



**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2007 – 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**

Austin Flinn, School Representative (SFHS)

**Staff Present**

Hank Salzler, Delores Calloway, Rae Hollenbeck, Dr. Joyce Holmes, Ruth Pietruszewski, Steve Weil, Darla Miloszewski, Gail Williams, Rodger Osborne, Teresa D'Albora, Julie Sessa, Marshall Skinner, Virginia Skinner, Cathleen Brennan, J. Lisle Bozeman, Garrett Grabowski, Linda King, Ginger Featherstone, Ken Featherstone, Pat Schmoyer, Lorene Francesceni, Ivy Menken, Mike Chatham, Darla Miloszewski, Jeff Limber, Betty Hickox, Barbara Anderson, Gary Townsend, Sharon Greenlees, Lynda Swift, Joanne Aumann, Lynette Walker, Kim Hubbard, Elizabeth Feldman, Lyn Geraghty, Peggy Dow, Helen Hanna, Frank Goldsmith

**Public**

Bill Summers, Bonnie Landry, Lisa Rhodes, Dr. Thomas Fullman

**Press** PBPost – Rachel Simonsen      Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

**MCEA** – Dianne Falvo; Jeanette Phillips      **AFSCME** – Lisa Edwards

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

**1. Adoption of the Agenda:\***

**A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda**

**B. Approval of the Agenda**

*Nancy Kline moved approval of the Agenda, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**2. Approval of the Minutes:\***

*Dr. David Anderson moved approval of the 12/12/06 Regular School Board Meeting minutes, the 12/12/06 Head Start Program Governance Workshop minutes, and the 1/9/07 School Concurrency Workshop minutes, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**3. Recognitions:\***

**A. Recognition of Council for Exceptional Children 2006 Principal of the Year; Loreen Francesceni, Principal of Warfield Elementary School**

Dr. Joyce Holmes introduced Lynn Nagata, who was from the Council of Exceptional Children. Lynn Nagata explained that CEC was an international organization dedicated to advocating for the educational needs of exceptional students ranging from the severely mentally handicapped to the gifted. The organization awards individuals who have been exemplary in making a positive difference in the education of exceptional children. Lynn gave an overview of Loreen Francesceni's superb accomplishments. She honored Loreen with the Council for Exception Children's 2006 Principal of the Year award. The staff at WES was also recognized.

**B. Recognition of WES for Blue Ribbon School Award**

Hank Salzler stated that now whenever he calls Loreen Francesceni, he asks her what award did the school win this week. He said it seemed like they won an award every week. Hank expressed his pride for Warfield Elementary School for being chosen by the U.S. DOE as a 2006 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon school. He reported that it was only one of seven public schools to be recognized in the State of Florida. He explained that this prestigious award honors public schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. He stated that WES did both. Margaret Spellings, the U.S. D.O.E. Secretary of Education, in a letter, stated that "your school was chosen for this award because of its efforts to ensure that every child learns, and that no

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**3. Recognitions:\* (Con't)**

**B. Recognition of WES for Blue Ribbon School Award (Con't)**

child is left behind, and it is a national model of excellence from which others can learn.” Loreen Francescani, along with teacher Lynnette Hallonquist, traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the award. Hank asked Loreen to step forward and introduce the WES staff. Staff from WES stood and were recognized.

**4. Presentations:\***

**A. Update on Career Technical Education Programs (COPY ATTACHED)**

Marshall Skinner presented enrollment statistics to Board members to give them a snapshot of who’s attending the programs. He had asked staff to present information to the Board on various programs. Vocational teachers gave presentations on the career technical education programs and provided hand-outs to the Board. Teachers described a new concept that would allow students to earn honor level credits.

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

- Bill Summers had run out of time speaking at “Open to the Public” at the 5:00 p.m. workshop preceding the Board meeting. He told Board members he would finish his topic at the 7:00 p.m. Board meeting. He reported that the developing costs of the three Indiantown projects would total about \$20 million. He stated that this cost would either be paid by the developer or by the taxpayers of Martin County. He stated that he was tired of subsidizing developers. He assumed that a state-wide formula would shortly be adopted by the state, and requested the Board not sign a letter of no objection until the formula was put into effect. He verbalized that builders won’t built tomorrow because of the poor real estate market, but they wanted to get approved before the formula got adopted.
- Bonnie Landry, resident of Stuart, encouraged Board members to lobby and advocate for local control. She remarked that Ken Pruitt supported this thought.
- Dr. Thomas Fullman, 40-year Treasure Coast resident, stated he was impressed with the School Board. He agreed with the Vocational presentations bottom-up with support from the top philosophy. He discussed concurrency and aspects of legislation. He asked the Board to take time to ask the community for expertise in areas such as growth management and economics. He asked that they learn what the community envisioned. He requested that they think what is best for the children, because the culture would try to advise them differently.
- Jeanette Phillips, fourth grade teacher at Bessey Creek Elementary, told Board members that the teachers would like high-caliber cutting-edge training topics offered at the mandatory in-service. She suggested that the training be school-site based, and that the teachers make decisions on the topics needed.
- Dianne Falvo, MCEA representative, had two items she requested to be removed from the agenda. She felt they were both items that needed to be bargained with the union. The items were: the Head Start Employee Agreement of Good Conduct, page 11, Item 8-H-3 on the Consent Agenda; and Item 17, Strategic Plan for 2006-2009. Dianne proceeded to say she was putting the Board on notice.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox asked Delores Calloway if there was immediacy for getting the Head Start Employee Agreement approved. Laurie Gaylord stated that there were federal guidelines with Head Start. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox asked if the Head Start document could be brought back at the Special Board meeting on 1/23/07. Sue Hershey explained that Head Start has many policy guidelines. Sue Hershey requested that this discussion on Head Start be reflected in the minutes. Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney, advised that both items could be removed from the agenda. Laurie Gaylord suggested both items be removed but be brought back at the Special Board meeting next week.

**6. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda:\***

Dianne Falvo, MCEA representative, while speaking at “Open to the Public,” requested the removal of Item 8-H-3, page 11, the Head Start Employee Agreement of Good Conduct.

Lorie Shekailo made a motion to remove just page 11 in Item 8-H-3, the Head Start Employee Agreement of Good Conduct, Sue Hershey seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

**7. Approve Consent Agenda:\***

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

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. 06/07 FY Attendance Zones:\* - None**

**B. Requests:\***

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

C. New Agreements:\*

1. ~~Approve Interlocal Agreement between the School Board of Martin County and the Martin County Board of County Commissioners Concerning Joint Use of Recreational Facilities~~ ~~Rodger Osborne~~ (REMOVED FROM AGENDA)
2. Approve Agreement for the Establishment of an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Martin County High School (COPY ATTACHED)

D. Renewal Agreements:\* None

E. New Grants:\* None

F. Renewal Grants:\*

1. Approve Camp W.E.T. for \$49,620

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

H. Head Start:\*

1. Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Policies & Procedures for Program Governance (COPY ATTACHED)
3. Fiscal Procedures (COPY ATTACHED) (Page 11,8-H-3-REMOVED FROM AGENDA)

Page 11 of Item 8-H-3, Employee Agreement of Good Conduct, was removed from the Consent Agenda.

I. Personnel Items:\*

1. Schedule of Personnel Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Leaves Authorized by the Superintendent
  - a. Professional Leave Only (COPY ATTACHED)
  - b. Professional Leave, Travel, and Per Diem (COPY ATTACHED)
3. New Job Description-Printer-Offset Press Operator (COPY ATTACHED)
4. Revised Job Description-Maintenance Manager (COPY ATTACHED)
5. Revised Selected Salaries to Meet Minimum Wage Requirement and Revised High School Camp Counselors Salaries (COPY ATTACHED)

9. Items Removed from the Agenda:\* None

10. Construction:\*

*Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 10, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

- A. Approve Transfer of Water and Waste Water Distribution System from Dr. David L. Anderson Middle School to Martin County (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Conceptual Design for Martin County High School Cafeteria, Murray Middle School 2-Story Classroom Building and Stuart Middle School 2-Story Classroom Building (COPY ATTACHED)

Julie Sessa showed a floor plan and discussed the design. A brief presentation was given. Sue Hershey suggested the group take a bus and visit all the new construction.

- C. Approve Negotiations with The Morganti Group, Inc. for Pre-Construction Services for Phase II (2-Story Classroom Building) at Murray Middle School (COPY ATTACHED)

11. Finance:\*

*Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 11, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

- A. Approve Purchase Orders / Contracts (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Capital Fund Budget Amendment 07-304 (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approve Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment 07-4204 (COPY ATTACHED)
- D. Approve Food Service Fund Budget Amendment 07-4104 (COPY ATTACHED)
- E. Approve General Fund Budget Amendment 07-104 (COPY ATTACHED)
- F. Approve Monthly Financial Statements-December 2006 (COPY ATTACHED)
- G. Approve Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment 07-202 (COPY ATTACHED)
- H. Approve the Martin County School Board Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 (COPY ATTACHED)

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**12. Bid Recommendations:\***

*Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 12, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

- A. Approval to Award Bid**
  - 1. **Two-Color Offset Printing Press and Digital Plate Setting System-Bid # 1005-0-2006/EDP (COPY ATTACHED)**
- B. Approval to Renew Bid**
  - 1. **Sealcoating Parking/Drive Areas Bid # 1008-0-2005/JK (COPY ATTACHED)**
- C. Approval to Piggyback**
  - 1. **School District of Manatee Bid # 07-0035-ML for Food Service Large Equipment (COPY ATTACHED)**
- D. Approval to Extend Piggyback**
  - 1. **Palm Beach County Schools Bid #01C-107JZ for the Purchase of A/C Equipment and OEM Parts (COPY ATTACHED)**

**13. Approve Environmental Studies Center Day Camp 2007:\*** (COPY ATTACHED)

*Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 13, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**14. Approve Choice Options for the 2007/2008 School Year:\*** (COPY ATTACHED)

Hank Salzler stated that there were very few changes. Grandfathering was implemented for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students because of the redistricting in the elementary schools. The grandfathering clause was removed at the middle schools. Students at SFHS would be permitted to attend either of the other two high schools. Students at MCHS would be allowed to attend JBHS. Students wishing to exit JBHS were required to go through a signature program. He stated that the rest remained the same.

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

**15. Approve the Hope Center for Autism 2005-06 Charter School Annual Report:\***  
(COPY ATTACHED)

*Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 15, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**16. Approve the Clark Advanced Learning Center 2005-06 Charter School Annual Report:\***  
(COPY ATTACHED)

*Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 16, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**17. Approve Strategic Plan for 2006-2009:\*** (COPY ATTACHED)

Doug Griffin brought to the Board's attention that this was the item Dianne Falvo had requested to be removed from the agenda. He explained that the strategic plan was not by itself an implementing document. He continued to say that all the Board was doing was setting their goals as an organization. He explained that any number of those goals might be impacted by bargaining and might impede their ability to satisfy them or not. He stated that the Board still had the right to set their goals, and felt it was their inherent managerial right. In his opinion, he felt the Board did have the right to act on it at this meeting tonight.

*Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 17, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**18. Approve Retrofit Cabling Project for Palm City Elementary:\***

*Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 18, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**19. Rule Revisions:\***

*Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 19, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

- A. First Review and Approve Advertising per APA on School Board Rules:\***
  - 1. **Policy 3322-Administrative Salary**
  - 2. **Policy 5730-Clubs and Organizations**

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

- A. Reschedule April 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Laurie Gaylord explained that the April 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting conflicted with the NSBA meeting.

*Nancy Kline motioned to reschedule the April 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to April 10<sup>th</sup>, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Sue Hershey

Mentioned that she received notice about volunteers of the year. She enjoyed the Joint Meeting between the City of Stuart, the Board of County Commissioners, and the School Board.

Lorie Shekailo

Agreed that she too enjoyed the Joint Meeting. She agreed with Sue's opinion on the Russell Holloway track meet, and that the School Board could not justify the expenditures. She announced that Laurie Gaylord and she were headed to Gainesville on Wednesday to attend the school finance training.

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

Nancy Kline

Was pleased that the legislative agenda advocated for early childhood and VPK. She was pleased that the new cafeteria at WES was up and running. She announced that the Early Learning Coalition's open house would be from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2007. The office is located on Central Parkway across from the Palm Beach Post building.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Recognized Dr. Joyce Holmes, Marshall Skinner, ET, and school board staff and congratulated them for the highest graduation rate and lowest drop-out rate in the state of Florida. She informed Board members that the district was still working on Class Size Reduction. She wanted to try to receive maximum credit for co-teaching. She reported that she visited MMS cafeteria and observed the finger scanning. She conveyed that the Orlando Sentinel came to the school last week and did a story on the finger scanning. She spoke on Performance Matters and explained that staff development on Performance Matters is on-going.

Lorie Shekailo

Stated that she appreciated the tentative agenda being sent by e-mail.

Laurie Gaylord

Visited the cafeteria and spoke with the students. She related that the lunch line was moving faster.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Lorie Shekailo adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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**CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)**

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