meeting Dates - December 2014, January 2015, seconded by Vice Chairman Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman recessed the School Board Meeting to call the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation Meeting to order:

(13) The President presented the request for approval of the *Minutes of the Pasco Leasing Corporation Meeting of May 20, 2014* (**See Misc. Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 28**). Member Altman moved that the

Board approve the Minutes of the Pasco Leasing Corporation Meeting of May 20, 2014, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(14) The President presented the request for approval of the *Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2014 - Leasing Corporation* (See **Miscellaneous Supplemental Minute Book 408, Page 29**). Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the Qualified School Construction Bonds, Series 2014 - Leasing Corporation, seconded by Member Hurley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. Member Armstrong commented that the Investment Oversight Committee listened to an extensive presentation and is in favor of this proposal.

The Chairman closed the meeting of the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation and the School Board Meeting resumed.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Armstrong:
 - None.
- Member Hurley:
 - Attended the recent community meeting at Wiregrass Ranch High School regarding schedule changes. The meeting was well attended; the principal did an excellent job of opening lines of communication.
 - Stopped by the Pasco Education Foundation golf tournament fundraiser, which had good attendance.
 - Thanked the Shops of Wiregrass for hosting the “Make Strides Against Breast Cancer” walk; also thanked those that participated and supported the event and cause.
 - Attended the District Office Complex Employee Recognition Awards ceremony; gave kudos to all employees selected for awards.
 - Attended the Unmanned Aerial Systems Workshop sponsored by the Pasco Economic Development Council.
- Member Altman:
 - Stopped by the Pasco Education Foundation golf tournament fundraiser.
 - Attended the Cambridge Program information meeting on the east side; many are thrilled with the program and looking forward to expansion.
- Vice Chairman Luikart:
 - None.
- Chairman Crumbley:
 - Attended the Eggstravagant Breakfast at Richey Elementary School.
 - Asked Board members for their thoughts on taking official action regarding standardized testing and state accountability timelines. She said that several other districts and two consortiums of school boards have approved resolutions calling on the state to provide a three-year transition period for full implementation of the Florida Standards and the application of accountability measures. She is concerned that the state is rushing to implement the new assessments without knowing whether they are valid, reliable, and fair. Districts don’t have the capacity to administer the online tests. Another concern is the way that Florida applies the results of assessments to measure, penalize, and reward teachers, students, schools and school districts. She believes that we need to go beyond working with our local delegation. After discussion, there was consensus of the Board to place this topic on the agenda. Supt. Browning will ask staff to assist in preparing a resolution for Board members to review. He has asked Directors Vanessa Hilton and Peggy Jones to compile a complete list of assessments that are currently administered to students, including the reason for the test, who requires it, and how long each takes to administer. Consensus of the Board was to discuss the assessments schedule at the November 18 Board workshop, along with a draft resolution on accountability.

Dennis Alfonso, School Board attorney:

- His firm’s contract renewal has been forwarded to Board members for review.
- He suggested drafting the resolution at the November 18 workshop, with a request for approval being submitted on December 2, 2014.

Superintendent Browning announced that there is a closed Executive Session immediately following today’s meeting in Training Room D. A Board Workshop will follow the Executive Session.

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 November 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: November 4, 2014 - 10:35 a.m.

The Board met in executive session on *Negotiations*. The session was held in the Employee Relations Conference Room at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley, Joanne Hurley and Steve Luikart; Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Operations; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Kevin Shibley, Executive Director for Administration; Ray Bonti, Executive Director for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Beth Brown, Monica Ilse and Todd Cluff, Learning Community Executive Directors; and Betsy Kuhn, Director, Kathy Scalise, and Tom Neesham, Employee Relations Department.

The Executive Session concluded at 10:55 a.m.

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: November 4, 2014 – 11:00 a.m.

TOPICS: Compressed Natural Gas; PLACE Reorganization; Implementation – Florida State Standards – Secondary Schools

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3, Training Room D. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley, Joanne Hurley and Steve Luikart; Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent; Dennis Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Ray Gadd, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Operations; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Kevin Shibley, Executive Director for Administration; Ray Bonti, Executive Director for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Todd Cluff, and Monica Ilse, Learning Community Executive Directors; Betsy Kuhn, Director, Employee Relations Department; Linda Cobbe, Communications Director; Jeff Solocheck, Tampa Bay Times and Ronnie Blair, Tampa Tribune. Other staff members were also in attendance.

Compressed Natural Gas

Jorge Herrera, CEO, Walt Bussells, CFO, and Andre Salcines, Vice President of Construction, from Nopetro presented an overview of compressed natural gas (CNG), an alternative to gasoline or diesel, to Board members. Nopetro, founded in 2007, designs, finances, builds, operates, maintains, and supplies CNG and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) fueling stations, maintenance facilities, vehicle financing, and related services. The company developed and implemented a Florida Public-Private Partnership (P3) for natural gas fueling with Leon County schools. Other CNG P3 turnkey stations include St. Johns County, LYNX Mass Transit (Orange County), Osceola County, City of Tallahassee, Leon County, and Charlotte County Public Schools (maintenance facility and vehicle financing). Natural gas buses have diesel-like performance and range, maintenance free exhaust systems, and reduced noise and air pollution. The price of diesel fuel is projected to be 50% more expensive than natural gas over the next 25 years. CNG fueling stations have no underground storage, as the gas is stored above ground, eliminating contamination issues. A CNG station is similar to a regular gas station and district vehicles would have priority for fill-up purposes.

Under the proposed CNG P3 agreement, Nopetro would design, finance, build, operate, maintain and supply a state-of-the-art CNG fueling station, and upgrade maintenance facility. They would assume all obligations and responsibilities for project development and operation, pay Pasco County Schools (PCS) royalties on all third party sales, create green jobs and stimulate the economy, and assist PCS in identifying vehicles ready for CNG transition. PCS would contribute land for station development and implement transition of PCS buses to CNG.

Board members asked several questions regarding the proposed conversion to CNG, including the turnaround time to purchase buses, emergency fuel options, transition time frame, leasing options, partnering with Pasco County, price increases of CNG, and the cost to run duplicate operations. A cost analysis has not been completed. The vehicle investment idea will be presented to the Investment Oversight Committee and advisors.

PLACE Reorganization

Mary Grey, Supervisor, PLACE, presented an overview of the proposed reorganization for PLACE. PLACE began in 1990 within the Career and Technical Education department. It is currently a \$12.2 million enterprise, supported solely by fees paid for program services by clients and subsidies. No educational dollars are used to support the program. The program was awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant, enabling expansion to Lacochee Elementary School, conversion of Gulf Highlands Elementary School to 100 students,

and the development of 3 DELTA Academies at Hudson, Gulf and Raymond B. Stewart Middle Schools. Other expansion plans include opening the Sanders STEM Magnet program (Fall 2015) and possible expansions to Quail Hollow, Shady Hills, and San Antonio Elementary Schools (Fall 2015), Elementary “W” (Fall 2016), and Elementary “B” (Fall 2017), depending on survey results. Ms. Grey outlined the current and proposed allocations and title changes.

Implementation – Florida State Standards – Secondary Schools

Rayann Mitchell, Senior Supervisor, Office for Teaching and Learning, shared how secondary schools are being supported with the first full year of implementation of the new Florida Standards in preparation for the upcoming Florida Standards Assessment in Spring 2015. The CCSS were adopted in 2010, with Pasco County introducing the standards in kindergarten the following year. Additional levels have been added each year. Secondary teachers have had 3 years of being introduced to the standards. Only Math (MAFS) and English Language Arts (LAFS) have new standards. These standards impact all other content areas, as they are addressed in other subjects, especially reading, writing, speaking and listening. She encouraged Board members to go to CANVAS on the district website to explore professional development resources available to staff. She noted that much of the professional development is offered during the summer in an effort to keep teachers in the classrooms and not impact instructional time. Teachers will continue to build content knowledge, clarify levels of rigor and expectations for student learning, while focusing on preparation for future success.

Supt. Browning asked Board members to contact him or the Board secretary for workshop topics of interest to them.

The workshop concluded at 12:56 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

November 18, 2014

Superintendent of Schools