



**Special School Board Meeting, Public Hearing, and
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 2, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
Stuart, FL 34994**

Members Present

Susan Hershey – Chair
Lorie Shekailo – Vice-Chair
Dr. David Anderson
Laurie Gaylord
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent
Tom Elfers, School Board Attorney
Kristin Conrad, Student Representative (JBHS)

Members Absent

Nancy Kline

Staff Present

Tyson Villwock, Joe Flanagan, Don Merritt, Ginger Featherstone, Nancy Marin, Tracey Miller, Delores Calloway, Rae Hollelnbeck, Dr. Joyce Holmes, Darla Miloszewski, Rodger Osborne, Dr. Frank Raffone, Marshall Skinner, Jeff Carver, Gail Williams, Holly Laiben, Marilyn Gavitt, Debbie Vanover, Lisa Ridgewood

Public

Bill Ellis, Eileen Helfman, Natalie Lumus

Press

PBPost – Mike Bender Stuart News – Kelly Tyko
Out2.com- Richard Hall

MCEA – Jeanette Phillips

AFSCME – No Representation

Call to Order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT 2005-2006 TENTATIVE ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET AND MILLAGE LEVY

Darla Miloszewski, Executive Director of Finance, explained that the hearing would follow a script. She asked if each Board member had their script in front on them. They did. She explained that the millages would be voted on individually. Darla pointed out a few highlights. The Martin County School District spent just a little less per student than was brought in. The millage rate has gone down. A \$200,000 house with a \$25,000 homestead exemption will see a decrease of about \$51.10.

1. Open Public Hearing on proposed FY 2005-2006 Tentative Annual Budget

No one from the public requested to address the Board.

2. Read Resolution Determining Revenue and Millage Levied

Darla Miloszewski reviewed the rollback rate and read the Resolution Determining Revenue and Millage Levied into the record.

A. General Fund

1. Proposed Millage of

a. Required Local Effort of 4.681

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of the Required Local Effort, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

b. Discretionary of 0.510 mills

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of the Discretionary, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Supplemental Discretionary of 0.109

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of the Supplemental Discretionary, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

B. Capital Outlay

1. Proposed Millage of 2.000 mills

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of the Proposed Capital Outlay Millage, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **05/06 FY Attendance Zones:*** - (COPY ATTACHED)

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

- C. **New Agreements:***
 - 1. **Approve State of Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program 2005-2006 Statewide Provider Agreement between Early Learning Coalition of Martin County and Martin County School Board-**
(COPY ATTACHED)

- D. **Renewal Agreements:***
 - 1. **Approve Agreement between the School Board of Martin County, Florida and Martin Memorial Medical Center and Martin Memorial Hospital South-**(COPY ATTACHED)
 - 2. **Approve Commercial Lease Agreement between the Treasure Coast Square and the School Board of Martin County-**(COPY ATTACHED)
 - 3. **Approve Agreement between the School Board of Martin County, Florida and the YMCA of the Treasure Coast, Florida, Inc. –**
(COPY ATTACHED)

- E. **New Grants:*** None

- F. **Renewal Grants:*** None

- G. **Approve Disposal of Surplus Equipment:*** None

- H. **Personnel Items:***
 - 1. **Schedule of Personnel Recommendations** (COPY ATTACHED)

A new personnel recommendation was added, which added Kris Kerr as the Assistant Principal at JBE, and Dr. Sara A. Wilcox added Al Krueger as the new Assistant Principal at Stuart Middle School.

9. Items Removed from the Agenda:*

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox removed Item 13, Rule Revisions, replacing Item 13 with a Transportation Services agreement with St. Lucie County School Board.

10. Construction:*

Sue Hershey informed Board members that each item would be approved individually.

- A. **Approve Bill of Sale and Utility Easement to the Town of Jupiter Island for Utilities at Hobe Sound Elementary School-** (COPY ATTACHED)

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of Item 10-A, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

- B. **Approve Contract with the Morganti Group, Inc. to Include Pre-Construction Services for Phase One of Phased Construction Project at Murray Middle School-**(COPY ATTACHED)

Rodger Osborne explained that there was a human enhancement computer error. A correction had to be made on the Morganti contract. On the CM contract for Morganti for Murray Middle School, the amount should be \$55,000 total under compensation on the form. It had been entered in two places, which caused it to be \$110,000 instead of \$55,000. The contract was amended correcting the total compensation back to \$55,000.

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of the amended contract with the correction, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

- C. **Approve GMP for New Middle School AA Project –** (COPY ATTACHED)

The Guaranteed Maximum Price for Middle School “AA” provided by Pirtle Construction Company was \$33,446,609.

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 10-C, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

- D. **Approve Request to Release 100% Retainage for the Attached List of Subcontractors on Jensen Beach High School (High School AAA) Project-**
(COPY ATTACHED)

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 10-D, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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11. Finance:*

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 11, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

- A. **Approve Purchase Orders / Contracts – (COPY ATTACHED)**
- B. **Approve Mehlich, Roegiers, Goldin and Co. Contract to Perform Internal Audit-\$38,000- (COPY ATTACHED)**

12. Bid Recommendations:*

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 12, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. **Approval to Piggyback Coop Bid**
 - 1. **School District of Indian River County Milk Products Coop Bid SDIRC 2005-37-01-(COPY ATTACHED)**

Laurie Gaylord expressed her amazement at the consumption of low fat chocolate milk. It is the number one seller.

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 12, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

~~**13. Rule Revisions:*** (REMOVED FROM AGENDA)~~

- ~~A. **First Review and Approve Advertising per APA of 5610.01 Expulsion of Disabled Students**~~

+13. Transportation:* (REPLACED ORIGINAL ITEM 13-A)

- A. **Approve Transportation Services Agreement between the School Board of Martin County and St Lucie School District (COPY ATTACHED)**

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox explained that the contract with St. Lucie County School District was for St Lucie County to have use of 3 Martin County School District buses until the end of September. Martin County School District was just being a good neighbor and loaning them the buses. The buses were 1991 buses that were in good condition that were not being used. The vehicles must be returned in the same condition. Dr. David Anderson expressed his opinion and was in favor of helping other districts in the system.

Dr. David Anderson moved approval the Transportation Services agreement between the School Board of Martin County and St Lucie School District, Item 13-A, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

+14. Legislative Agenda:*

Sue Hershey asked Lorie Shekailo to take the lead on this issue. Lorie Shekailo informed the Board that FSBA has a deadline of August 12th to submit legislative proposals. The Board had previously discussed drafting a proposal for hardening costs and hurricane issues. She reminded all that the annual meeting with Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach Martin, and St Lucie counties to set legislative priorities was on August 12th. Vern Crawford, the Treasure Coast Lobbyist, told Lorie Shekailo he felt sure that the Treasure Coast group would submit a proposal to FSBA. Lorie stated she was looking for the Board's permission to work with Vern Crawford to draft a legislative proposal on hurricane preparedness, which would include hardening costs, operating costs, speeding up FEMA reimbursement, and regional special needs shelters. The subject came up if the Board wanted to include affordable housing for the workforce and fingerprinting issues. She asked the Board's approval to include these issues in the draft. The Board would not be meeting again before the deadline, so Lorie was asking for permission tonight. Sue Hershey reiterated Lorie's request asking the Board members if they conceptually agreed on these issues and if Lorie might proceed. Lorie stated that she hoped FSBA would include Martin County's proposal in their proposal, but it was possible that it may not happen. Dr. David Anderson asked how one would provide affordable housing when there was no affordable land. Sue Hershey explained that it would be a cooperative effort with the business community and looked on at a regional basis, using resources from every possible avenue. Lorie Shekailo was satisfied to wait for the annual meeting to see what was being submitted as a group on affordable housing, instead of drafting a specific one for Martin County. Lorie Shekailo said she would go ahead with the hurricane preparedness proposal and wait to see what Vern came up with in terms of affordable housing. If the Board wanted to submit the specific affordable housing, they could submit it on the 12th or go along with the legislative group. Vern also had ideas on the fingerprinting requirements created by the Jessica Lundsford Act. Lorie said the Board could do the same thing with this issue. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox stated that D.O.E. has not issued technical assistance on fingerprinting issues. She informed them that there would be a special session. She told Board members that Joy Frank had been working closely with legislative staffers and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on the language. Many groups are working on this. The effective date of the fingerprinting legislation is September 1st. Dr. Wilcox stated there is a huge variance in the interpretation of the Act. Lorie Shekailo was concerned on how the district would enforce the bill. She felt the bill went beyond what was reasonable. Board members questioned how they would pay for the fingerprinting. Lorie stated that what she was hearing from Board members was that she would draft the proposals for three issues with Vern Crawford. She would bring them on the 12th and fax them to FSBA on the 12th in terms of whether or not to submit them as Martin County. Board members agreed that was fine. Sue Hershey stated they did not need to vote on it.

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15. Open to the Board:*

Kristin Conrad

Stated that she was ready for school. She listed the meeting dates for open house and School Advisory Committee meetings at all the schools.

Laurie Gaylord

Attended the Head Start back to school orientation. She stated she was looking forward to the school year. She related how happy she was that the teacher's contract was settled.

Dr. David Anderson

Attended J.D. Parker's BBQ and opening of school. He announced the dates of football games. On 9/9/05 SFHS will play JBHS at JBHS. On 10/7/05 MCHS will play JBHS at MCHS.

Sue Hershey

Told Board members and the public that she had missed the last Board meeting because she was touring Africa. She told an anecdote about being in the middle of Africa on a dirt road and meeting a gentleman from Florida who kept his boat in Martin County. She attended J.D. Parker's BBQ and attended the regional conference. She complimented the bargaining team of MCEA and the District. She stated that it was a positive start for the school year. She mentioned that Board members would receive an evaluation form on Tom Elfers, the School Board Attorney. She requested that Dr. Sara A. Wilcox provide the Board with a breakdown of the budget for the attorney's office.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Recognized and congratulated Marilyn Gavitt, newly hired in ET. Marilyn introduced her husband Mark. Dr. Wilcox congratulated Jeff Carver as the new purchasing manager. Jeff recently became a certified public buyer. She recognized and congratulated Greg Hendricks, the new Athletic Director of MCHA. She recognized and congratulated Kris Kerr, the new Assistant Principal at JBE. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox reported that the District initiated Connect Ed. She thanked Cathy Brennan for the good job she had done helping the Superintendent record the message.

Sue Hershey

Was glad to see that we were promoting from within. She dissented to Martin County Utilities' plan to take eight months to pay back the over payment. She felt it was unfair for them to have the benefit of the funds for over a year. She would not support their proposed pay back distribution.

Laurie Gaylord

Reminded everyone that the ribbon cutting for Hobe Sound Elementary and J.D. Parker were tomorrow.

Lorie Shekailo

Started Sunshine State books for the middle schools. She congratulated the schools that earned the 5 Star School Award. She was thrilled about the teacher's contract. She invited all on 8/22/05 at 6:00 p.m. to a town meeting at Jensen Beach High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CHAIR (Sue Hershey)

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