



**Public Hearing and
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 21, 2004 – 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
Stuart, FL 34994**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Hank Salzler, Lori McWilliams, Delores Calloway, Stacey Chados, Dr. Joyce Holmes, Darrell Miller, Darla Miloszewski, Deana Newson, Leighton O'Connor, Rodger Osborne, Dr. Frank Raffone, Willie Sauls, Marshall Skinner, Joan Hunt, Nancy Marin, Gail Newman, Tracey Miller, Larry Green, Ray Parrish, Sig George, Mike McLeod, Steve Rusnak, Karen O'Connor, Mary Norian, Ann Taylor, Cece Hysmith, Beverly Cross, Liz Taytro,, Julie Sessa, Mark Cocco, Amanda Costello, Brenda Watkins

Public

Tim Black, Jacki Jackson, Kim Alpert, Kim Gutierrez, David Traill, Maureen Luettchau, Elizabeth Pinard, John Palm, Kathy Normand, Michelle McFarland, Gaylene Tucker, James Hill (EPIC), Jerry Kelly (Morganti), Yvette London (Harvard Jolly)

Press

PBPost – Rani Gupta

Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

MCEA – Jeanette Phillips

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 10-B, 10-C and 10-D-3 from the agenda. She asked to add “Approval of Recommended Changes in FY 2004/2005 School Calendar” as Item 11 and “Update on District Hurricane Recovery” as Item 12 and Mrs. Davis, the Board Chair, agreed.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Mrs. Gaylord moved approval of the modified Agenda, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes:*

**9/7/04 Regular Meeting Minutes, 9/13/04
Continuation of 9/7/04 Recessed Meeting Minutes,
~~9/10/04 Emergency Meeting Minutes~~**

Dr. Anderson moved approval of the 9/7/04 Regular Meeting Minutes and the 9/13/04 Continuation of 9/7/04 Recessed Meeting Minutes, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing and Presentations:*

A. Presentation on Long Range Planning Committee Rankings for New Middle School Site (COPY ATTACHED)

Ms. Kim Gutierrez, Vice-Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, presented the committee ranking recommendations.

4. Open to the Public:*

- Ann Taylor, a Pinewood Elementary School/Port Salerno Elementary School teacher, feels the board failed in anticipating the necessary repairs to the roof of Pinewood Elementary School.
- Maureen Luettchau, a Pinewood parent, discussed her disappointment with not placing the safety of the students first, mold and lack of teaching supplies.
- Kathy Normand, a Pinewood parent, voiced disappointment that the school board neglected to install a new roof at Pinewood which was planned for installation in the 2002/2003 school year budget.
- Michelle McFarland, a Pinewood parent, is upset that the board did not feel the Pinewood children deserved better accommodations.
- John Palm, a Palm City resident and Hamm operator, rode out the storm at Pinewood and is appalled that no one has taken accountability for not installing a new roof. He is concerned with shelter standards.
- Elizabeth Pinard, a Pinewood teacher, discussed unpaid hazardous working conditions the district teachers have been asked to work in. She requested that Pinewood teachers be paid two days overtime pay for moving and setting up their new classrooms.
- Liz Taytro, a Pinewood teacher, supports the efforts of staff. She met with Pinewood staff and has some ideas:
 - A county-wide crisis committee should be formed, to include teachers involved from planning to implementation. She asked that a school board member volunteer to be on this committee and Dr. Wilcox agreed.
 - Suggested holding a meeting at the Old Port Salerno School to address the issues and asked for a board contact. Dr. Wilcox explained she is aware that there is already a meeting scheduled and asked staff to prepare a list of items to be discussed.
- Beverly Cross, a parent and teacher at Murray Middle School, asked if the renovations for Murray Middle have been postponed and voiced disappointment if they have. She asked the board to take care of current schools before building new schools.
 - Dr. Wilcox advised that has been no changes in the renovation schedule.
- Kevin Sagura, a Pinewood parent, thanked the facilities and maintenance staff for their efforts. He asked the board to readdress students being on the school bus for more than an hour and a half and asked about seat belts. He thanked the teachers and extended day staff and asked the board to address students playing all day rather than learning.
- David Traill, a Martin County resident, made recommendations for district employees on how and where to obtain disaster assistance. He asked the Superintendent to provide this information to her employees.
- Gaylene Tucker, a Pinewood parent, thanked Mr. Salzler and Dr. Raffone for the many hours spent on campus. She agrees this situation is unique and unforeseen and parents must step up and do what is needed, however she also feels that if the roof problem had been acknowledged, this issue could have been avoided. She voiced concern with the roof being scheduled for replacement over the summer and put off due to summer school, and therefore is now a costly decision. The committee met to discuss double sessions and stands by their decision; however they were unaware of the conditions at the Old Port Salerno School. She does not feel the safety of the students was evident and is concerned with overcrowding. She feels the school is in need of portables and understands they could be available within seventy-two hours.
- Amanda Costello, a Pinewood teacher, suggested when a company comes in such as LVI, the district assigns an administrator and company employee to each teacher in order to help in the retrieval and packing efforts.

Dr. Anderson explained he preferred double sessions. He commented how the new homes in his development with asphalt roofs were stripped off and explained that is why the district is adamant about sloped metal roofs.

Dr. Wilcox advised district staff met with Pinewood Elementary parents and employees. The district even considered the old Indian River Community College building next to the post office, however that location was taken. Dr. Anderson understands the district attempted to place students at Indian River Community College's Chastain Center. He feels the district made an intensive effort to place students in the best locations available and would further evaluate parental concerns.

Mrs. Davis asked to move Item 10-D up on the agenda to allow for a hurricane recovery update and the Board agreed.

12. Update on District Hurricane Recovery

Mrs. Sessa, Risk Manager, made a presentation to the school board on the restoration of district facilities including Pinewood Elementary School, the most significantly damaged and reviewed each school individually. Dr. Anderson asked what the costs would be to replace Pinewood Elementary and was advised by Mr. Osborne approximately 16 million. Mr. Osborne provided an update on the status of the roof at Pinewood and explained it is approximately 95% dried in with new materials. A metal roof would be installed in lieu of asphalt.

Mrs. Shekailo asked Mrs. Sessa to discuss air quality issues at the Old Port Salerno site. She discussed mold tests, which have not indicated air quality issues. The proper temperature levels are being provided so mold does not grow. Mrs. Gaylord asked the parents that voiced concern about mold if they had the school tested and the parents explained district contractors GLI did the testing. James Hill, of EPIC, using the New York standards, explained the process in depth and the various mold species. The testing company's report reported results of "no concern" regarding mold. Mrs. Hershey asked how moisture is measured and was advised moisture detectors. Mrs. Davis asked for a copy of the report.

Mrs. Davis asked Mrs. Sessa to see if the Advanced Learning Center had any damage. She asked about FEMA reimbursement for Parts A and B. Mrs. Sessa explained there is an applicant briefing tomorrow at the County, however FEMA is very stretched at the moment due to all the hurricanes that have stricken Florida. Mrs. Davis thanked Mrs. Taytro for her ideas and asked staff to bring the ideas of the group back to the board.

Mrs. Hershey and Dr. Wilcox discussed the economic impact to school districts and the State holding back funds.

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

6. Approve Consent Agenda:*

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 04/05 FY Attendance Zones:* - NONE

B. Requests:*

1. Use of Facilities:* - NONE
2. Field Trips / Use of Buses / Vehicles:* (COPY ATTACHED)

C. Renewal Agreements:*

1. Approve Agreement between the School Board of Martin County and the YMCA of the Treasure Coast to Provide Childcare for Teen Parent Children Over the Age of Three (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Approve Contract between the Martin County School District and the Florida Department of Children and Families Contract #ZD049 for Prevention Services as a Result of the Prevention Partnership Grant Award (COPY ATTACHED)
3. Approve Health Science Agreement between the School Board of Martin County and Indian River Community College (COPY ATTACHED)

D. New Grants:*

1. Approve One-Time Emergency Supplemental Funding Request "Hurricane Frances Disaster Recovery" Grant for \$883,125.00 (COPY ATTACHED)

E. Renewal Grants:*

1. Approve 2005 Head Start Continuation Grant (COPY ATTACHED)

F. Personnel Items:*

1. Schedule of Personnel Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Leaves Authorized by the Superintendent (COPY ATTACHED)

8. Approve Long Range Planning Committee Rankings for New Middle School Site:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Mrs. Hershey moved approval of the Long Range Planning Committee rankings, Mrs. Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Hershey thanked the committee for their hard work.

9. Finance:*

Mrs. Shekailo moved approval of Item 9, Mrs. Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Purchase Orders / Contracts (COPY ATTACHED)**
- B. Approve General Fund Budget Amendment #05-101 (COPY ATTACHED)**

9. **Finance:*** (Con't)

- C. **Approve Capital Funds Budget Amendment #05-301** (COPY ATTACHED)
- D. **Approve Food Service Fund Budget Amendment #05-4101** (COPY ATTACHED)
- E. **Approve Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #05-4201** (COPY ATTACHED)
- F. **Approve Pension Trust Fund Budget Amendment #05-8701** (COPY ATTACHED)
- G. **Approve July 2004-2005 Monthly Financial Statement** (COPY ATTACHED)
- H. **Approve August 2004-2005 Monthly Financial Statement** (COPY ATTACHED)

10. **Construction:***

- A. **Discuss and Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for J. D. Parker School of Science, Math and Technology Replacement School** (COPY ATTACHED)

Mrs. Davis discussed the letter from Santos Construction Company. Mrs. Hershey explained Representative Machek would champion the cause for assistance in financing school shelter costs. She asked Mr. Osborne to provide the costs to upgrade schools used as shelter facilities. Mr. Osborne and Jerry Kelly reviewed the changes to the GMP from the GMP presented a week ago. Mr. Kelly, of Morganti, explained the final total of the GMP has been reduced to \$16,150,000, approximately \$300,000.00 lower than last week. At Mrs. Davis' interest, Mr. Kelly explained the areas that brought about the reduction such as masonry and dry wall costs. Mrs. Hershey supports the new GMP and does not feel the costs would decrease due to the rising costs of labor and materials and the lack of some supplies. Mrs. Hershey moved approval of the GMP, and Dr. Anderson seconded. Mrs. Gaylord commented on the costs and feels better knowing there is the opportunity for the district to receive funds back. The motion carried unanimously.

- ~~B. **Approve Contract Amendment for URS Corporation to Provide Professional Services for Chiller Enclosure at SeaWind Elementary School**—Rodger Osborne (Ex. to follow)~~
- ~~C. **Approve Contract for Pirtle Construction Company to Provide Construction Services to Install Chiller Enclosure at SeaWind Elementary School**—Rodger Osborne (Ex. to follow)~~

Mrs. Hershey made a motion to add Item 10-D-3 back on the agenda, Mrs. Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Dr. Anderson moved approval of 10-D-1 through 10-D-4, Mrs. Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. **Restoration of Pinewood Elementary School and Hurricane Recovery Efforts**

- 1. **Approve Emergency Contract Amendment for Architectural Services with ~~Song and Associates, Inc.~~ URS Corporation for Pinewood Elementary School** (COPY ATTACHED)
- 2. **Approve Emergency Contract Amendment with Pirtle Construction Company for Construction Services for Restoration of Pinewood Elementary School** (COPY ATTACHED)
- 3. **Approve Emergency Contract with Epic Response for Hurricane Recovery Efforts** (COPY ATTACHED)
- 4. **Approve Emergency Contract with LVI Services for Hurricane Recovery Efforts** (COPY ATTACHED)

11. **Approval of Recommended Changes in FY 2004/2005 School Calendar** (COPY ATTACHED)

Dr. Wilcox explained she would submit a Waiver Request to the Department of Education requesting a waiver of three school days due to the hurricanes. She reviewed potential days available to be used for make-up days and stressed the importance of selecting days that would provide the most educational benefit. She explained the final exams would remain scheduled for October 7 and 8, 2004. The FCAT makeup date has been moved back two weeks. Dr. Anderson moved approval of the make-up days as outlined in Exhibit 11 – page 4 of 5, Mrs. Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. **Update on District Hurricane Recovery - Item was moved to the Open to the Public portion of the agenda.**

13. **Open to the Board:***

Ms. Gillen

Explained Jensen Beach High School won their first football game this past weekend and reviewed upcoming school events.

Mrs. Shekailo

Thanked staff who stepped up under extraordinary circumstances surrounding Pinewood Elementary School. She rebutted the teachers who wrongfully accused board members of not being around the school to assist in getting the school up and running. She stated that she as well as Sue Hershey were in fact at the school helping to answer phone lines, move boxes and do anything asked by the Principal. She feels including the teachers in the crisis plan is a good idea.

Mrs. Gaylord

Just returned from Tallahassee and considers the district lucky considering the devastation caused by Hurricane Ivan.

Mrs. Hershey

Is proud of district staff and the foresight the Superintendent had putting a disaster and recovery plan in place. She also dispelled the rumor that there were no board members present at Pinewood Elementary School to help clean up; as she was in fact at the school everyday assisting in the move. She discussed the overcrowding issue and explained that Dr. Raffone and Dr. Hysmith spoke to the teachers about relocating to the new Port Salerno School and the teachers in fact elected to remain in the old media center unless they could remain together. Space was not available for all classes in the new Port Salerno School. She discussed the portables that were initially offered by the Department of Education and now that Ivan has hit, that option may not be available, however there may be some available in Palm Beach County. Mrs. Hershey further advised the district is to listen to the needs of the parents.

Mrs. Hershey asked about students having a snack in the afternoons and Dr. Wilcox explained parents have been asked from the beginning to send a snack with their child. Mrs. Hershey asked about bus routes and Dr. Wilcox commented. Mrs. Davis asked Mr. Sauls to address the seat belt issue.

Mrs. Hershey asked the Superintendent to implement a plan and procedure for when the Pinewood teachers reoccupy their rooms so they are not stuck with having to move at the last minute.

Mrs. Hershey reminded the Board of the Legislative Meeting Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Anderson

It is amazing the number of misconceptions that go around. He stated he visited each one of the Pinewood classrooms.

Mrs. Shekailo

Interjected that there was one classroom where there shouldn't have been children and district staff realized this prior to class beginning and moved the class to the new school. There were never any children placed within this classroom.

Dr. Wilcox

Stated she would recognize Willie Sauls as the new Transportation Director at another board meeting because he needed to leave. She again thanked everyone and detailed each individuals work.

Mrs. Davis

Thanked staff and the Superintendent for their work during the hurricane.

Mr. Salzler

On behalf of the staff, the Superintendent's leadership has been exceptional.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

CHAIR (Vicki Davis)

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