

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

December 15, 2015

The District School Board of Pasco County met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 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 Luikart and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Chairman asked for a moment of silence for personal reflection and remembrance for Jared Harshman, student at Wesley Chapel High School.

The Chairman asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2015. There were none, and on motion by Member Armstrong, seconded by Member Crumbley, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Chairman opened the Second Reading of School Attendance Boundaries 2016-2017. Chairman Hurley stated that notice of this hearing has been posted on the District's web site. Superintendent Browning asked Holly Oakes, Supervisor, Office for Teaching and Learning, to update Board members about gifted services that will be provided at Denham Oaks Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. The inclusion model (clustering gifted students together in classrooms) is the same model used at Seven Oaks Elementary School. Chairman Hurley asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak on this item.

- The following individuals spoke on their concerns regarding the proposed boundary changes:
 - Amy Bracewell, Wesley Chapel – Go Fund Me page started by a teacher, traffic patterns, before/after childcare issues;
 - Kellie Barragan, Wesley Chapel – “grandfathered” students, gifted program;
 - William McCurdy, Wesley Chapel – busing concerns, importance of patterns of familiarity for his family;
 - Chris Keller, Wesley Chapel – consider Elementary W as a possible solution; and
 - Jenny Reyes, Wesley Chapel – requested that students remain in the community.

Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve the Second Reading of School Attendance Boundaries 2016-2017, seconded by Vice Chairman Altman. Member Armstrong thanked staff for providing gifted services at Denham Oaks Elementary School (DOES); she understands the parent concerns and that the change is painful. Vice Chairman Altman appreciated the staff's work on gifted services, he has re-read all emails on this issue and requested that incoming 5th graders be grandfathered in. Assistant Superintendent Ray Bonti stated that past practice has been for 5th graders to apply for School Choice (without transportation). Board members discussed the Go Fund Me page that was recently posted; Superintendent Browning clarified that reading materials are provided to all schools, these other type of requests are for additional materials for the classroom. Member Crumbley suggested that teachers reach out to the Pasco Education Foundation for these needs. She asked the concerned parents in attendance tonight to be the core of parental support at their new school. Member Luikart agreed with grandfathering of fifth grade students; he said these changes will last for years and encouraged parents and students to make the best of the situation. Chairman Hurley said that she was “undecided” for a period of time; she re-read all emails and recognizes that the decision has a huge impact on all families. In answer to her question about PLACE, Superintendent Browning confirmed that the PLACE program is ready to hire additional employees to eliminate the waiting list at DOES. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

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

- Patrick Connolly, Zephyrhills – spoke on teacher evaluation.
- O. B. Stander, Tampa - President, AMI Kids Pasco - distributed a packet that included a follow-up letter and action plan regarding AMI Kids Pasco; updated Board members on the current status of the program. Board members thanked him for the information.

Linda Cobbe, Director of Communications, coordinated the special presentation(s) as follows:

- Withlacoochee River Electric Co-op Capital Refund Check (\$276,780.12)
- Pasco County Schools - Outstanding Senior – Tyler Wetherell, Mitchell High School

The Chairman called a break for pictures and the meeting came back to order at 7:05 p.m.

- Community Schools – Lane Morris, Principal, Gulfside Elementary School (GSES), and Kara Parris, Program Planning Manager, Youth and Family Alternatives, presented information on the proposed community school at GSES. Deputy Superintendent Ray Gadd advised Board members that the University of Central Florida has approved the planning grant.

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

- Continuing to work on issues with amicable solutions.
- SRP and TOY committees have chosen the top 3 candidates.
- Excited about the community school at Gulfside Elementary School; an upcoming labor management conference will address the community school concept.
- School boundary changes – he understands what parents are going through and believes the right decision was made.
- Invited Board members to attend the “Enough is Enough” rally in Tallahassee in January 2016.
- Wished happy holidays to everyone.

Committee Reports:

- Member Luikart:
 - None.
- Member Armstrong:
 - None.
- Member Crumbley:
 - Attendance Committee.
 - Grading Committee.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - None.
- Chairman Hurley:
 - Charter School Task Force.
 - Visited Classical Prep Charter School.

(1.0) Reports, Information and Comments:

Superintendent Browning:

- Friday, December 18, is the last day before winter break with staff reporting back to work on January 4, 2016; teachers and students return on January 5, 2016.
- He wished a Merry Christmas to everyone.

Deputy Superintendent:

- Ray Gadd:
 - Reported that the “Every Student Succeeds” Act provides more funding for community schools.
 - Recently forwarded information to Board members regarding 30 administrators who are participating in the Eckerd Leadership Training Program; testimonials from the first 3 days of training will be sent to Board members.
 - The Zephyrhills City Council voted to submit a back-up offer on the Hercules property in case the current contract falls through. The developer has not applied for rezoning of the remaining 2 acres. He will continue to update the Board, as information is known.
- Kevin Shibley:
 - Reviewed addenda distributed to Board members related to Item 6E1 (*Health and Wellness Incentives*).
- Ray Bonti:
 - Expressed holiday wishes to all.
- Olga Swinson:
 - Updated Board members on the trip to New York for bond presentations by two rating agencies – Moody’s Investor Services and Fitch Ratings; a report is expected next week.
 - Reviewed addenda distributed to Board members related to Item 7D (*Issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2016*) – the rate was listed at 2.04 but JP Morgan Chase Bank has locked the rate at 1.99); she acknowledged representatives from JP Morgan that were in the audience.
- Vanessa Hilton:
 - Congratulated Vicky King, Land O’ Lakes High School girls soccer coach, for being selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Region Coach of the Year, and the 2015 Special Olympics Coach of the Year.
 - Reported on the Second Annual “Together We Stand” 5K event at Starkey Park; 144 runners and walkers raised \$3,365 that will provide scholarships for Pasco County students to attend the Summer Youth Leadership Institute.
 - Hudson High School ROTC presented the colors at the opening ceremonies of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football game on Sunday.

- Students from the Zephyrhills Aviation Academy will travel to the Lakeland airport on December 18, 2015, to visit the Experimental Aircraft Association's STEM Discovery Center.
- 450 students competed in the recent FLBA completion, with 100 students attending competition at the state level in Orlando.
- Monica Ilse:
 - Commended several departments (OSSPS, the crisis teams and Communications) during the recent tragedy at Wesley Chapel High 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 - None Submitted

12. Property Acquisitions - None Submitted

13. Miscellaneous Action Items - None Submitted

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve all other items on the consent agenda. Member Armstrong moved that the Board approve all items on the consent agenda, including addenda. Member Luikart seconded the motion. Member Armstrong spoke with Jeff Yungman (Program Coordinator, Charter Schools) regarding charter schools and financial procedures. Vice Chairman Altman suggested that all charter school board members be invited to a financial presentation. Superintendent Browning said Mr. Yungman meets with the charter schools annually; this information will be added to the agenda, along with information on services provided by Pasco County and charter school responsibilities. The meeting will be held next summer after the legislative session. After discussion, on vote the motion carried unanimously to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

3. LEARNING COMMUNITIES

4. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- A. Teaching and Learning
 - 1. Annual Charter School Reviews - 2014-2015 School Year - Information Only
 - 2. School Choice Change of Placement
- B. Professional Development and School Supports - None Submitted
- C. Accountability Research and Measurement
 - 1. Promotion Retention Report - Information Only
- D. Student Support Programs and Services
 - 1. Disciplinary Change of Placement
- E. Early Childhood
 - 1. Head Start/Early Head Start - Procedures for Shared Decision-Making
 - 2. Enrollment, Recruitment, Selection And Eligibility Procedures - 2016
 - 3. Head Start/Early Head Start - Hiring and Termination of Employment Procedures

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. Builder's Risk Policy – High School “GGG”
 - 2. Interlocal Agreement - Land O' Lakes Community Park Stage
- C. Food and Nutrition Services - None Submitted
- D. Maintenance Services
 - 1. Surplus Equipment
- E. Purchasing Services
 - 1. Purchasing Recommendation Summary Sheet
Date/Time: December 8, 2015; 14:33:00
CONTRACTS: PHSC; SirsiDynix
 - 2. Use of Facilities

7. FINANCE SERVICES

- A. Mobile Wireless Communications - 2015-2016 - Revised
- B. Warrant Lists
- C. Payroll Expenditures - November 2015 and Authorization to Expend Funds - December 2015
- D. Issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 (*including addenda*)

E. Addition of JPMorgan as Broker/Dealer for Certificates of Participation, Series 2005B - Auction Rate Securities

8. GRANT PROPOSALS

A. Community Schools Grant - Gulfside Elementary School

9. ALLOCATIONS

A. Allocation Changes (2015-2016):

Add - Addl Instr Duty Hrs Tutoring - Bishop Larkin (Title I Pt A)

10. INTERNAL AUDIT - None Submitted

Individual Board members presented and discussed items:

- Member Luikart:
 - Participated in the New Port Richey holiday parade.
 - Requested that Area Superintendent Dave Scanga invite students who will be moved due to boundary changes to visit their new school in the spring.
 - Attended the FSBA conference in Tampa last week.
- Member Armstrong:
 - The New Port Richey holiday parade was a success, with over 85,000 in attendance. The grand marshal winners were the principals at Chasco Elementary, Gulf Middle and River Ridge High Schools.
 - Attended the FSBA conference in Tampa last week.
- Member Crumbley:
 - Attended the FSBA conference in Tampa last week.
 - Judged science fair projects at Wiregrass Ranch High School.
- Vice Chairman Altman:
 - None.
- Chairman Hurley:
 - Wished staff, students and families a wonderful and safe winter break.

Dennis Alfonso, School Board attorney:

- Advised Board members that the district received a notice of appeal of the Board's denial of the charter application for Pasco Charter Academy. The deadline to file a response to the appeal has been extended to January 22, 2016.
- Asked the Board to consider an **OFF AGENDA** item related to the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2016. Member Luikart moved to accept the **OFF AGENDA** item – *Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 – Conflicts Waiver Letter*, seconded by Member Crumbley. As has been done in the past, bond counsel has requested that the district execute a waiver for potential conflicts related to the bonds. He asked for a motion to authorize his firm to sign the Conflicts Waiver letter on behalf of the district and forward a copy to bond counsel. Vice Chairman Altman so moved, seconded by Member Armstrong. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- Requested the Board to consider an **OFF AGENDA** item related to the School Board attorney contract, which was extended to December 31, 2015. Member Armstrong moved to accept the **OFF AGENDA** item – *Extension of School Board Attorney Contract*, seconded by Member Crumbley. Attorney Alfonso talked with the Superintendent, staff, and Vice Chairman Altman regarding his firm's contract; and will meet with the Superintendent again to discuss improved services. He asked for a motion to extend his firm's contract for the third year of a 3-year term, including a 3% increase. Member Armstrong so moved, seconded by Member Luikart. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.
- Wished a happy holiday season to all.

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 January 19, 2016.

There was no further business to come before the Board, and upon motion by Vice Chairman Altman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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

SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP: December 15, 2015 – 4:09 p.m.

TOPIC: Gallup Student and Employee Data

The Board met for a workshop session at the District Office Complex, Building 3, Training Room D. Present were Board Members Cynthia Armstrong, Alison Crumbley, Joanne Hurley 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; Ray Bonti, Asst. Supt. for Support Services; Dave Scanga, Tammy Berryhill, Monica Ilse and Todd Cluff, Area Superintendents; and Betsy Kuhn, Director, Employee Relations Department; Linda Cobbe, Communications Director; Jeff Solocheck, Tampa Bay Times. Other district staff was also in attendance.

Stephen Shields, Senior Practice Consultant, Gallup, presented an overview of the results from the Gallup Employee Engagement Survey and Gallup Student Poll (grades 5-12) that were conducted in October 2015.

The workshop concluded at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD
IN OPEN SESSION

Chairman

January 19, 2016

Superintendent of Schools