

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

October 20, 2015

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2015, in the Board Room, District Office Complex, Building 3, 7205 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, Land O' Lakes, Florida. Present were Chairman Steve Luikart, Vice Chairman Joanne Hurley, and Board Members Allen Altman, Cynthia Armstrong, and Alison Crumbley. Also present were Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent and ex officio Secretary to the Board, and Nancy 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 Vice Chairman Hurley 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 October 6, 2015, and workshop of October 6, 2015. There were none, and on motion by Member Armstrong, seconded by Vice Chairman Hurley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

There were no special presentations.

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

- Giovanni S., Wesley Chapel – student apology.
- Addison J., Tampa – student apology.

Board members thanked parents for their support of the students.

- Deb Herbage, Trinity – thanked Superintendent Browning for sending a letter to Governor Scott regarding the possible suspension of testing; she requests a halt to the FSA; no validity documents have been produced by AIR or the state.
- Lori Lovetere, Odessa, parent and teacher – thanked Superintendent Browning for sending a letter to Governor Scott regarding testing. She expressed frustration and spoke on low morale, incessant testing of students, time intensive quarterly checks, and lack of control at the state level; asked for a halt to the quarterly tests.

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

- USEP is working with the district on a number of issues; which is going well.
- Teacher of the Year and SRP of the Year nominations are occurring at worksites; she asked Board members to congratulate the winners once they have been selected.

Committee Reports:

- Member Armstrong:
 - Health and Wellness Committee – looking at data for the strategic plan and writing goals for next year.
- Member Crumbley:
 - QUEST Committee.
 - Attendance Committee.
 - Communications Committee.
- Member Altman:
 - Large Capital Projects Committee – this committee clearly defines what needs to be done now, in the long term, and prioritizing of projects.
 - Requested a utility revenue savings presentation at a future Board meeting.
- Joanne Hurley:
 - Accreditation Committee organizational meeting – this will be a year long process.
 - Charter School Task Force will be meeting for first time next week.
- Chairman Luikart:
 - None.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- Visited STEM labs at Cypress and Moon Lake Elementary Schools; thanked Duke Energy for the \$50,000 grant and Pasco Education Foundation for matching funds, making for a total of \$100,000 to transform classrooms into STEM labs at the two schools.

- Stated that assessment costs of \$14.7 million were inaccurately reported in the newspaper. The accurate costs were \$1.26 million, which includes the cost for quarterly checks, district finals, and costs for other state testing. It does not include technology costs since technology is purchased to enhance instructional practices in the classrooms; the technology is used for assessments, too. Communications Director Linda Cobbe will distribute updated information to Board members.

Deputy Superintendent:

- Ray Gadd: None.
- Kevin Shibley: None.
- Ray Bonti:
 - Showed a presentation of several white warehouse trucks covered with new wrap advertising job opportunities with Pasco County Schools.
 - Also presented a commercial airing on Bright House Networks to advertise job opportunities. He thanked the Communications department for their work on these projects.
 - John Petrashek, Director, Construction Services, introduced the design team, construction team, and project coordinator (Harvard Jolly, Cutler Associates and Mike Gude) for High School GGG. The school is scheduled to open in August 2017.
- Olga Swinson: None.
- Vanessa Hilton: None.
- Area Superintendents:
 - Tammy Berryhill:
 - Staff recommendation – Beth Hinton, Principal, Sunray Elementary School.

(2.0) The Chairman remarked that there were no expulsion recommendations tonight.

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

- A. Resolution - National "Lights on Afterschool Day"

12. Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

13. Miscellaneous Action Items

- A. Pasco Charter Academy Application

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

3. LEARNING COMMUNITIES

1. Out-of-State Travel - ACTE Conference - Louisiana
2. Out-of-State Travel - National Council of Teachers of English Convention - Minnesota
3. School Field Trips

4. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

A. Teaching and Learning

1. 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. Out-of-State Travel - University Council of Education Administrators 2015 Annual Conference - CA
2. Disciplinary Change of Placement

5. ADMINISTRATION

A. Human Resources and Educator Quality

1. Personnel Recommendations (including addenda)
2. New Job Description - Business Analyst
3. Reclassified Job Description - Learning Design Specialist
4. Reclassified Job Description - Manager, Technology and Information Services
5. Reclassified Job Description - Computer Operator
6. Revised Job Description - Systems Analyst
7. Winter/Spring Athletic Supplement Recommendations Career & Technical Education Leadership Supplement Recommendations

B. Employee Relations - None Submitted

C. Technology and Information Services - None Submitted

1. Out-of-State Travel - 2015 IMS Global K12 Meeting – Texas

6. SUPPORT SERVICES

A. Planning Services - None Submitted

B. Construction Services - None Submitted

1. Builder's Risk Policy Renewal
2. GMP Amendment for Construction Phase - High School "GGG"

C. Food and Nutrition Services - None Submitted

D. Maintenance Services

1. Quarterly Non-Capitalized Furniture and Equipment - **Information**
2. Surplus Equipment
3. Surplus Equipment - Trade-In - River Ridge Middle School

E. Purchasing Services

1. Purchasing Recommendation Summary Sheet - Date/Time: October 13, 2015; 14:11:00
Contracts: *Florida Department of Health (Addendum); Pasco Hernando State College; Pasco Regional Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Bayfront Health Dade City; Sunrise Domestic & Violence Center of Pasco; Transpro Consulting, LLC; Dorothy Thorne Lekarczyk, PhD; Harbor Behavioral Health Care/Bay Care Behavioral Health, Inc. (2); Lifespan Services, Inc.; New Tampa Psychological Services, Inc.; Premier Community Healthcare; Sequel Care of Florida, LLC.; Youth and Family Alternatives*
2. Use of Facilities

7. FINANCE SERVICES

- A. 2015-2016 Budget Amendments - July 2015 - #1 through #8
- B. 2015-2016 Budget Amendments - August 2015 #9 - #12
- C. Interim Financials for All Fund Types: 07/01/2015 through 07/31/2015; 07/01/2015 through 08/31/2015
- D. Payroll Expenditures - September 2015 and Authorization to Expend Funds - October 2015
- E. Warrant Lists

8. GRANT PROPOSALS

- A. Instructional Leadership and Faculty Development Grant
- B. Southwest Florida Water Management District Water Resources Education Programs and Splash Mini-grant Funding 2015-16

9. ALLOCATIONS

- A. Allocation Changes (2015-2016):
Add - Addl Duty-Alternative to Suspension-Variou (IDEA)
Add - Addl Duty-After hours Satellite Program-JIEC (Title I)
Add - Addl Duty-After hours Satellite Program-HSEC (Title I)
Add - Addl Duty-Tutoring Title I Students (Title I)

10. INTERNAL AUDIT - None Submitted

(11A) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a resolution for National "Lights on Afterschool Day". Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the resolution for National "Lights on Afterschool Day", seconded by Member Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(13A) The Chairman presented the request for approval of the Pasco Charter Academy Application. Superintendent Browning is recommending denial of the charter school application and asked Jeffrey Yungman, Program Coordinator, to review criteria and statutory requirements with Board members. The overall recommendation from the Charter School Review Committee is to deny the application under the 2015 cycle. Areas of deficiency were reviewed with the applicant. No non-substantive clarifications or changes were received by the deadline. The committee found that the sections on budget and financial management did not meet the standards. Jim Class, Senior Manager, Finance Services, was present to answer finance questions on those sections. Board members thanked the committee for their hard work on this review.

Rod Jurado, Chairman of the Florida Charter Education Foundation, spoke on the charter school application. While respecting the committee's review process, he was puzzled why a previous application, similar to this one, was approved, yet their application is being denied. He shared statistics for the performance of Charter Schools USA schools, saying that parents want choices in Pasco County. He asked the Board to overturn the decision of the committee. Board members asked questions about captial funds being used for operating funds, benefits costs and the lack of retirement costs in the budget, the number of Pasco County board members, site location if approved, and enrollment numbers. Member Armstrong encouraged them to reapply next year. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve denial of the Pasco Charter Academy Application, seconded by Vice Chairman Hurley. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Armstrong:
 - Attended the Ford Next Generation Learning presentation and breakfast by LOLHS culinary students.

- Member Crumbley:
 - Visited the STEM lab at Moon Lake Elementary School; commented on the need to find funds to put this type of lab in all elementary schools.
- Member Altman:
 - None.
- Vice Chairman Hurley:
 - Attended the Ford Next Generation Learning presentation and breakfast by LOLHS culinary students.
 - Visited Pepin Academy and Imagine Academy.
- Chairman Luikart:
 - Requested a matrix of all district and state tests.
 - Requested a brief synopsis on out-of-state travel; Superintendent Browning said a form will be sent to staff, with completed information being sent to all Board members within five days of travel completion.
 - Asked about renewal of the School Board attorney contract; Superintendent Browning said the attorney firm usually submits a memorandum, which was confirmed by Nancy Alfonso, Board attorney.

Nancy Alfonso, School Board attorney, had no comments.

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

- Judy Meyers, Port Richey – She is a student at St. Petersburg College and is working on a Capstone Module project on human trafficking, which is happening in our community. She presented an overview of her research project to Board members. She asked that if the information could not be tested in an actual school setting or incorporated into curriculum, that perhaps there could be more discussion at a future workshop. She was referred to Melissa Musselwhite, Director, Office for Student Support Programs and Services, for further assistance.

The Chairman announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is November 3, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Member Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: October 20, 2015 – 4:07 p.m.

TOPICS: *School Guidance Services; District Legislative Platform*

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; Nancy Alfonso, School Board Attorney; Ray Gadd, Deputy Superintendent; Olga Swinson, Chief Finance Officer; Kevin Shibley, Asst. Supt. for Administration; Dave Scanga, Tammy Berryhill, Monica Ilse and Todd Cluff, Area Superintendents; Linda Cobbe, Communications Director; Spencer Pylant, Communications & Government Relations Liaison, and Jeff Solochek, Tampa Bay Times.

School Guidance Services

Melissa Musselwhite, Director, Office for Student Support Programs and Services; Alica Lopez, Occupational Therapist; Lynn Young, Program Coordinator; Carrie Morris, Senior Supervisor.

- Reviewed history of the school counseling program from 1977 to present;
- Shared examples of a day in the life of a school counselor and student needs;
- Overview of student services division;
- Discussion of district and state mandates for counselors, programs at schools;
- Board members were encouraged to view the Canvas site to view program materials;
- “Do ratios matter”?
 - National student-to-counselor ratio is 471:1;
 - Review of district allocations – ratios by level (K-12); (based on ADM);
- Discussion on shortage of school counselors, duties and responsibilities differ from school to school; review job description and actual work being done;
- Chairman Luikart requested another workshop on this topic in 2016.

District Legislative Platform

Spencer Pylant, Communications & Government Relations Liaison

- Review of language in the legislative platform document for additions and/or edits.

The workshop concluded at 5:44 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

November 3, 2015

Superintendent of Schools