



**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
Stuart, FL 34994**

Members Present

Laurie Gaylord-Chair
Nancy Kline-Vice-Chair
Dr. David Anderson
Susan Hershey
Lorie Shekailo
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent
Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney
Austin Flinn, School Representative (SFHS)

Members Absent

Staff Present

Larry Green, Hank Salzler, Ray Parrish, Sig George, Delores Calloway, Rae Hollenbeck, Dr. Joyce Holmes, Ed Parker, Ruth Pietruszewski, Steve Weil, Darla Miloszewski, Deana Newson, Rodger Osborne, Teresa D’Albora, Willie Sauls, Julie Sessa, Marshall Skinner, Cathleen Brennan, Sean Lewis, Kerry Lewis, J. Lisle Bozeman, Garrett Grabowski, Ruth Stubbs, Linda King

Public

Kim Gutierrez, Amy Alpert, Nancy Lyons, Jason Riley, Bill Whiteford, Terry McCarthy Kevin Foley, Julianne Loree, Colleen Patterson, Mary Hutchinson

Press PBPost – Rachel Simonsen Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

MCEA – Dianne Falvo; Jeanette Phillips **AFSCME** – No Representation

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

Laurie Gaylord opened the meeting and stated that she had individuals in the audience she wished to introduce, Commissioner Mary Hutchinson from the City of Stuart, and Dan Morris from Sewall’s Point.

1. Adoption of the Agenda:*

A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox requested to add a presentation to the agenda on Item 14 regarding the Long Range Planning Committee’s recommendations for Elementary school boundaries. She called the Board’s attention to an updated personnel recommendation list, under Personnel Items on the Consent Agenda, Item 8-I-1. She explained that the items printed in red were the updated information.

B. Approval of the Agenda

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of the amended Agenda, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes:*

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of the 11/21/06 Special Reorganizational Board Meeting & Special Martin School Board Leasing Corporation Meeting & Regular School Board Meeting minutes, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Recognitions:*

A. Recognition of Retiree: Ruth Stubbs-32 years;

Dr. Sara Wilcox recognized Ruth Stubbs and summarized her career, stating that her service had been invaluable to students, staff, and the community. Ruth Stubbs spoke about the educational ladder. She stated, “We are what we live.” She stated, “I can, I will, I do” pull my students up the educational ladder. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, along with Laurie Gaylord and Dr. David Anderson presented Ruth with a plaque.

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4. Presentations:*

A. Presentation on Long Range Planning Committee's Recommendations for Elementary School Boundaries

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox had requested to add this presentation to the agenda. Kim Gutierrez, long-time Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, projected color maps on the screen in the Board room demonstrating the Long Range Planning Committee's recommendations. Board members reviewed the scenarios. Amy Alpert and Nancy Lyons, Long Range Planning Committee members, attended the meeting and supported the recommendations. Kim Gutierrez suggested that the name of the Long Range Planning Committee be changed. Laurie Gaylord felt the Board should consider a name change.

5. Open to the Public:*

- Dianne Falvo discussed the STAR proposal. She requested that the Board postpone action on this item.
- Julianne Loree, 12 year MCSD teacher and member of the MCEA negotiations team, spoke about the STAR plan.
- Colleen Patterson commended the Long Range Planning Committee. She expressed her concern over the capacity formula that staff has been using. She asked that the Board consider revising the formula.
- Nancy Lyons stated that this was her first time serving on the Long Range Planning Committee. She thanked Hank Salzler, MCSD staff, and the Educational Technology Department. She stated that she would like the Board to support the proposals. She stated that the committee tried to do what was right for all the children.
- Jason Riley expressed his unhappiness with moving Hibiscus Park students from Pinewood Elementary to SeaWind Elementary. He stated that he was currently gathering petitions to stop the move.
- Mary Hutchinson, Commissioner for the City of Stuart, stated how proud the City was of J.D. Parker Elementary school. She thanked Gail Newman, Principal, for doing a great job. She hoped the school would be utilized to capacity.

6. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda:*

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

7. Approve Consent Agenda:*

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of the consent agenda with the updated Personnel Recommendations, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 06/07 FY Attendance Zones:* - (COPY ATTACHED)

B. Requests:*

1. **Use of Facilities:*** (COPY ATTACHED)
2. **Field Trips / Use of Buses / Vehicles:*** (COPY ATTACHED)

C. New Agreements:*

1. **Approve Cooperative Financial Agreement between School Board of Martin County and Helping People Succeed, Inc.** (COPY ATTACHED)
2. **Approve Contract between School Board of Martin County and Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.** (COPY ATTACHED)

D. Renewal Agreements:*

1. **Approve Professional Services Contract between Martin County Health Department and the Martin County School District Head Start Program for Nursing Services** (COPY ATTACHED)

E. New Grants:* None

F. Renewal Grants:* None

G. Disposal of Surplus Equipment:* (COPY ATTACHED)

H. Head Start:*

1. **Approve November 20, 2006 Policy Council Minutes** (COPY ATTACHED)
2. **Approve Philosophy and Long and Short Range Program Goals** (COPY ATTACHED)
3. **Approve Written Policies on Management Systems and Procedures** (COPY ATTACHED)

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

I. Personnel Items:*

1. **Schedule of Personnel Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)**
2. **Leaves Authorized by the Superintendent (COPY ATTACHED)**
3. **Approve Salaries of Food and Nutritional Service Café Managers (COPY ATTACHED)**
4. **Approve Superintendent's Supplements (COPY ATTACHED)**
5. **Approve Extension of Temporary Accounting Personnel for Risk Management-Insurance and FEMA Recovery through 6/30/2007 (COPY ATTACHED)**

9. Items Removed from the Agenda:*

There were no items removed from the agenda.

10. Construction:*

Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 10, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. **Approve Change Order #001 for Reduction of GMP and Final Payment to Pirtle Construction for Demolition of Buildings 1, 2 & 3 at Spectrum Jr/Sr High (COPY ATTACHED)**
- B. **Approve Pirtle Construction Company Request of Reduction in Retainage from 5% to 1% for Listed Subcontractors and Reduction in Retainage from 5% to 0% for all other Subcontractors for AMS (COPY ATTACHED)**
- C. **Approve Bid Recommendation and Contract with Ocean Gate General Contractors, Inc. to Construct Elevator at Administration Building (COPY ATTACHED)**
- D. **Approve Temporary Access Easement for Construction of Fence at SFHS (COPY ATTACHED)**
- E. **Approve Certification for 2006-07 Classroom for Kids Program for Pinewood and SeaWind Elementary Projects and Associated Budget Amendments (COPY ATTACHED)**

11. Finance:*

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 11, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. **Approve Monthly Financial Statement-November 2006 (COPY ATTACHED)**
- B. **Approve General Fund Budget Amendment #07-103 (COPY ATTACHED)**
- C. **Approve Food Service Budget Amendment #07-4103 (COPY ATTACHED)**
- D. **Approve Capital Fund Budget Amendment #07-303 (COPY ATTACHED)**
- E. **Approve Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #07-4203 (COPY ATTACHED)**
- F. **Approve Audited Financial Statements for Clark Advanced Learning Center for Year Ended June 30, 2006 (COPY ATTACHED)**
- G. **Approve Audited Financial Statements for The Hope Center for Autism, Inc. for Year Ended June 30, 2006 (COPY ATTACHED)**
- H. **Approve Actuarial Report as of July 1, 2005 by Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company**
- I. **Approve Audited Financial Statements for the Education Foundation of Martin County (COPY ATTACHED)**
- J. **Approve Internal Auditor's Audit Report on Internal Funds for the Year Ending June 30, 2006:*(COPY ATTACHED)**

12. Bid Recommendations:*

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 12, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. **Approval to Award Bid**
 1. **Exotic Vegetation Removal, Treatment, Restoration, and Monitoring at Hobe Sound Elementary, MCSB Bid# 1003-0-2006/JC (COPY ATTACHED)**
- B. **Approval to Piggyback**
 1. **Palm Beach County School District's Bid #07C-8G for Audio Visual, Photography, and Language Lab Equipment and other Peripherals, including Repair, Parts, and Installation and/or Service (COPY ATTACHED)**
 2. **Volusia County Schools Bid # CL-582GH for Office Supplies (Catalog Discount Bid) (COPY ATTACHED)**
- C. **Approval to Renew Bid**
 1. **Fresh Delivered Pizza MCSB Bid# 1005-1-0-2005/JC (COPY ATTACHED)**

13. Approve the Proposed 2007-2008 Revised School Calendar:*(COPY ATTACHED)

Sue Hershey explained to the public that the start date had changed because of legislation. Laurie Gaylord suggested that make-up days be printed in bold. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox suggested making the make-up dates large on the calendars sent home with the students to call attention to them.

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 13, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Approve Long Range Planning Committee's Recommendations for Elementary School Boundaries:*
(COPY ATTACHED)

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 14, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously

15. Rule Revisions:*

Laurie Gaylord asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No one requested to address the Board.

A. Public Hearing on School Board Policy 5830 Fund Raising:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 15-A, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

16. Consider Housing Assistance and Development Agreement between Indiantown Holdings, LLC, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Indiantown Non-Profit Housing, Inc., and Indiantown Western Martin County Chamber of Commerce for the Village at Quillen Development
(COPY ATTACHED)

Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney, recommended rejection of the Housing Assistance and Development Agreement. Doug explained that a draft copy of the grant had not been submitted. The Board was uncomfortable with approving something they had not seen.

Lorie Shekailo made a motion to reject the Housing Assistance and Development Agreement, Sue Hershey seconded with discussion.

Board members asked if their rejection would in some way hinder their ability to apply for the grant. Doug answered that it would in no way would rejection interfere with their ability to apply. He continued to say that they only needed one public participant, and the County had already approved.

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0 in favor of rejection.

17. Approve the STAR Plan:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Doug Griffin explained to Board members if they did not approve the STAR plan, they would still be required to do performance pay and would have to fund it themselves. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox stated that she did not want to leave \$1 million on the table that could go to our teachers. The Superintendent said that she had learned unexpectedly at the state School Board meeting she had attended to accept the WES Blue Ribbon School Award that Martin County's STAR Plan had just been approved by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education only approved 4 districts in the state. Doug Griffin outlined the deadlines, the tentative plan by 12/31/06 and the final adopted by 3/1/07. Doug recommended that the Board adopt the STAR Plan as presented. Because of the union's course of action and delays, if the Board did not approve the plan, the deadline could not be met. Sue Hershey stated there was not much choice, since statutory requirements mandated that a plan be submitted by 12/31/06 or fund performance pay out of the District's dollars.

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of the STAR plan to be sent forward to Tallahassee with the provisions that if we can come back and negotiate we will consider doing those things, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Doug Griffin requested a two minute recess, so he could consult with Laurie Gaylord. Laurie Gaylord recessed the meeting for two minutes.

18. Open to the Board:*

A. Discuss and Approve School Board Committee Appointments:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 18-A, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Terry McCarthy requested that someone from Quillen Development be allowed to address the Board. Laurie Gaylord granted his request, and said they would be given 5 minutes to address the Board.

- Terry McCarthy, representing Indiantown Holdings, LLC, asked Board members to reconsider being on the Housing Assistance and Development Agreement. He was happy that the State of Florida was finally doing something about work force housing. He explained that the state had come up with the CWHIP concept. He said it is their intent to devote 20% of the Quillen project to workforce housing. He said they must make a joint application with as many public entities as possible. He explained that was the reason they had asked the School Board to participate. The urgency was that the first applications were due December 15th.
- Bill Whiteford, representing Indiantown Holdings, the Quillen Project, informed the Board it is not mandatory for the School Board to participate for them to apply for the funding, but it is a competitive process and the Board's participation would be beneficial. The more public/private partnerships they can establish will make them stand out and help win this grant for this project for Martin County.
- Kevin Foley, partner in Quillen, has heard every year that something must be done for affordable workforce housing. His group decided to designate 20% of the project for workforce housing. He felt it would give them the competitive edge having the School Board endorsement. He explained that there is \$50 million being made available in 10 chunks of \$5 million. His group is going after one of those \$5 million.

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

Sue Hershey

Stated she would have no problem signing a letter as an attachment supporting workforce housing, but she could not support it the way it read or without seeing the grant. She said the School Board paid a lot of attention to Indiantown way before Quillen and Centex. She continued to say that the School Board has put their money and best teachers out in Indiantown.

Nancy Kline

Agreed that she would support a letter as an attachment to advocate for workforce housing, but she too was not comfortable with the document.

Dr. David Anderson

Agreed and took the recommendation of the School Board Attorney, because he explained that not seeing the grant the Board had no idea what was in it. He stated that he didn't have a problem with supporting a letter.

Austin Flinn

Reported that the word of the day was "feigned," which means pretend. A winter/holiday concert would be held at SFHS auditorium on December 14th at 7:00 p.m. He informed the Board that JBHS classes adopted 26 White Dove families, and the Red Cross Club adopted all the children at Gertrude Walden Child Care Center. JBHS collected approximately 2500 cans of food for the annual canned food drive. He congratulated the Pathfinder nominees.

Nancy Kline

Requested Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney, bring forth a written policy concerning club and activity status.

Lorie Shekailo

Congratulated all the Pathfinder nominees. She wished everyone Happy Holidays! She congratulated Warfield Elementary School for earning the Blue Ribbon School Award. She stated that this achievement underscored the attention the School Board has paid Indiantown. She felt the Volunteer Holiday luncheon was great. She thanked Lisa Edwards for the invitation to the AFCSME Christmas party. She and her husband enjoyed the party.

Sue Hershey

Enjoyed the AFSCME party and the Holiday Bus. She wished all a happy and safe holiday.

Dr. David Anderson

Talked about the facilities trips.

Sue Hershey

Requested that the status of the roads for the new elementary "A" school be checked on.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Wished everyone Happy Holidays. She stated that she enjoyed the Holiday Bus and thanked everyone for all they do.

Laurie Gaylord

Stated that the holiday bus was fun. She looked forward to the Opus and other concerts. She wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Lorie Shekailo

Invited everyone to the town meeting at Langford Park. Doug Smith and she would both be speaking.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Lorie Shekailo adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)

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