

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
March 1, 2016

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 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 Crumbley 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 16, 2016, and workshop of February 16, 2016. There were none, and on motion by Member Armstrong, seconded by Member Crumbley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

The Chairman opened the First Reading on the 2015-2016 Student Progression Plan – Amendment II. The Chairman stated that notice of this hearing has been posted on the District's web site. She 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 2015-2016 Student Progression Plan – Amendment II, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There were no special presentations.

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

- Heide Janshon, New Port Richey – FSA testing issues; “opt out” of testing.
- Denise Nicholas, Wesley Chapel – recess for elementary students.
- Michael Maynard, Spring Hill (teacher, Pasco County Schools) – asked the Board to overturn his three-day suspension; distributed information regarding 2013 Advanced Placement results.
- Frank Lovetere, Odessa – “opt out” of testing and FSA testing; requested a policy change that would allow students to read after test submittal.
- Shae Maclus, Trinity (student, James W. Mitchell High School) – requested a policy change to limit the titles of valedictorian and salutatorian to encompass students who attended high school in their senior year and to recognize dual enrollment students at local colleges with a different prestige.

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

- Working with Employee Relations staff on a variety of issues; still concerned about testing issues and the loss of instructional time; requested that teachers document time taken for testing activities.
- Has heard that district walk-throughs are consisting of nine district and school staff, which is disruptive to classrooms; asked for advance notice for this type of observation.
- Thanked Senator John Legg for his stance on the “Best and Brightest” language that was slipped into the budget process this year.
- Noted that USEP requested, but was refused, a table at the recent Job Fair to greet applicants; was also refused a table at the Health Fair.
- Preparing for upcoming negotiations.

Committee Reports:

- Member Luikart:
 - None.
- Member Armstrong:
 - Investment Oversight Committee – investment updates; RFQ’s to be sent out for financial advisors, bond counsel, and disclosure counsel, interviews will follow.
- Member Crumbley:
 - Attended Special Olympics at River Ridge High School; several donations were received.
 - Attended “wall-raising” event at High School GGG.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - Insurance Committee was rescheduled.
 - Value Adjustment Board meeting today.
- Chairman Hurley:
 - Accreditation Subcommittee (AdvancED).

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- Attended the wall-raising event at High School GGG; the school is scheduled to open in August 2017.
- Attended Special Olympics last week at River Ridge High School and Wesley Chapel High School; the kids are always excited; he thanked staff for their coordination of this event.
- There were 702 attendees at the Instructional Job Fair that was held last week at Sunlake High School; he commended the HREQ team for coordination of this event; many positive comments were heard.

Deputy Superintendent:

- Ray Gadd:
 - Noted that the bid recommendation for a band shell at the Land O’ Lakes Community Center does not follow typical bid procedures. The recommendation has been reviewed by the School Board attorney and follows statutory regulations. Several vendors are performing the work pro bono or at cost; advertising for a general contractor pro bono or no cost will begin. There will be full disclosure on this project.
- Kevin Shibley:
 - Reported that 41 schools and 4 district departments were in attendance at the Instructional Job Fair last week; 16 offers were made that day with additional hires anticipated. The Fair was held 3 months earlier than in past years. He commended the Area Superintendents and HREQ and Employee Relations staff for accelerating the hiring process.
- Ray Bonti:

- Updated Board members on the boardroom renovations project; the April 5 School Board meeting will be held in the renovated space.
- Olga Swinson:
 - No comments.
- Vanessa Hilton:
 - Celebrated the Special Olympics athletes who competed last week; Senator John Legg filed a resolution honoring the bronze medal winners from last year (soccer); they will travel to Tallahassee for this recognition.
 - Invited Board members to attend the History Fair that is being held this weekend.
- Area Superintendents:
 - No comments.

(2.0) Melissa Musselwhite, Director, Office for Student Support Programs and Services, presented the following expulsion recommendations. Board members have been provided with detailed information on which to base their decision.

A. Bus Expulsion of Male Student (DOB 12/20/2002) Bayonet Point Middle School

Member Luikart moved that the Board approve the expulsions as recommended in item 2A. Vice Chairman Altman 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:

3A. Dedication and Naming of Gymnasium - Ridgewood High School

11. Resolutions

- A. Proclamation - Newspaper in Education Week
- B. Proclamation - Believing in Girls Month

12. Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

13. Miscellaneous Action Items - None Submitted

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, including addenda, with the exception of 3A (*Dedication and Naming of Gymnasium - Ridgewood High School*). Member Luikart seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3. LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- B. School Field Trips

4. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- A. Teaching and Learning
 - 1. School Choice Change of Placement
 - 2. Foreign Exchange Sponsoring Organizations 2016-2017
 - 3. Out of State Travel - Imagine Learning Partnership Forum – Utah
 - 4. Out of State Travel - National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) – California
- 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

5. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Human Resources and Educator Quality
 - 1. Out-of-State Travel - Agile Performance Management Certification Course – Louisiana
 - 2. Personnel Recommendation (*including addendum*)
- B. Employee Relations - None Submitted
- C. Technology and Information Services - None Submitted

6. SUPPORT SERVICES

- A. Planning Services
 - 1. Annual Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification
- B. Construction Services
 - 1. Architectural Services - JWMHS Football Stadium Bleacher Replacement
- C. Food and Nutrition Services - None Submitted
- D. Maintenance Services
 - 1. Surplus Equipment
 - 2. Donation - Hudson Middle School
- E. Purchasing Services
 - 1. Purchasing Recommendation Summary Sheet
Date/Time: February 23, 2016, 14:00:00
Contracts: FlyMotion Unmanned Services
 - 2. Use of Facilities

7. FINANCE SERVICES

- A. 2014-2015 Tangible Personal Property Inventory
- B. Warrant Lists
- C. Interim Financials for All Fund Types 07/01/2015 through 01/31/2016
- D. Budget Amendments #35 through #42 - January 2016
- E. Disposition of Damaged Inventory - Warehouse
- F. Financing for School Buses and District Service Vehicles

8. GRANT PROPOSALS - None Submitted

9. ALLOCATIONS

- A. Allocation Changes (2015-2016):
Add - 1A Maintenance, AC Specialist-FNS
- B. 2016-2017 Allocation Formulas

10. INTERNAL AUDIT - None Submitted

(3A) The Chairman presented the request for approval of *Dedication and Naming of Gymnasium - Ridgewood High School*. Vice Chairman Altman spoke on Mr. Krinn's long service to the district. Martha Krinn and Angie Murphy (principal, Ridgewood High School) also commented on this honor; a dedication ceremony will be held in April. Members Armstrong and Luikart shared thoughts on this honor to Mr. Krinn. Vice Chairman Altman moved that the Board approve the *Dedication and Naming of Gymnasium - Ridgewood High School*., seconded by Member Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(11A) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a *Proclamation - Newspaper in Education Week*. The proclamation was presented to Sue Bedry, Development Specialist, Tampa Bay Times. Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve the *Proclamation - Newspaper in Education Week*, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(11B) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a *Proclamation - Believing in Girls Month*. Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve the *Proclamation - Believing in Girls Month*, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Luikart:
 - Expressed his concerns about the state's testing issues - is it in the best interest of students? He asked that the district reconsider the position on making it mandatory for students to remain in the testing room and not be allowed to read after completion of their test.
- Member Armstrong:
 - Attended Special Olympics last week; thanked the Corvette Club for the parade and Heritage Springs for their generous donations over the years.
 - Commended Marchman Technical College for their participation in Business Development Week (sponsored by the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce) and hosting a meeting where the students met with mentors.
- Member Crumbley:
 - Spoke with Senator Legg earlier this month, sharing her concerns on the capital funding issue; read excerpts from an editorial about charter schools written by Paula Dockery, columnist and former Republican legislator.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - Attended Special Olympics at Wesley Chapel High School.
 - Toured the GGG school site.
 - The Zephyrhills High School basketball team competed in the Final Four state competition; they represented the district well and showed good sportsmanship; he commended Coach Reed for his work with the team.
- Chairman Hurley:
 - Addressed the Pasco Leadership class at Sunlake High School; gave kudos to Nicole Westmoreland, Rob Aguis, Spencer Pylant, and Michael Cloyd for their work on the event.
 - Attended the wall-raising event at High School GGG.
 - Attended Special Olympics at Wesley Chapel High School.
 - Thanked Ray Gadd for his efforts on the band shell project; the project has been in the works for many years.

Dennis Alfonso, School Board attorney, reminded Board members that a closed executive session on negotiations would be held following today's Board meeting. A second closed executive session on litigation will be held today at 11:00 a.m. Both sessions will be held in Training Room C.

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 March 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Vice Chairman Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: March 1, 2016, 10:48 a.m. – *Negotiation Strategy – 2016-2017*
(Suspended at 11:00 a.m. for the Executive Session on litigation; resumed at 11:50 a.m.)

The Board met in executive session on March 1, 2016, on *Negotiation Strategy – 2016-2017*. The session was held in Training Room C 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, Deputy Superintendent; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Kevin Shibley, Asst. Supt. for Administration; Ray Bonti, Asst. Supt. for Support Services; Vanessa Hilton, Asst. Supt. for Student Achievement; Dave Scanga, Tammy Berryhill and Todd Cluff, Area Superintendents; Betsy Kuhn, Director, Tom Neesham and Kathy Scalise, Employee Relations Department; Christine Pejot, Director, HREQ; Linda Cobbe, Director, Communications and Government Relations.

The Executive Session concluded at 12:28 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: March 1, 2016, 11:00 a.m. - *Litigation*

The Board met in executive session on March 1, 2016 on *litigation*. The session was held in Training Room C 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; Tammy Rattray, Attorney; Ray Gadd, Deputy Superintendent; Kevin Shibley, Asst. Supt. for Administration; Vanessa Hilton, Asst. Supt. for Student Achievement; Tammy Berryhill, Area Superintendent; Betsy Kuhn, Director, Employee Relations Department; Christine Pejot, Director, HREQ.

The Executive Session concluded at 11:48 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

March 15, 2016

Superintendent of Schools