

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

December 1, 2015

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2015, in the Board Room, 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 in remembrance of Joanne Giglio, teacher, Bayonet Point Middle School; Alonna Tedesco, school nurse; Johnnie Hood, bus driver; Searce Mackenzie, student, Fivay High School, and Makayla Dorsey, student, Mitchell High School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2015, and workshop of November 17, 2015. There were none, and on motion by Vice Chairman Altman, seconded by Member Crumbley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman opened the First Reading of School Attendance Boundaries 2016-2017. Chairman Hurley stated that notice of this hearing has been posted on the District's web site and asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this item. Dennis Alfonso reviewed the guidelines for speakers.

- Anastasiya Senyushkina, Wesley Chapel – member of the boundary committee; supports school boundary change option 8a.
- Chris Keller, Wesley Chapel - spoke on transportation concerns, including before and after school care and extracurricular activities; asked that staff re-look at the current proposal.
- Kellie Barragan, Wesley Chapel - attended the parent meeting at Denham Oaks Elementary School; clarified points in a letter that was sent from the Northwood parents; requested that Northwood students attend Sand Pine Elementary School.
- Amy Bracewell, Wesley Chapel – Northwood parent; moved to the area because of schools; spoke on transportation concerns and the negative impact of the change; requested another option for consideration.

Member Crumbley moved that the Board approve the First Reading of School Attendance Boundaries 2016-2017, seconded by Member Armstrong.

- Vice Chairman Altman commented that he has seen many boundary changes, acknowledging that it is a difficult process; he has respect for the planning department staff, other district staff, teachers, and citizens that participate in the process. He has an office near Denham Oaks Elementary School and is familiar with the traffic flow and issues. He understands the need to draw a line and knows that someone will always be unhappy. He asked staff to present information at the next Board meeting regarding the development of gifted services for the next school year. There will be multiple boundary changes in the future and he requested that similar services be offered at each school as we move forward.
- Member Armstrong supports the suggestion regarding gifted services. She understands that boundary changes are difficult and thanked the planning staff for their work on this boundary change. She said that while portables provide additional classroom space, other school areas – restrooms, common areas, media centers, cafeterias, etc. – are not designed to support additional students. She stated that Interstate 75 should not be a dividing line in our communities.
- Member Luikart agreed that zoning is always an issue.
- Chairman Hurley stated she has not made a decision on this issue; she thanked those who have contacted her and is always open to hearing from the public on these matters before the second reading. She supports Mr. Altman's idea for additional information from staff before the second reading.

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.

- Vincent Iglio, Wesley Chapel – spoke on his concerns regarding the boundary change; requested a reasonable option.

The Chairman asked if the United School Employees of Pasco had anything to present. Jim Ciadella, Director of Services and Operations, USEP, had no comments.

Committee Reports:

- Member Luikart:
 - Several Pasco Education Foundation meetings.
- Member Armstrong:
 - Investment Oversight Committee – welcomed new committee member; proposed investment policy change that will reduce risk by increasing flexibility to move funds short term into safe places when the market is volatile; committee recommended JPMorgan for the sales tax revenue bonds; reported on the upcoming trip to New York to improve the bond rating on the COPS bond.
- Member Crumbley:
 - None.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - None.
- Chairman Hurley:
 - CNG contract evaluation.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- No comments.

Deputy Superintendent:

- Ray Gadd: No comments.
- Ray Bonti: No comments.
- Kevin Shibley: No comments.
- Olga Swinson:
 - Reported on new information for DOE regarding Item 7D (*Superintendent's Annual Financial Report - Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015*).
 - Confirmed that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., submitted the lowest bid - the rate of 2.04% will save \$40,000 per year for the life of the bond.
- Vanessa Hilton: No comments.
- Area Superintendents: No comments.

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

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

12. Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

13. Miscellaneous Action Items

- A. Memorandum of Understanding - Community School - Information Only
- B. Out-of-State Travel - Ratings Presentation - New York
- C. Recommendation to Terminate Agreement - AMI Kids Pasco

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 Luikart seconded the motion, and on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3. LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- A. 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. Disciplinary Change of Placement
 - 2. Agreement - Red Apple Adult Training Center (2015-2016)
 - 3. Addendum - 2015-2016 Agreement - Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.

5. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Human Resources and Educator Quality
 - 1. Personnel Recommendations (*including addenda*)
- B. Employee Relations - None Submitted

C. Technology and Information Services - None Submitted

6. SUPPORT SERVICES

A. Planning Services - None Submitted

B. Construction Services

1. Anclote Elementary School - Utility Easement

C. Food and Nutrition Services - None Submitted

D. Maintenance Services

1. Surplus Equipment

E. Purchasing Services

1. Purchasing Recommendation Summary Sheet

Date/Time: November 24, 2015; 10:06:00

CONTRACTS: None

2. Use of Facilities

7. FINANCE SERVICES

A. Warrant List

B. Budget Amendments #19 through #23 - October 2015

C. Interim Financials for all Fund Types 07/01/2015 through 10/31/2015

D. Superintendent's Annual Financial Report (Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

8. GRANT PROPOSALS – None Submitted

9. ALLOCATIONS

A. Allocation Changes (2015-2016):

Add - Beh. Analyst, Beh. Spec., Social Wkr.-SSPS (IDEA)

Add - Add'l Duty Instructional Apex-JWMHS (SAC)

10. INTERNAL AUDIT - None Submitted

(13A) The Chairman asked Deputy Superintendent Ray Gadd to comment on the *Memorandum of Understanding – Community School (Information Only)*. He said the MOU is a part of the grant application process for a community school at Gulfside Elementary School; funding of the grant is through the University of Central Florida. The lead agency is Youth and Family Alternatives (YFA); the school principal will be in charge of the school, working with the YFA director. All Board members are supportive of the community school concept.

(13B) The Chairman presented the request for approval for *Out-of-State Travel - Ratings Presentation - New York*. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the request for Out-of-State Travel - Ratings Presentation - New York, seconded by Vice Chairman Altman. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

(13C) The Chairman presented the request for approval of a *Recommendation to Terminate Agreement - AMI Kids Pasco*. Superintendent Browning said the district entered into an agreement with AMI on June 16, 2015, to provide services at a new site on Highway 52. Since that time, district staff has been working with AMI staff, but significant concerns have been brought to his attention. Copies of his letter to AMI were distributed to Board members. The letter terminates the agreement without cause at the end of sixty (60) days. AMI has been given a deadline of January 12, 2016, to correct the issues and provide the expected quality of service to students. If concerns are addressed satisfactorily, he will recommend rescinding his request to terminate the agreement and AMI would continue to manage the site. If the district is not satisfied that the concerns are addressed, no Board action will be needed and the district would assume responsibility of the site on January 29, 2016.

O. B. Stander, President, AMI Kids Pasco, spoke to Board members, stating the AMI Kids is a non-profit corporation that has been helping students and communities since 1969 and has partnered with the district since 1993. There have been start-up issues during the expansion of the program and additional services. They are committed to the students and he understands the 60-day cancellation notice. He is willing to forego the notice if the Board could delay the vote until January to allow AMI to make the necessary corrections.

Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the Recommendation to Terminate Agreement - AMI Kids Pasco, seconded by Member Luikart.

- Member Armstrong said that she has visited AMI sites, attended ceremonies, and believes in the work that is being done. She agrees with notice being given now; she would like to see improvements and assurances that positive change is occurring.
- Member Luikart supports AMI and the program, but he is disappointed that problems are just now being identified. He agrees with the 60-day deadline and wished AMI luck in making positive changes.
- Member Crumbley said she supports the AMI program and is disappointed with the serious deficiencies. She is in agreement with the 60-day notice.
- Chairman Hurley said she hopes for success for AMI; she believes the educational and financial issues can be fixed; the Board must take action today to avoid any delays in helping students.

On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Luikart:
 - None.
- Member Armstrong:
 - Reminder about the holiday parade in New Port Richey on December 12, 2015; there are a record number of bands participating this year; voting for the Grand Marshalls continues on the Bright House Networks website.
 - Encouraged participation in the Junior Achievement program.
- Member Crumbley:
 - Mentioned that Wiregrass Ranch High School is looking for judges for the science fair on December 9, 2015.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - Participated in the Great American Teach-In at Raymond B. Stewart Middle School (which included the Seal Strong program) and Pasco Elementary School (he is pleased to see retrofits in older buildings due to Penny for Pasco funds).
- Chairman Hurley:
 - School boundary meeting at Denham Oaks Elementary School.
 - Participated in the Take Stock in Children (AIM for Education) fundraiser.

Dennis Alfonso, School Board attorney, said that he assisted with drafting the letter to AMI and clarified the notice of intent to terminate on January 29, 2016; a letter from Chairman Hurley communicating the Board action on this matter will be sent to AMI after today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Altman said that he has been working on the School Board attorney contract; he has met with Attorney Alfonso, Superintendent Browning, and staff to address issues and suggestions.

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 at 6:00 p.m. on December 15, 2015.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Vice Chairman Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

December 15, 2015

Superintendent of Schools