

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

February 16, 2016

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2016, in Training Room C, 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, Alison Crumbley, and Steve Luikart. 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 Armstrong and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence and personal reflection.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2016, and workshop of February 2, 2016. There were none, and on motion by Member Crumbley, seconded by Member Armstrong, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman opened the First Reading on the 2016-2017 Bayonet Point/Chasco Middle School Attendance Boundaries. Attorney Alfonso stated that notice of this hearing has been posted on the District's web site. Chairman Hurley 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 2016-2017 Bayonet Point/Chasco Middle School Attendance Boundaries, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman opened the First Reading on the *DSBPC Policies Update - Volume 15, No. 2 (including addenda)*. Attorney Alfonso stated that notice of this hearing has been posted on the District's web site. Chairman Hurley asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this item. No one came forward. Vice Chairman Altman moved that the Board approve the First Reading of the *DSBPC Policies Update - Volume 15, No. 2 (including addenda)*, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman closed the public hearings.

Linda Cobbe, Director of Communications, coordinated the special presentation as follows:

- Recognizing Staff for Emergency Response (Seven Springs Middle School, James W. Mitchell High School, and Trinity Elementary School, Transportation Department)

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

- Jordan S., New Port Richey – student apology.
- Frank Lovetere, Odessa (parent) – spoke on his concerns regarding FSA testing and “opt-out”.
- Sarah Longstaff, Land O' Lakes (parent) – spoke on her concerns regarding FSA testing, “opt-out”, disruptions to classrooms, teaching to the test, and number of substitutes in classrooms due to testing.
- Kathy Young Clark, Spring Hill (teacher) – spoke about obstacles and challenges to teaching in Title I schools, asked the Board for more resources for these schools.
- Sunny Witt, Spring Hill (teacher) – spoke on the difficulty in teaching Common Core Standards to elementary age students, inconsistencies between affluent schools and Title I schools, 3rd grade retention.
- Cathy Bratkovic-Kurzweil (employee) – spoke on voluntary sick leave procedure. Supt. Browning asked Assistant Superintendent Kevin Shibley to talk with Ms. Bratkovic-Kurzweil.

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

- Jim Ciadella is working with Cathy Bratkovic-Kurzweil on her sick leave issue.
- Excited about the community school at Gulfside Elementary School and offered support; will recruit USEP retirees to provide assistance.
- Concerned about lack of support at Lacoochee Elementary School due to a higher school grade.
- Distributed a testing calendar to show the impact of testing in a high school classroom; has asked members to prepare similar reports from other classrooms.

Committee Reports:

- Member Luikart:
 - None.

- Member Armstrong:
 - Health and Wellness Committee – continuing to work on strategic goals; announced several upcoming health events.
 - Attended Legislative Day in Tallahassee - talked with several legislators regarding capital outlay funding, school class size amendment, the recess bill, and the Best and Brightest program. She said there is little legislation regarding testing.

Member Crumbley:

- Attended Legislative Days in Tallahassee – supported the Superintendent’s comments regarding capital outlay funding, shared concerns with legislators. She encouraged people to contact their legislators regarding their testing concerns.
- Grading Committee.
- Attendance Committee – studying concepts on how attendance is regulated.
- Quest Committee.
- Cinderella Ball Committee – this fundraiser for the Pasco Education Foundation will be held on March 19, 2016; tickets can be obtained from the Foundation office.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - None.
- Chairman Hurley:
 - None.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- Reviewed the addendum to Item 6E1 (*Approval of Presidio Networked Solutions, Inc. Purchase Order for E-rate Eligible Equipment*). The district applied for and was awarded a \$7.3 million grant to upgrade technology infrastructure in all schools; the funds must be spent within one year of the date of the award letter.
- Requested an Executive Session following the School Board meeting on March 1, 2016, for discussion on contract negotiations.

Deputy Superintendent:

- Ray Gadd: None.
- Ray Bonti:
 - The next two School Board meetings will be held in Training Room C.
 - John Petrashek updated Board members on the Marchman Technical College remodeling project. Superintendent Browning commended the staff at Marchman for their efforts in rebranding the campus. A “sneak peek” held for high school and adult students was well attended. He gave kudos to the architect and construction team for their work at the site while students were on campus. Member Luikart also toured the campus.
- Kevin Shibley: None.
- Olga Swinson: None.
- Vanessa Hilton:
 - Shared information from the Secondary STEM Fair - 230 students, over 50 judges, 36 special awards for students, \$600 in monetary awards, 25 students will attend the State Fair in Lakeland, and 2 students will participate in the International Fair.
 - Upcoming student events include the History Fair at Land O’ Lakes High School on March 5, and All County Elementary Chorus and Orff Ensemble at Wesley Chapel High School on March 12.
 - Students and adults from Marchman Technical College competed in the Region 4 SkillsUSA Florida conference with 20 students and adults qualifying for the State Leadership and Skills Conference in April.
 - The Sunlake High School robotics team, *Seahawk Metal*, finished second in the state at the VEX Robotic State Competition.
 - CTE students from Anclote, Pasco and Zephyrhills High Schools attended the *Build Tampa Bay* event, meeting with companies regarding internships and job opportunities.
 - Students in middle and high school agriculture programs will be showing animals at the state and county fairs.
 - SRO’s are partnering with the Student Services team for a full day of training aimed at building support for trauma informed care.
 - Special Olympics games will be held at River Ridge High School on February 25, and at Wesley Chapel High School on February 26.

- Thanked several members of the Early Childhood team at Pasco Elementary School for their caring response and support of the family and staff when one of the Head Start fathers passed away.
- Staff recommendations from Melissa Musselwhite, Director, Office of Student Support Programs and Services:
 - Jennifer Ball, Compliance Resource Specialist, NW region;
 - Melissa Mangino, Compliance Resource Specialist, SW region.
- Area Superintendents:
 - Todd Cluff: None
 - Tammy Berryhill:
 - Judged the Secondary STEM Fair.
 - Monica Ilse – staff recommendation:
 - Shaunte Butcher, Principal, Woodland Elementary School.
 - Dave Scanga – staff recommendations:
 - Jessica Schultz, Principal, James W. Mitchell High School;
 - Cheryl Macri Grim, Assistant Principal 245, James W. Mitchell High School;
 - Steven Williams, Principal, Elementary W.

(2.0) Chairman Hurley said that the closed appeal hearing would be moved to the end of the meeting after attorney remarks.

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:

11. Resolutions - None Submitted

12. Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

13. Miscellaneous Action Items

- A. First Amendment to Contract for Sale of Real Property (Hercules Parcel)

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

3. LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- A. School Field Trips
- B. Out-of-State Travel - USA Football National Conference – Indiana

4. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- A. Teaching and Learning
 1. Out-of-State Travel - Apple Leadership and Learning Event – Georgia
 2. Out of State Travel - 2015-2016 AVID District Leadership Training – VA
 3. School Choice Change of Placement
 4. 2016-2017 High School Course Adoptions
 5. Garden Montessori Charter School - Termination of Charter Contract
 6. Classical Preparatory, Inc. - Amend Charter Contract
- B. Professional Development and School Supports - None Submitted
- C. Accountability Research and Measurement - None Submitted
- D. Student Support Programs and Services
 1. Disciplinary Change of Placement
- E. Early Childhood
 1. Out-of-State Travel - CLASS Training – Texas

5. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Human Resources and Educator Quality
 1. Personnel Recommendations (*including addendum*)
 2. New Job Description - Transportation Communications Technician
 3. New Job Description - CTE Placement Coordinator
- B. Employee Relations - None Submitted
- C. Technology and Information Services - None Submitted

6. SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. Planning Services - None Submitted
- B. Construction Services
 1. CM GMP - Phase II (Package B) - Marchman Technical College
- C. Food and Nutrition Services - None Submitted
- D. Maintenance Services

1. Surplus Equipment
2. Donation - Student Support Programs and Services

E. Purchasing Services

1. Purchasing Recommendation Summary Sheet (*including addendum*)

Date/Time: February 9, 2016; 14:35:00

Contracts: *Pasco County Board of County Commissioners for Second Modification to the Emergency Medical Responder Course; School Board of Pinellas County and School Board of Hillsborough County for Pasco Aeronautic Academies*

2. Use of Facilities

7. FINANCE SERVICES

A. Warrant Lists

- B. Payroll Expenditures - January 2016 and
Authorization to Expend Funds - February 2016

8. GRANT PROPOSALS - None Submitted

9. ALLOCATIONS

- A. Allocation Changes (2015-2016):

Add - CTE Placement Coordinator-MTC Adult Ed (CTE/Ad. Ed)

10. INTERNAL AUDIT - None Submitted

(13A) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the *First Amendment to Contract for Sale of Real Property (Hercules Parcel)*. Vice Chairman Altman moved that the Board approve the *First Amendment to Contract for Sale of Real Property (Hercules Parcel)*, seconded by Member Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Luikart:
 - Visited three schools last week.
- Member Armstrong:
 - Judged the Secondary STEM Fair.
 - Noted that the President's Marine Corp Band will participate in the upcoming Chasco Fiesta parade on Saturday, April 2.
- Member Crumbley:
 - None.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - Visited the High School GGG school site. Supt. Browning said that walls would be going up next week.
- Chairman Hurley:
 - Attended a PACE for Girls fundraiser.
 - Reviewed and judged Take Stock in Children applications.
 - Toured the Maintenance Department.

Dennis Alfonso, School Board attorney, requested a closed executive session on March 1, 2016, for pending litigation (Buffey Simon Leonard vs. DSBPC). He asked that all Board members attend the session, as well as Superintendent Browning, Betsy Kuhn, other staff from the risk management team that would be required, and special counsel Tammy Rattray. The session will be set for 11:00 a.m. and he will arrange for a Court reporter.

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

- Lee Beville, Zephyrhills (employee) – talked with legislators in Tallahassee and listened in committee meetings, is proud of USEP efforts, thanked Board members for their support of public education; is still waiting for ESE information sheets for his bus route.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is March 1, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

(2.0) The Chairman recessed the regular meeting to hold the closed student appeal hearing and asked that anyone not involved in the hearing leave the room. Melissa Musselwhite, Director, Office of Student Support Programs and Services, presented one expulsion recommendation:

- A. Closed Appeal Hearing - Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/23/2000) – Gulf High School

Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation of expulsion. Vice Chairman Altman seconded the motion. After a brief discussion with the student, and on vote, the motion carried unanimously. At the conclusion of the hearing, the meeting was called back to order.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Vice Chairman Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: February 16, 2016, 5:05 p.m.

TOPIC: *Head Start/Early Head Start – Aligned Monitoring Plan*

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3, Training Room C. 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, Deputy Superintendent; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Kevin Shibley, Asst. Supt. for Administration; Ray Bonti, Asst. Supt. for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Tammy Berryhill, and Monica Ilse, Area Superintendents; Linda Cobbe, Communications Director; Jeff Solocheck, Tampa Bay Times.

Angela Porterfield, Director, Early Childhood Programs, introduced Melissa Leathem and Victoria Gunther, Policy Council representatives in attendance at the workshop. She reviewed the *FY2016 Office of Head Start Leadership, Governance, Management Systems Monitoring Protocol* with Board members, noting key performance areas of Program Planning; Developing and Organizing Resources, Operating and Implementing the Program; and Evaluating Performance and Stimulating Ongoing Improvement. She also discussed interview questions from the *Governing Body Interview Guide* for the 4 key performance areas. She reported that the \$6 million Head Start grant serves 39 classrooms in over 22 high school sites, 9 elementary school sites, and 56 students are served in the home. Elizabeth DeCamilla, Program Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the upcoming audit process.

The workshop concluded at 5:25 p.m.

BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

March 1, 2016

Superintendent of Schools