



High School Transition to Success Workshop Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 2007 – 6:00 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

Members Absent

Staff Present

Ruth Pietruszewski, Henry Salzler, Cathleen Brennan, Ginger Featherstone, Pat Schmoyer, Mary McWilliams, Bev Uhl, Ray Parrish, Delores Calloway, Willie Sauls

Public

Press PBPost – Rachel Simonsen Stuart News- Kelly Tyko

MCEA – No representation **AFSCME** – No representation

Call to order by the Chairman and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

1. Presentation and Discussion of High School Transition to Success (COPY ATTACHED)

Ginger Featherstone, Principal of JBHS, showed a PowerPoint presentation and explained the concept of summer academies to help lower-performing students transition from middle to high school and improve achievement. The program would be offered at each of the School District's high schools. Besides the academic benefits of this program, incoming freshmen would have a chance to get accustomed to their new school. The program would operate from June 4th to June 22nd, 15 days, for four hours per day. Students testing poor in math would be targeted first, followed by students needing help in reading. Transportation would be provided for students attending the academies running from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Board members asked questions. Sue Hershey asked how many students would be offered the program. Hank Salzler said that approximately 300 students would be eligible, and he expected probably 140 to 180 would be interested in participating. Teresa D'Albora, MCSD Director of School Improvement and Curriculum, recommended the program. She stated that it had been successful in her former school district, Indian River County. Sue Hershey asked how the program would be funded. Hank provided the Board with a cost analysis. The intent was to eliminate summer school at Spectrum and have those students attend their home school for their summer school. Hank stated that the District would like to pilot the program this year. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox suggested weaving study skills into the program. Sue Hershey wondered how Martin County School District could afford the program and other districts could not. Hank answered that supplemental academic instructional funds would be used for the program. A parent meeting will be planned to explain the new program, and the press has offered assistance in printing the invitation. Dr. David Anderson thought the number of students interested would be high because the program was starting at the beginning of June. Sue Hershey reminded all that this year students will have a longer summer because of the calendar change. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox expressed her excitement about reaching and helping more students.

2. Open to the Public

No one from the public requested to speak.

3. Open to the Board

Board members chose to wait until the following Regular School Board meeting to do "Open to the Board."

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)

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