

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

May 2, 2017

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2017, in the boardroom, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Allen Altman, Vice Chairman Cynthia Armstrong, and Board Members Colleen Beaudoin, 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 Beaudoin and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence for personal reflection for those involved in governmental work in Tallahassee.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2017. There were none, and on motion by Member Beaudoin, seconded by Member Crumbley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman announced there were four (4) public hearings today. Attorney Alfonso stated that notice of each hearing has been posted on the District's web site. He stated that it is the second and final reading of the *DSBPC Policies Update – Volume 16.2 and 17.1 – Second and Final Reading*; the first reading was held on April 18, 2017. He stated that this is the First Reading for *DSBPC Policies Update – Policy 2417 (Comprehensive Health Education)*, the *Adoption of Instructional Materials (6-12 Social Studies)*, and the *Student Code of Conduct (2017-2018)*. Chairman Altman asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this item. No one came forward.

Vice Chairman Armstrong moved that the Board approve the *DSBPC Policies Update – Volume 16.2 and 17.1 – Second and Final Reading*, seconded by Member Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Armstrong moved that the Board approve the *DSBPC Policies Update – Policy 2417 (Comprehensive Health Education) – First Reading*, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve the *Adoption of Instructional Materials (6-12 Social Studies) – First Reading*, seconded by Member Beaudoin. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Member Beaudoin moved that the Board approve the *Student Code of Conduct (2017-2018) – First Reading*, seconded by Vice Chairman Armstrong. 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. No one came forward.

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

- Reached a tentative agreement with the district on negotiations and now moving through the ratification process in a compressed time manner; ballots will be counted on May 18, 2017; working with Employee Relations and the couriers to get information out to schools and back in time for counting. Will be asking for help from building reps and members.
- An issue of concern is the possible change to the grading policy; encouraged the district to include USEP and the voices of teachers for any changes to policy in the classroom.

Committee Reports:

- Member Luikart:
 - None.
- Member Crumbley:
 - None.
- Member Beaudoin:
 - None.

- Vice Chairman Armstrong:
 - Student Health and Wellness Policy Committee – noted that a food fundraiser calendar is to be published on all school websites; not complying with this state statute will start showing up on audit reports; a subcommittee will meet to work on local school wellness policy updates.
 - Commented on the Ford NGL meeting that was held yesterday with stakeholders, steering committee members, school administrators, and district staff; four schools will pilot this initiative; we are currently in the development stage of the master plan. Teams had a lot of questions – pocket academies; wall-to-wall academies, etc. Superintendent Browning said that Terry Aunchman, Director, Career and Technical Education, is the lead on the project. Identified schools are Fivay, Pasco, Sunlake, River Ridge High Schools and Cypress Creek Middle/High School. Career specialists will have a key role. Board members requested a workshop to recap the initial goals of Ford NGL.
- Chairman Altman:
 - None.

Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- Two Pasco County students were recently awarded 2017 Barnes Scholarships – Kelvine Moyers (Mitchell High School) and Hang Nguyen (Land O’ Lakes High School). The award is worth up to \$60,000 to pay for four years at an accredited college or university for each student. Vice Chairman Armstrong commented that these students are also active in their communities.
- Attended the 29th Annual Project Turnaround Luncheon last week; thanked staff for their efforts in putting the luncheon together; always a great event.
- This is the last week of the legislative session. The budget does not look good; it provides \$27 less per student for the upcoming year. Title I dollars are being changed and will have significant negative impacts on our district. He thanked Brian Schultz, Program Coordinator, for testifying before the committee on Sunday.
- The district and USEP have reached a tentative settlement on the 2016-2017 contract; information was forwarded to board members last Friday.

Deputy Superintendent:

- Ray Gadd:
 - Noted that Spencer Pylant, Communications & Government Relations Liaison, is doing a great job in Tallahassee during this legislative session and keeping staff informed.
 - Spoke on the new impact fee study and committee recommendation, which will be presented at the county commission workshop later today. The Tampa Bay Builders Association (TBBA), originally in agreement with the recommendation, sent a letter to the commission yesterday stating they support an increase in the impact fee but not the motion. Mr. Gadd suggested that the board write a letter to respond to the TBBA letter. After discussion, there was consensus of the board for Superintendent Browning to respond and have a letter prepared for today’s county commission workshop.
- Kevin Shibley:
 - Two OFF AGENDA items will be presented later in the meeting:
 - 15.2 – *Recommendation for Board Ratification of the 2016-2017 Instructional Collective Bargaining Agreement and the 2016-2017 School Related (SRP) Collective Bargaining Agreement.*
 - 15.3 – *2016-2017 Administrative and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Salary Increases.* He said this provides an average 3% increase for all employees; it is not an increase to the budget but is a redirection of funds from employees who left the system and forfeited their raises. Non-union staff whom received raises earlier this year will receive an adjustment up to 3% as well.
- Betsy Kuhn:
 - The surplus store raised \$12,700 last week during their first open event.
 - Noted that Item 11.8 (*School Start and End Times 2017-2018 – Revised*) revises start and end times for 2 schools only – Fox Hollow Elementary and Charles S. Rushe Middle School.
- Kim Poe: None.
- Olga Swinson: None.
- Vanessa Hilton:
 - Noted the upcoming TEDx event for grades 4-12 at River Ridge High School on Saturday, May 6, 2017, and encouraged board members to attend; an invitation with details will be sent today.
- Assistant Superintendents: None.

The Chairman remarked that there were no expulsion recommendations.

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:

12.5 FINANCE: Certificates of Participation, Series 2008C, Authorization for Renewal of Floating Rate Note on SWAP

15.1 Resolution - National School Nurse Day

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda, including addenda, with the exception of Item 12.5 (*Certificates of Participation, Series 2008C, Authorization for Renewal of Floating Rate Note on SWAP*) that was pulled for discussion. Member Beaudoin seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

8. Learning Communities - Consent

8.1 School Field Trips

8.2 Out-of-State Travel - 2017 Advanced Placement Annual Conference - Washington, D.C.

8.3 Out-of-State Travel - 2017 Advanced Placement Annual Conference - Washington, DC

8.4 Out-of-State Travel - Advanced Placement Summer Institute for Economics - Illinois

8.5 Out-of-State Travel - International Finishing Trades Institute – Maryland

9. Student Achievement - Consent

9.1 eSCHOOL: Out-of-State Travel - InstructureCon 2017 - Colorado

9.2 OTL: Course Adoption (2017-2018)

9.3 OTL: Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Perkins Grant

9.4 OTL: Extended School Year Services 2016-2017

9.5 OTL: Magnet Schools of America Grant

9.6 OTL: School Choice Change of Placement 5/2/2017

9.7 SSPS: Change of Placement

10. Administration - Consent

10.1 HREQ: Personnel Recommendations

10.2 HREQ: Out-of-Field Certification Assignments Rescind

11. Support Services - Consent

11.1 FNS: Out-Of-State Travel - Alliance Directors Network Conference - Illinois

11.2 MAINTENANCE: Surplus Equipment

11.3 PURCHASING: Board Recommendations (DATE/TIME: April 25, 2017; 14:00:00)

11.4 PURCHASING: Contracts and Agreements

Contracts: Communications Across Barriers, Inc.; PeopleAdmin

11.5 PURCHASING: Miscellaneous Approval Requests

11.6 PURCHASING: Solicitation and Contract Renewals

11.7 PURCHASING: Use of Facilities

11.8 TRANSPORTATION: School Start and End Times 2017-2018 – Revised

12. Chief Finance Officer - Consent

12.1 ALLOCATIONS: Allocation Changes 2016-2017

12.2 FINANCE: Warrant Lists

12.3 FINANCE: Budget Amendments #54 - #60 - March 2017

12.4 FINANCE: Interim Financials for All Fund Types 07/01/2016 through 03/31/2017

13. Internal Audit - Consent - None Submitted

(12.5) The Chairman asked George Smith from Bryant Miller Olive, bond counsel, to explain the *Certificates of Participation, Series 2008C, Authorization for Renewal of Floating Rate Note on SWAP*. Mr. Smith said the resolution would authorize the remarketing of debt for a lower interest rate. The maturity and amortization will remain the same; the interest rate can be re-set again in 3 years. Vice Chairman Armstrong noted that the Investment Oversight Committee approved this proposal. Vice Chairman Armstrong moved that the Board approve the resolution for *Certificates of Participation, Series 2008C, Authorization for Renewal of Floating Rate Note on SWAP*, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(15.1) The Chairman presented a request for approval of a resolution recognizing *National School Nurse Day*. Vice Chairman Armstrong moved that the Board approve the resolution for *National School Nurse Day*, seconded by Member Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve two **OFF AGENDA** Board items:

- 15.2 Recommendation for Board Ratification of the 2016-2017 Instructional Collective Bargaining Agreement and the 2016-2017 School Related (SRP) Collective Bargaining Agreement;
- 15.3 2016-2017 Administrative and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Salary Increases.

Vice Chairman Armstrong moved that the Board accept two **OFF AGENDA** Board items. Member Luikart seconded the motion.

(15.2) The Chairman presented a request for approval of the **OFF AGENDA** item for *Recommendation for Board Ratification of the 2016-2017 Instructional Collective Bargaining Agreement and the 2016-2017 School Related (SRP) Collective Bargaining Agreement*. Member Beaudoin moved that the Board approve the **OFF AGENDA** item for *Recommendation for Board Ratification of the 2016-2017 Instructional Collective Bargaining Agreement and the 2016-2017 School Related (SRP) Collective Bargaining Agreement*, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(15.3) The Chairman presented a request for approval of the **OFF AGENDA** item for *2016-2017 Administrative and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Salary Increases*. Vice Chairman Armstrong moved that the Board approve the **OFF AGENDA** item for *2016-2017 Administrative and Noninstructional Nonbargaining Salary Increases*, seconded by Member Luikart. 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 at 10:21 a.m.:

The President presented the request for approval of the *Minutes of the Pasco Leasing Corporation Meeting of November 17, 2015*. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the Pasco Leasing Corporation Meeting of November 17, 2015, seconded by Member Crumbley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The President presented the request for approval of the *Certificates of Participation, Series 2008C, Authorization for Renewal of Floating Rate Note on SWAP*. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the *Certificates of Participation, Series 2008C, Authorization for Renewal of Floating Rate Note on SWAP*, seconded by Member Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman closed the meeting of the Pasco County School Board Leasing Corporation and the School Board Meeting resumed at 10:22 a.m.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Luikart:
 - Attended the 29th Annual Project Turnaround Luncheon; enjoyed the impactful stories.
 - Noted that Mr. Blake's electrical wiring program at Marchman Technical College went to states recently.
- Member Crumbley:
 - Attended the Take Stock in Children signing event last week.
- Member Beaudoin:
 - Attended the Pasco Education Foundation Scholarship Awards Banquet.
 - Attended the Pasco's Young Entrepreneurs Finals; thanked the judges and community partners.
 - Attended the Advanced Placement Capstone Research presentations at Mitchell High School; recognized their teachers.
 - Assisted with a math prep class to help teachers pass the GRE test.
 - Attended the Ford NGL Steering Committee meeting.
 - Attended the Adam Kennedy family benefit.
- Vice Chairman Armstrong:
 - Heard Rob Aguis, Principal, Marchman Technical College, speak to the Holiday Rotary Club.
 - Attended the Pasco Education Foundation Scholarship Awards Banquet.
 - Heard the Advanced Placement Capstone Research presentations at Mitchell High School;
 - Attended the Interact Awards banquet at Mitchell High School.
 - Attended the 29th Annual Project Turnaround Luncheon.
- Chairman Altman:
 - Attended the 29th Annual Project Turnaround Luncheon.
 - Attended the Rotary Club of NPR Student Honors Banquet.
 - Attended the Take Stock in Children Scholarship dinner.
 - Noted that information from the recent Insurance Committee was on the dais.

Superintendent Browning shared details from his recent trip to Boston; he visited the Harvard campus and saw this quote from Benjamin Franklin, "Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other." A

Teacher Appreciation resolution was approved at the last board meeting and a copy will be going to all teachers this week.

Dennis Alfonso, School Board attorney, updated board members on litigation matters:

- A Final Order was received on the east side attendance boundary challenge; the challenge was denied in its entirety.
- The ruling on the west side boundary challenge is being appealed.
- A motion to reassign the judge in the circuit civil matter was approved and the case has been reassigned; he will follow up on deadlines and keep the board apprised.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is May 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Browning announced that there is a workshop immediately following today's meeting in the boardroom.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Luikart, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: May 2, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.

TOPIC: *Crisis Response Strategy; School Calendar*

The Board met for a workshop session in the boardroom at the District Office Complex, Building 3. Present were Board Members Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, 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; Vanessa Hilton, Asst. Supt. for Student Achievement; Tammy Berryhill and Marcy Hetzler-Nettles, Assistant Superintendents; Kim Poe, Executive Director; Linda Cobbe, Communications Director; and Jeff Solochek, Tampa Bay Times.

Crisis Response Strategy

Lt. Troy Ferguson, Safety and Security Officer, reviewed the updated "Crisis Response Strategy". There is a need for change and empowering teacher and students not become victims. The new standard of care emphasizes the need for proactive strategies. He said that the Active Shooter Response Training using the ALICE concept (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) would begin in schools this fall.

School Calendar

Kevin Shibley, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, presented information on the school calendar. He reviewed the legislative school calendar requirements, membership and structure of the Superintendent's Calendar Committee, and committee preferences when setting the school calendar. He discussed issues relating to Good Friday being designated as a non-student day and attendance numbers for Good Friday and other dates. Superintendent Browning said that a calendar of all religious holidays is distributed to all schools for planning purposes when scheduling school events.

Board members discussed spring break in surrounding counties and their school calendars, AP testing at the end of May, spring break "floating" with Easter, encouragement of student attendance on days before holidays, and national holidays.

The Superintendent will review the 2017-2018 school calendar that was school board approved in November 2016 and make a final recommendation at the May 16, 2017, board meeting.

The workshop concluded at 12:03 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

May 16, 2017

Superintendent of Schools