



**Special School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 3, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**School Board Meeting Room**  
**Stuart, FL 34994**

**Members Present**

Lorie Shekailo – Chair  
Laurie Gaylord-Vice-Chair  
Dr. David Anderson  
Susan Hershey  
Nancy Kline  
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent  
Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Ruth Pietruszewski, Rodger Osborne, Julie Sessa, Cathy Brennan, Deana Newson

**Public**

Jacki Jackson

**Press**

PBPost – Rachel Simonsen

Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

**MCEA** – Diane Falvo

**AFSCME** – Lisa Edwards

Call to Order by the Chair at 9:00 a.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**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**B. Approval of the Agenda**

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

**2. Open to the Public:\***

- Dianne Falvo, representing MCEA, made a joint recommendation from AFSCME and MCEA to waive the make-up days. She stated that Martin County School District was way above the instructional minutes required.
- Dr. Sara A. Wilcox informed Dianne Falvo that in the past the DOE would not consider a waiver unless the number of days missed exceeded three days. Dr. Wilcox explained how extremely important the work of our teachers and the time in the classroom are to our students.
- Dr. David Anderson agreed with the Superintendent.
- Jacki Jackson, Pre-School Director of Methodist Church in Palm City, discussed the Mega-Bash fundraiser. She was pleased that all the students would have the opportunity to attend this year, and she hoped that the Board would make a policy on this issue.

**3. Approve Hurricane Make-Up Days:\***

Laurie Gaylord stated that she wanted to put the students first. She remarked that she had heard from many parents who were concerned that their children would be cheated out of instructional time. Since MCEA and AFSCME were adamant about not using November 22<sup>nd</sup> for a make-up day, Laurie suggested using December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Sue Hershey stated this sounded reasonable, if there was no problem with transportation. Mrs. Hershey explained the importance of making up the days in the semester they were missed. Nancy Kline wanted to honor the employee's requests. Lorie Shekailo felt that if the Board chose December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> as the make-up days, consideration should be given to the families who made plans, especially accommodating exams. Lorie made a suggestion to combine the surveys of the two unions and make a compromise. Mrs. Hershey suggested keeping the exam schedule the same and make the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> the first two days of the next semester. Dr. Wilcox confirmed there is some turn around time each semester for the high schools. Dr. Wilcox stated that she would meet with principals to discuss how accommodations could be made for families who have made plans that can't be modified.

**3. Approve Hurricane Make-Up Days:\* (Con't)**

*Sue made a motion that students attend school December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> as make-up days.*

Sue Hershey continued to say that how those days would be used should be an educational decision.

*Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Approve Advertising for Construction Manager at Risk for Elementary "A":\***

*Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 4, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Approve Payment to Property Solutions for Crystal Lake Elementary  
Re-roof:\***

*Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 5, Laurie Gaylord seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**6. Open to the Board:\***

Nancy Kline

Felt that a policy should be in place concerning fundraising. Nancy communicated that the equity of students is important.

Sue Hershey

Felt that carnivals should be held before or after school, and all children should have the opportunity to attend.

Dr. David Anderson

Informed Board members that he and the Superintendent had corrected this same issue three years ago.

Lorie Shekailo

Stated that the problem came from the vendors. She stated that she could see how parents who bought twelve rolls of gift wrap for the purpose of their children attending the Mega-Bash, would be upset that all children got to go to the bash.

Laurie Gaylord

Brought up the problem that if the Mega-Bash were held after school, some children may not be able to attend because of transportation problems.

Nancy Kline

Expressed her gratitude to Jacki Jackson for making the Board aware of the Mega-Bash issue.

Sue Hershey

Suggested that Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney, review the School Board's Fundraising Policy with the School Board's cabinet members.

Dr. David Anderson

Showed sympathetic feelings for the PTA's problems, but stated children can not be allowed to sell in the community; it would put them in harms' way. He reminded Board members not to forget the United Way campaign. He informed them that the deadline was shortly.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

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**CHAIR (Lorie Shekailo)**

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