

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 4, 2003 – 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
Stuart, FL 34994

Members Present

Dr. David Anderson, Chairman
Vicki Davis, Vice-Chair
Susan Hershey
Laurie Gaylord
Lorie Shekailo
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent
Tom Elfers, School Board Attorney
Matt Rudling, Student Representative (SFHS)

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Hank Salzler, Lori McWilliams, Stacey Chados, Dr. Joyce Holmes, Darrell Miller, Darla Miloszewski, Leighton O'Connor, Dr. Frank Raffone, Marshall Skinner, Debbie Henderson, Don Merritt, Nancy Marin, Tracey Miller, Brenda Watkins, Larry Green, Ginger Featherstone, Ray Parrish, Jolina Allison, Jeff Carver, Mary Lee Hansel, Vickie Alley, Dan Alley, Deputy Steve Mochem

Public

Sandra Wadell, Mr. Wadell, Kim Albert, Suzie Hutchinson, David Cardno, David Rosenthal, Walter Woods

Press

PBPost – Rani Gupta

Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

MCEA – No Representation

AFSCME – No Representation

Call to Order by the Chairman and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

1. Adoption of the Agenda:*

A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda

Dr. Wilcox asked to remove Items 19 and 20, to relocate Item 18 to Item 9-B and asked to add a field trip request for South Fork High School for sixty-five students to attend the Florida Statewide Prevention Conference is paid through funding from “Safe and Drug Free Schools”. Dr. Anderson authorized the additions and deletions.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Davis moved approval of the Agenda as amended, Mrs. Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes:*

10/21/03 Board Meeting Minutes, 10/14/03 Elementary School Redistricting Public Forum

Mrs. Hershey moved approval of the Minutes, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Recognitions:*

None

4. Presentations:*

A. Recognition of Martin County School District Participation for Take Your Dad to School Program

Dr. Joyce Holmes introduced the Director of the Father Child Parent Center, David Cardno. Mr. Cardno discussed the “Take Your Dad to School Day” and presented the School Board with a recognition plaque for helping promote greater father involvement in the district.

5. Open to the Public:*

A. Sandra Wadell, a retired employee and current substitute teacher, requested the Board increase the substitute pay scale. She explained the daily rate of pay has not increased over the last five years and proposed an increase of \$2.00 per day. Dr. Anderson directed the Superintendent to cover this during salary negotiations.

B. Adam Miller, a founding member of the Hope Center, thanked the Charter Review Committee, Mr. Salzler and his assistant for their support and the Board for allowing them to bring this school forward.

5. Open to the Public:* (Con't)

- C. Jason Brodie, a Sunset Trace parent, asked the School Board to allow his son to continue attendance at Palm City Elementary School until he completes 2nd grade, at which time his sibling will have graduated. He stated he would not allow his child to ride a school bus due to safety belt issue; and as a car rider one of his children would be late each day. He stated the Board is causing his family an inconvenience. He asked if the Board has considered extending the Extended Day hours in order to meet additional time requirements for parents. Dr. Anderson advised Mr. Brodie that the Board could not tailor programs to each individual parents needs and directed the Board to note Mr. Brodie's concerns.
- D. Michelle DiGiorio, lives off Monterey Extension, discussed the traumatic process her child underwent between preschool and elementary school. She questioned the Board allowing employees to send their children to the school they work at and asked if teachers would be affected by these changes and the Board advised no. Dr. Anderson explained this benefit is a recruitment perk used to bring teachers into the county. She stated she works for the Sheriff's Office and does not receive any benefits except that her job is close to her child's school. Dr. Anderson explained that there are overcrowding issues that must be resolved and the Board can not satisfy every parent and Ms. DiGiorio asked that the boundaries affecting her be reconsidered. Dr. Anderson explained that many scenarios were reviewed and the Board must approve the scenario that works best for the district.
- E. Ian Wiley, a Rocky Point resident, asked parents whose students would attend Port Salerno Elementary to rest assured that the staff and administration have made his family proud to have children in the school. He suggested the Board mirror what is done at Port Salerno at all school sites.

6. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda:* None

7. Approve Consent Agenda:*

Mrs. Davis moved approval of the Consent Agenda, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 03/04 FY Attendance Zones:* - NONE
- B. Requests:***
 - 1. Use of Facilities:* (COPY ATTACHED)
 - 2. Field Trips / Use of Buses / Vehicles:* (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Renewal Agreements:***
 - 1. Approve Agreement between the Martin County School Board and Indian River Community College to Permit Students to Perform Clinical Rotations in the Martin County Health Care Facility (COPY ATTACHED)
 - 2. Approve Cooperative Non-Financial Agreement for Services between the Martin County Board and the C.O.R.E. Program (COPY ATTACHED)
- D. Disposal of Surplus Property:* (COPY ATTACHED)
- E. Accept Head Start Policy Council Minutes:* (COPY ATTACHED)
- F. Personnel Items:***
 - 1. Schedule of Personnel Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)
 - 2. Leaves Authorized by the Superintendent (COPY ATTACHED)

9. Items Removed from the Agenda:* None

9-A South Fork High School and Safe and Drug Free Schools Field Trip:*

Mrs. Hershey moved approval of Item 9-A, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9-B Accept Charter School Application from the Hope Center:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Mrs. Hershey moved approval of Item 9-B, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Construction:*

Mrs. Hershey moved approval of Items 10-A through 10-C, Mrs. Gaylord seconded. Mrs. Davis asked for an update on the easement modifications and Mr. Woods reviewed the minor changes. The motion to approve carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Capital Construction, Inc.'s Prequalification for "specific project" as required by School Board Policy 6Gx43-8.13 (COPY ATTACHED)

10. **Construction:*** (Cont')
- B. **Approve Contract with Capital Construction, Inc. to Provide Construction Services for Warfield Elementary, Building 9 Remodeling, Bid # 030824** (COPY ATTACHED)
 - C. **Approve Utility Easement for Sewer Line in Favor of Stuart Square Peripheral Associates and Stuart Pineapple I, LLC** (COPY ATTACHED)

11. **Finance:***
- A. **Approve Purchase Orders / Contracts** (COPY ATTACHED)

Mrs. Hershey moved approval of Item 11-A, Mrs. Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. **Bid Recommendations:***
- A. **Authorize Renewal of Bid**
 - 1. **MCSB Bid #1003-0-2001/JK – Siemens Controls Maintenance and Equipment** (COPY ATTACHED)

Mrs. Gaylord moved approval of Item 12-A-1, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

13. **Rule Revisions:***
- A. **Public Hearing on School Board Rules**
 - 1. **6Gx43-6.18 – Dress Code** – (COPY ATTACHED)

Dr. Anderson opened the meeting to a Public Hearing for public input. There being no public input, he opened for Board discussion. Upon no Board input, Mrs. Hershey moved approval of Item 13-A-1, Mrs. Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

14. **Approve Long Range Planning Committee Recommendation with Staff Modifications for Elementary Redistricting Effective 2004/2005 School Year :*** (COPY ATTACHED)

Dr. Raffone reviewed the Long Range Planning Committee recommendations in conjunction with staff modifications. He explained the proposed Fairview Forest Apartments located near the credit union would be zoned for J. D. Parker School of Science, Math and Technology and the “S and S” development would be zoned for Crystal Lake Elementary. Mrs. Hershey asked Dr. Raffone if he would stay on top of new developments and Dr. Raffone stated he would to the best of his ability. Mrs. Davis asked him to keep the Tropical Farms area in mind due to upcoming developments. He pointed out that the ES30 scenario has been removed from consideration. Mrs. Hershey clarified that the high school students recently rezoned would not be moved again and would be able to complete the remainder of their high school careers at their zoned schools as of the next school year and Dr. Anderson agreed, however commented that rezoning would take place again within the next five years. He discussed the over crowding issue in Palm City and feels it is directly related to the over development and over permitting by entities other than the school district. Mrs. Gaylord explained the school board must have their schools at capacity before new schools could be built. Mrs. Davis commented that once the construction of Hobe Sound Elementary has been completed and the shifts from SeaWind have been made, the Board would need to take a comprehensive look at the entire area as to shifting more students into Port Salerno at that point and Dr. Anderson agreed and commented once the school is finished, the Board would tweak those zones. Mrs. Hershey moved approval of Item 14, Mrs. Davis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. **Approve Elementary School Choice Options for the 2004/2005 School Year:*** (COPY ATTACHED)

Mr. Salzler explained the choice options presented follow past precedence. Dr. Anderson asked for a list of student numbers who have choiced into schools other than their district. Mrs. Gaylord moved approval of Item 15, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

16. **Approve the 2004/2005 Proposed School Calendar:*** (COPY ATTACHED)

Mrs. Gaylord moved approval of the proposed calendar with an amendment. She asked to amend the calendar so that February 21, 2005 is a non-school day in lieu of April 22, 2005 in order to recognize Presidents Day. Mrs. Davis asked Dr. Raffone to explain why April 22, 2005 is a day off instead of February 21, 2005 and he stated it was due to breaking up the eight week period in the last semester. Mr. Alley, a committee member, explained the committee felt this would be a good time to provide a break due to the long stretch of school time at the end of the year. Dr. Raffone stated another reason for this change was due to FCAT reviews taking place during February. Mrs. Gaylord voiced strong support for Presidents Day as a student holiday. Mrs. Shekailo noted there are seven weeks between January 28, 2005 and Spring Break. Mrs. Hershey suggested the committee consider this change next year and move forward with the calendar as proposed. Mrs. Shekailo asked if February 21, 2005 was made a non-school day, would it also be considered the emergency day and Dr. Wilcox stated it could be. Mrs. Shekailo asked if the schools were surveyed on their preferences and was advised no. Dr. Raffone discussed the impact to the calendar and the number of days within each semester. Mrs. Hershey asked Dr. Raffone to check with the Unions, the principals and staff for their input. She voiced concern with sending this back to the committee or out for a survey. Mrs. Hershey moved to table the item until the November 18, 2003 School Board Meeting, Mrs. Davis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

17. **Approve the 2003/2004 School Improvement Plans and School Advisory Council (SAC) Memberships for: Hobe Sound Elementary, Port Salerno Elementary, Indiantown Middle, South Fork High School, Spectrum, Boot Camp, and the Vocational, Adult and Community Education Department:*** (COPY ATTACHED)

Mrs. Davis moved approval of Item 17, Mrs. Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

18. **Accept Charter School Application from the Hope Center:*** (MOVED TO ITEM 9-B)

- ~~19. **Review and Approve Impact Fee Study Dated September 30, 2003:*** Darla Miloszewski (Ex. 19)~~

- ~~20. **Review and Approve Impact Fee Transmittal Letter to the Board of County Commissioners:*** Darla Miloszewski (Ex.20)~~

21. **Open to the Board:***

Matt Rudling

- Thanked the Board Members and Superintendent for attending the South Fork High School Homecoming Game.
- Announced Martin County High School Golf Team won Regionals and their Cross Country Girls' team also won while the boys' were runners up.
- MCHS has chosen their Pathfinders.
- The Martin County / South Fork Robotics team won first place at Invitational.
- South Fork High School won their football game last Friday and team sportsmanship was amazing.
- He reminded the Board and parents that there is a "Financial Aide for Scholarships for Parents" at South Fork High School on November 5, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
- South Fork is still in the process of selecting their Pathfinders.
- CPT would be administered on November 12, 2003.

Mrs. Shekailo

Voiced discontent with the South Fork High School football game being planned for Halloween night making it difficult for individuals with small children to attend. She thanked Mrs. Featherstone for the new high school meetings and feels community questions have been answered. She thanked the Hope Center Committee and complimented them on the great job they did. Her husband attended the "Donuts for Dads" at Jensen Beach Elementary School and had a wonderful time. She discussed the DARE graduations and science fair projects. She thanked Ms. Wadell for her input regarding substitute teachers and as a former substitute, she supports a pay increase, however negotiations are in process and need to wait until contracts are settled.

Mrs. Gaylord

Had a great time at the Martin County Homecoming parade and congratulated both high schools on their games and festivities. Her daughter received information in the mail on the Advanced Learning Center and is pleased information is being distributed. The IB pinning ceremony was last week at South Fork High School and there were sixty-five new students and the following evening was the National Honor Society ceremony.

Mrs. Hershey

She announced the Principal for a Day is scheduled for November 18, 2003 and representatives from the Economic Council would be participating. She feels this will be an enlightening experience for the business community. She discussed the invitations to the "Thanksgiving Day Feasts" at the different schools and suggested inviting the commissioners to attend the luncheons and each Board Member could take a different commissioner with them.

Mrs. Davis

Distributed hands-on technology training is offered through the Astronauts Memorial Education Center for policy makers. There is not a charge to the district and is paid for by the Department of Education. She asked that Mr. Miller sit in on the sessions and noted the trainers come to the district for a half day session. The Board agreed to participate in the training in January, 2004 and Mrs. Davis asked that Mrs. Taylor schedule a date. She thanked Mr. Skinner for structuring the Martin Cares Education Day and has heard nothing but glowing reports from attendees and that education day appears to be the favored day.

Dr. Wilcox

- A. Cancel the December 16, 2003 School Board Meeting**

Mrs. Gaylord moved approval of 21-A, Mrs. Hershey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Anderson

Complimented the schools, administrators and teachers on the homecoming festivities.

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Dr. Wilcox

Asked the Board to review the Legislative Agenda provided from the Joint Legislative Committee Meeting and would need to be placed on the School Board Agenda for approval.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CHAIRMAN (Dr. David L. Anderson)

SECRETARY (Sara A. Wilcox, Ph.D.)