



Special School Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 12, 2005 – 3:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
Stuart, FL 34994

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Staff Present

Rae Hollenbeck, Darla Miloszewski, Deana Newson, Rodger Osborne, Dr. Frank Raffone, Cathy Brennan, Ruth Pietruszewski

Public

None Present

Press

PBPost – Mike Bender

Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

MCEA – Jeanette Phillips

AFSCME – Lisa Edwards

Call to Order by the Chair at 3:35 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

1. Adoption of the Agenda:*

A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda

No additions, deletions, or amendments to the agenda were requested.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of the agenda, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

2. Open to the Public:*

No one from the public requested to address the Board.

3. Approve Reimbursement Resolution (COPY ATTACHED)

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox stated that the resolution was prepared by the law firm of Nabors, Giblin, & Nickerson, the firm that presented the COP and Possible Alternative Funding Workshop on August 2, 2005. Board members said they needed no discussion on the resolution, since they had their questions answered at the workshop.

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 3, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

4. Finance:*

A. Approve Purchase Orders/Contracts (COPY ATTACHED)

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 4, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

5. Construction:*

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 5, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

A. Approve Reduction in Retainage from 10% to 2% on Pinewood Elementary School (COPY ATTACHED)

B. Approve Purchase Order to T M Construction Specialists for Covered Play Area for Old Port Salerno Head Start (COPY ATTACHED)

C. Approve Purchase Order to Morrell Architectural Systems to Remove and Replace Metal Panels Damaged from Hurricane Jeanne at Indiantown Middle School (COPY ATTACHED)

D. Approve Purchase Order to Morrell Architectural Systems to Remove and Replace Metal Panels Damaged from Hurricane Jeanne for Stuart Middle School (COPY ATTACHED)

5. Construction:*(Con't)

E Approval to Reject all Bids for Fire Alarm System Modifications at Hidden Oaks Middle School and Indiantown Middle School, Bid #050535 (COPY ATTACHED)

6. Approve AFSCME Contract Agreement for 2005-2006:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Lisa Edwards, President of AFSCME, informed Board members that the vote was 569 for approval and only 7 no's. Employees were pleased with the contract.

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 6, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Approve MCEA Contract Agreement for 2005-2006:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Jeanette Phillips, President of MCEA, reported that the teachers voted 752 to 34 to ratify the 2005-2006 teacher contract and salary schedule, a 96% approval rate. Jeanette was pleased with the contract. She informed Board members that morale was high. The teachers were happy to go back to school with a contract. Jeanette expressed her appreciation to the negotiating team and hoped to repeat this process every year.

Laurie Gaylord moved approval of Item 7, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Approve 2005/2006 Salary Schedule Book:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 8, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Open to the Board:*

Laurie Gaylord

Stated that school started off great! She drove by Hobe Sound Elementary and saw all the children in their uniforms. She attended open house at South Fork High School. She attended the Hobe Sound Chamber meeting and bragged about Martin County School District being the best district in the state of Florida.

Kristin Conrad

Reported that the first week of school went well. Students began planning homecoming, and Student Government was planning elections.

Nancy Kline

Was thrilled that the District had settled contracts with both AFSCME and MCEA. She thanked everyone that participated on the negotiating team. She stated that the teachers exceed the Board's highest expectations. She thanked Rodger Osborne for opening the new schools right on time.

Lorie Shekailo

Expressed her gratitude for ratified contracts. She invited everyone to the town meeting on August 22nd at Jensen Beach High School. She was disturbed about a letter from a Jensen Beach resident and the issue will be addressed at the town meeting. Lorie felt the community should support the children.

Sue Hershey

Reiterated Lorie Shekailo's feelings about Jensen Beach High School's aesthetic value to the community. She was excited that healthy snack machines were installed at the Instructional Center.

Rae Hollenbeck

Gave an overview of the healthy vending machines and the success they have been at other locations. She said the selection of foods would include specialty salads, deli wraps, and subs. Food Service fills the machine themselves with the day's entrees.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Reported a smooth school opening. She thanked everyone. She stated that the principals and teachers have opening school down to a science. Sara stated that she has had only positive comments from the community on the beautiful buildings of the new schools. Dr. Wilcox informed Board members and the public that she was serious about starting negotiations in January this year, so that union reps would be able to take their vacations and leave having a contract. Dr. Wilcox expressed her excitement about Performance Matters software. Indian River County School District used the program last year and made tremendous gains. She feels it will be a wonderful tool. She stated it will show the District's strengths and show the District where to focus attention.

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9. Open to the Board:* (Con't)

Sue Hershey

Asked Tom Efers, School Board Attorney, if the Board needed to read the resolution into the record.

Tom Efers

Answered no to her question.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

CHAIR (Sue Hershey)

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