

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

April 19, 2016

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, in the Boardroom, 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 Altman and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 5, 2016, and workshop of April 5, 2016. There were none, and on motion by Member Armstrong, seconded by Vice Chairman Altman, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Odyssey of the Mind Teams - Regional and State
- ~~Tampa Bay Lightning Community Hockey~~

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

- Megan Hendricks, Land O' Lakes – spoke on concerns regarding standards based grading; this has been tried in other states and Florida counties and was not popular; teachers and administrators are already over burdened with testing requirements; asked the Board to continue with the traditional grading scale.
- Vance Sheer, Dade City – spoke on student discipline problems from a teacher's point of view; revamped discipline consequences are not working; warnings and detentions do not work with the "frequent flyers"; asked for help with discipline problems.
- Chris Lineman, New Port Richey – he detailed the successes of his daughter, a previous home schooled student who is now a 3rd grader at Odessa Elementary School and being threatened with retention due to the lack of participation in the FSA; the FSA is not the sole determination for promotion to the next grade.
- Heide Janshon, New Port Richey – commented on FSA concerns, transparency, and accountability; according to the Inspector General, consequences for not taking the FSA are not set by the state.
- Darren Curtis, New Port Richey – chairperson of Dayspring Academy Charter Board; thanked the School Board and staff for their support as they constructed a new facility on their campus; grateful for the 17 year partnership with the District.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Valerie Smith, Member Representative, USEP, spoke:

- First negotiations with instructional bargaining team went smoothly; the SRP bargaining team will meet tomorrow.

Committee Reports:

- Member Luikart:
 - None.
- Member Armstrong:
 - Wellness Incentive Committee – unable to attend.
 - Student Wellness Policy Council – expansion of CPR training; updated website (sign up for Pinterest); Status Report Survey will be sent out soon; upcoming policy review and revision of procedures.
- Member Crumbley:
 - Attendance Committee – reviewed data and procedures, ways to improve attendance.
 - Communication Committee – presentation of comprehensive communications plan.
 - Grading Committee – discussed possibility of case study on standards based report cards.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - Large Capital Projects meeting – budgeted projects were prioritized due to the loss of capital outlay funds.
 - Distributed handout regarding energy savings; the decision to go in-house has saved the district \$3.4 million; he thanked team members for their efforts.

- Chairman Hurley:
 - FSBA is requesting representation on the 2016-2017 legislative committee – Board member Cynthia Armstrong volunteered to serve on this committee. The recording secretary will forward the information to FSBA.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- Barnes Scholarships (\$60,000 per student) are awarded to four students each year. This year, two Pasco County students were awarded scholarships: Rachel Baber, Wiregrass High School, will be attending Duke University, and Juan Leis-Pretto, Gulf High School, will be attending Stanford University. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Barnes for their commitment to our students.

Deputy Superintendent:

- Kevin Shibley: No comments.
- Ray Bonti: No comments.
- Olga Swinson:
 - Explained an addendum to Item 7 (*Update JPMorgan Chase Account – Electronic Payments (ePayables)*).
- Vanessa Hilton:
 - Reminded Board members of the elementary STEM Fair at River Ridge School this weekend.
- Todd Cluff: Staff recommendations:
 - Karyn Kinzie – principal, Fox Hollow Elementary School;
 - Dawn Scilex – principal, Hudson Elementary School.
- Dave Scanga: Staff recommendation:
 - Adrian Anthony – assistant principal, Sunlake High School.

(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 01/19/2002) 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:

11. Resolutions - None Submitted

- A. Earth Day 2016
- B. Teacher Appreciation Week and National Teacher Day

12. Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

13. Miscellaneous Action Items

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 Armstrong 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 - Advanced Placement Training – Georgia
- C. Out-of-State Travel - Advanced Placement Reading Convention - Kentucky
- D. Out-of-State Travel - College Board Annual Conference - California
- E. After School Program - Saturday Advanced Placement Practice Exams – Wiregrass Ranch High School

4. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- A. Teaching and Learning
 - 1. 2016-2017 Course Adoption
 - 2. Dayspring Academy - Charter Contract Amendment
 - 3. School Choice Change of Placement
- 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. Head Start/Early Head Start Transition Plan - 2016-2017
- 5. ADMINISTRATION**
 - A. Human Resources and Educator Quality
 1. Personnel Recommendations (*including addendum*)
 2. New Job Description - Property Control Assistant
 - B. Employee Relations
 1. Memorandum of Understanding - Child Protective Investigations
 - C. Technology and Information Services - None Submitted
- 6. SUPPORT SERVICES**
 - A. Planning Services
 1. Sale of Surplus Property – 5.26 acres (Anclote High School)
 - B. Construction Services
 1. Metal Grandstand Replacement - James W. Mitchell High School
 2. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station – Contract
 - C. Food and Nutrition Services - None Submitted
 - D. Maintenance Services
 1. Surplus Equipment
 - E. Purchasing Services
 1. Purchasing Recommendation Summary Sheet

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CONTRACTS: None
 2. Use of Facilities
- 7. FINANCE SERVICES**
 - A. Certificates of Participation, Series 2014 QSCB - Addition of HVAC Project
 - B. Pump Station Use and Easement Agreement
 - C. Payroll Expenditures - March 2016 and Authorization to Expend Funds - April 2016
 - D. Warrant Lists
 - E. Update JPMorgan Chase Account – Electronic Payments (ePayables) (*addendum*)
- 8. GRANT PROPOSALS**
 - A. International Academy of Science - Acellus Education Grant
- 9. ALLOCATIONS - None Submitted**
- 10. INTERNAL AUDIT - None Submitted**

(13A) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a proclamation for *Earth Day 2016*. Vice Chairman Altman moved that the Board approve the proclamation for *Earth Day 2016*, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(13B) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a proclamation for *Teacher Appreciation Week and National Teacher Day*. Vice Chairman Altman moved that the Board approve the proclamation for *Teacher Appreciation Week and National Teacher Day*, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Luikart:
 - Reminder about the gym dedication at Ridgewood High School at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2016.
- Member Armstrong:
 - Attended the Take Stock in Children Senior Recognition Banquet.
- Member Crumbley:
 - Attended the Take Stock in Children Senior Recognition Banquet.
 - Attended the All American Youth Art Walk.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - Saw cards at a local restaurant in Spring Hill that advertised technical programs in Hernando County; he shared the idea with Marchman Technical College and we now have similar cards in several restaurants in Pasco County.
- Chairman Hurley:
 - Attended a celebration at Land O' Lakes High School for the top ten students in the regular and IB programs, including valedictorians and salutatorians – the school has 9 valedictorians this year.
 - Attended the 5th Annual Afterschool Conference sponsored by PLACE; great keynote speaker and event; gave a shout-out to Mary Grey for this event.

Superintendent Browning noted a change to the “Future Meetings” section of the agenda. Meeting information can be viewed by clicking on the link; workshop materials will be posted to this section in the future.

Dennis Alfonso, School Board attorney, had no comments.

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

- Heide Janshon – spoke on testing concerns; loss of instruction time for students needing additional help; students are being cheated.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is May 3, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Vice Chairman Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: April 19, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

The Board met in executive session (litigation; negotiations) on April 19, 2016. The session was held in the Boardroom 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; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Kevin Shibley, Asst. Supt. for Administration; Ray Bonti, Asst. Supt. for Support Services; Vanessa Hilton, Asst. Superintendent for Student Achievement, Monica Ilse and Todd Cluff, Area Superintendents; and Betsy Kuhn, Director, Employee Relations Department.

The Executive Session concluded at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

May 3, 2016

Superintendent of Schools