



## District School Board of Pasco County Regular School Board Meeting May 29, 2018

**Members present:** Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Steve Luikart

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Cynthia Armstrong, with the welcome and reading of the vision statement.

Member Altman shared the thought for the day, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were Chairman Cynthia Armstrong, Vice Chairman Alison Crumbley, and Board Members Allen Altman, Colleen Beaudoin, and Steve Luikart. Also present were Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent and ex officio Secretary to the Board, and Dennis Alfonso, Attorney for the Board. A court reporter was also present.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence for Memorial Day and those who served, and for the family of Frank G. Parker, former School Board member (District 5), 2006-2010.

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### 2. Public Comment

#### 2.1 Public Comment

The Chairman asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board. Attorney Alfonso reviewed the public speaking guidelines and procedures. The following individuals spoke:

- Tammy Ciske, New Port Richey - rezoning
- David Davis, New Port Richey - rezoning
- Brett Tobey, New Port Richey - rezoning

The Chairman asked if the Superintendent or staff wished to address the Board:

- Superintendent Browning:
  - Announced that a workshop will be scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on June 19, 2018 (topics: Budget, Student Progression Plan, Magnet Plan).
- Ray Gadd: None.
- Kevin Shibley:
  - Noted that an addendum to Item 10.1 (Personnel Recommendations) has been added to BoardDocs.
- Betsy Kuhn:
  - Provided an update on school safety guards - 49 offers have been made with another interview event scheduled for tomorrow; thanked staff for assistance with the interview process.
  - Recommendation: Chris Stowe, Director of Safety and Security; he will be introduced at the next Board meeting.
- Kim Poe:
  - Recommendation: Rayann Mitchell, Principal, James M. Marlowe Elementary School.
- Olga Swinson: None.
- Vanessa Hilton: None.
- Marcy Hetzler-Nettles: None.
- Tammy Berryhill:
  - Thanked Board members, Superintendent Browning, and staff for attending high school graduations.
  - Recommendation: Vanessa Moon, Principal, Anclote High School.
- Monica Ilse: None.
- Dave Scanga: None.

The Chairman announced that Board member comments and reports will be held until the next meeting.

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### **3. Consent Agenda (Action)**

#### **3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda and all consent agenda items, as recommended by the Superintendent, including addenda. No items were pulled for discussion.

Motion by Allen Altman, second by Steve Luikart.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, Colleen Beaudoin, Alison Crumbley, Steve Luikart

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### **4. Administration (Consent)**

#### **4.1 HREQ: Personnel Recommendations (including addendum)**

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### **5. Miscellaneous Action Items (Action)**

#### **5.1 West Pasco Rezoning Recommendation 2018/2019**

Attorney Alfonso commented on the West Pasco Rezoning Recommendation 2018/2019:

The matter was originally scheduled for Board action on May 1, 2018, but was pulled from the agenda after public comment was received, due to a challenge filed with the Division of Administration Hearings concerning the rule-making process. The challenge was dismissed by a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice that was entered on May 18, 2018. Notice was published in the Tampa Bay Times on May 18, 2018, and on the district website. Additional notice was provided to specific parties who requested such notice.

Board members have received much information directly from constituents and members of the public along with requests to consider alternative plans. Matters received by district staff (proposals, comments, input) have been made as transparent as possible by being published on the district website and made a part of the record. This specific meeting was noticed for any remaining fact-finding issues and to answer additional questions that the Board may have. The Board will proceed with whatever action it deems appropriate - either to implement the recommendation, not implement the recommendation, or make alternative arrangements.

The Chairman asked Board members if they had questions:

- Will Area 30 attend Gulf High School (GHS)?
  - Yes; Area 30 attended GHS this year; currently 32 high school students in that area attend Anclote High School (AHS).
- Why did the Superintendent change the west side boundaries going to AHS?
  - The comments were overwhelming desirous of not having that section move to AHS; AHS will grow programically with the Cambridge program.
- Will seats be added to Wendell Krinn Technical High School (WKTHS) next year?
  - That decision has not been made yet; it will be reviewed again after next year.
- What areas are the majority of WKTHS students coming from?
  - Based on student addresses (school/number of students): AHS/68, CCHS/1, FHS/205 (includes rezone from closing RHS), GHS/101 (includes rezone of RHS), HHS/81, JWMHS/76, LOLHS/26, PHS/2, RRHS/41, SLHS/21, WCHS/4, WRHS/3.
- Explanation of alternative maps presented by Mr. Stanley and Ms. Dunning?
  - The alternative plans were based on address verification numbers; when the same number of students are removed from each side's plans, the Superintendent's recommendation removes more students from J.W. Mitchell High School (JWMHS).
  - The address verification process reflects less than 1% of the total population at JWMHS need follow-up and 2% of the students need follow-up at Seven Springs Middle School (SSMS).
  - Address verification does not negate the need for rezoning.
- How will school choice will work?

- o Once the Board establishes a boundary change, a special school choice window will be opened first to boundary impacted families only (one week window), with all of those boundary requests resolved before any other school choice requests are reviewed (back to February 1).
- o The Superintendent's recommendation does not include a reset of school choice; all students approved for the 2017-2018 school year into JWMHS or SSMS will not have to reapply for school choice as the controlled open enrollment plan allows for those students, once approved, to attend through the highest grade served in that school. Eighth grade students desiring to attend a high school than their zoned school would need to apply for school choice. Moving out of a school choice zone does reset school choice.
- o Those families who applied for school choice "just in case" should reapply for school choice during the window.
- o In the controlled open enrollment plan, siblings are given the first consideration for school choice for all schools that share campuses.
- Explanation of the process, how the original map was drawn and impact from the committee?
  - o The former process included a committee that vetted an enormous amount of data - many maps and ideas were reviewed - and then a plan was presented to the Superintendent; this year in the changed process, the data was already vetted and the same considerations were given.
  - o Superintendent Browning noted that today's map was not built by a flawed process, but by strict use of the Chapter 120 process; it does not appear to be as open as in the past but does not allow for violation of the Sunshine law; the maps look similar but this map is done under the new revised process; there were ample opportunities for the public to provide comment and input and have questions answered.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve West Pasco Rezoning Recommendation 2018/2019. Member Beaudoin moved that the Board approve the West Pasco Rezoning Recommendation 2018/2019. Member Crumbley seconded the motion.

The Chairman asked for Board member comments and discussion:

- Steve Luikart:
  - o Inquired about the next rezoning process (will be the east side); happy with current open enrollment plan.
- Allen Altman:
  - o Many hours have been spent on this process; it's not a perfect plan but based on the available data, he supports the plan.
- Colleen Beaudoin:
  - o Appreciates the time, efforts, advocacy and offers of help from parents.
  - o Wants Area 30 students to go to GHS so as not to be uprooted a second time; the Cambridge program will continue to help AHS.
  - o Believes it is a fair plan moving forward; a significant number of Longleaf/Ellington parents want their students to attend RRHS.
  - o Tried to find a compromise for the small number of SSMS students that will not be able to attend JWMHS; another rezoning will be coming up and she did not want to set a precedent.
  - o Requested staff to continue with the address verification across the district; would like to see WKTHS grow, and would like a commitment to grow the Cambridge program.
- Alison Crumbley:
  - o Agrees with other Board member comments.
  - o Longleaf is a fast-growing area; reviewed the number of projected new homes in nearby areas.
  - o Concerned about safety issues with overcrowded schools.
  - o Spoke with Commissioner Wells regarding a lower speed limit in the RRHS area.
  - o Supports the Superintendent's recommendation.
- Cynthia Armstrong:
  - o Agrees with the other Board members.
  - o Appreciated all emails, phone calls, attendance at hearings and workshops, etc.; impossible to please everyone.
  - o After hearing all input, she believes this is the best decision for the students at this time.

The Chairman asked for a vote. On vote the motion carried unanimously.

## 6. Adjourn

### 6.1 Adjourn

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is June 5, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

On a motion by Member Luikart, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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

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Approved in open session on June 5, 2018

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Chairman

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Superintendent of Schools