



Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 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

Staff Present

Hank Salzler, Ruth Pietruszewski, Joe Flanagan, Gail Olsen, Joan Gibbons, Debbie Henderson, Ginger Featherstone, Al Fabrizio, Joan Hunt, Tyson Villwock, Tracey Miller, Pat Schmoyer, Mary McWilliams, Bev Uhl, Ray Parrish, Lorene Francesciani, Ed Parker, Darla Miloszewski, Deana Newson, Rodger Osborne, Willie Sauls, Julie Sessa, Marsahll Skinner, Betty Hickox, Ken Featherstone, Lori Miller, Linda King, Garrett Grabowski, Chad Garland, Javier Saurez, Michael Sawtelle, Michael Thurman

Public

Bill Summers, Richard Poole, Jane Logan, Marc Brody, Bill Armband, Michael Simms, Kenneth Bell, Michael MacDonald, James Brady, Regina Jones, Mike Bruno, Jodi Oliveria, Ronald French, Donald Doscher

Press PBPPost – 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.

Laurie Gaylord stated that it was not protocol, but she would open this meeting with a quote. She reminded everyone that she made her living by teaching listening. She opened the meeting with a quote from Larry King, “I remind myself every morning, nothing I say this day will teach me anything, so if I’m going to learn, I must do it by listening.”

1. Adoption of the Agenda:*

A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox requested to add two field trips to the Consent Agenda, Item 8-B-2. She called the Board’s attention to an updated Item 15, Public Hearing to consider resolution 2006/2007-1 and application to retain exclusive authority to authorize Charter Schools within the geographic boundaries of the district.

B. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes:*

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of the 1/16/07 Joint Meeting between the Board of County Commissioners, the Martin County School Board, and the City of Stuart minutes, 1/16/07 Naming of Schools Workshop minutes, 1/16/07 Impact Fee Workshop minutes, 1/16/07 Regular School Board Meeting minutes, and the 1/23/07 Special School Board Meeting minutes, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Recognitions:*

A. Recognition of the 2006-2007 Martin County Teacher of the Year Candidates

Tyson Vilwock, representing MCASA, recognized the Teacher of the Year candidates from each school site. He announced the winner of the 2006-2007 Martin County Teacher of the Year, Carol Matthews O’Connor, teacher at Warfield Elementary School. Carol O’Connor addressed the Board, and said she would represent the Board and her profession with pride.

3. Recognitions:* (Con't)

B. Recognition of Martin County Parks & Recreation Russell Holloway Elementary Track and Field Day Winners Overall Champion-Felix A. Williams Elementary; and Cheryl Hubbard Sportsmanship Trophy Winner-SeaWind Elementary

Delores Calloway, Executive Director of Instructional Services, presented a certificate to Greg Bradley, Coach for Felix A. Williams Elementary School, and Gordon Lang, Coach from SeaWind Elementary School. Larry Green, Principal of SWE and coordinator of the Russell Holloway track meet, explained that the Cheryl Hubbard Sportsmanship award was named after a deceased elementary teacher at PCE, and the winner was selected by the Martin County Parks & Recreation Department. The Russell Holloway trophy travels from school to school depending on who wins. The Russell Holloway track meet was named after a student who after college stardom came back to Martin County to coach and died tragically. Dr. Mark Lively, local orthodontist, supplied every athlete with a shirt and pledged to donate the shirts every year in the future. The donation valued approximately \$3,000.00. Larry thanked all volunteers, Administrators, Board members, the Superintendent, coaches, staff, and local citizens.

C. Recognition of 2006-2007 SFHS BULLDOGS Boys' Golf Team and Girls' Cross Country

Pat Schmoyer, Principal of SFHS, and Chad Garland, Athletic Director of SFHS, recognized the teams, coaches, and parents of the athletes. Ken Featherstone gave an overview of the golfers and recognized them for their accomplishments.

D. Recognition of 2006-2007 JBHS FALCONS Girls' Volleyball Team, Girls' Golf Team, and Girls' Cross Country Team

Ginger Featherstone, Principal of JBHS, recognized the teams, coaches, and parents of the athletes. The coaches, Michael Sawtelle, Lori Miller, and Mike Thurman reviewed the athlete's accomplishments and awards.

4. Presentations:* None

5. Open to the Public:*

- Mike Bruno stated that he had known Rhonda Daily for one month through Little League, and that she was the first one to volunteer as the team mom. He hoped the Board would take favorable action.
- Regina Jones, PWE parent, stated that Rhonda Daily had shared her experiences in Australia with the children. She felt this could have been turned into a beneficial event. She shared how Rhonda's absence has had negative effects on the children and asked if the Board could allow Rhonda Daily to return to the classroom until a decision was made on the disciplinary matter.
- Bill Summers, Martin County resident, urged the Board not to proceed with haste until the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council formula went through the DCA process. He advised the Board not to issue a letter of "no objection" on the Indiantown projects. He stated that he had calculations on Centex projects in Indiantown, and he would fax those to the Superintendent's office. He asked the Superintendent to distribute those figures to the Board members when she received them. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox agreed to distribute them. (COPY ATTACHED)
- Dianne Falvo, Treasure Coast Service Unit Director, spoke of behalf of MCEA. She discussed a STAR Assessment Development Plan and requested that this be rescinded immediately. She requested that in Exhibit 8-I-3, on page 14 of 16, Item 3 be deleted. She mentioned that she requested the Head Start Employee Agreement of Good Conduct come forth to be bargained. Dianne requested that it be put on record, prior to MCEA taking any further action, that they are making a third demand to bargain this policy. If MCEA does not hear from the Board on this issue, to go to the table to try to come up with some definitions on the portions they believe fall under Chapter 447, then they will be forced to take appropriate action.
- James Brady, MCSD parent, expressed his concern about Rhonda Daily's absence from the classroom.
- Reverend Ronald French spoke on behalf of Rhonda Daily. He felt there should be a penalty for her breaking the rules, but consideration should be given because she was a proficient teacher, well organized, and efficient.
- Richard Poole addressed the morale and leadership at the MCSD Transportation Department.
- Jane Logan portrayed herself as the perfect FCAT parent, who has her students go to bed early and eat poached eggs. She discussed FCAT incentives and will share her ideas with Representative William Snyder.
- Michael MacDonald asked Board members to delay making a decision and removing Rhonda Daily from the classroom until the end of this school year.

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5. Open to the Public:* (Con't)

- Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney, explained that the Board must follow a statutory process.
- Donald Doscher spoke on behalf of Rhonda Daily. He had been a co-worker at one time and said Rhonda was dedicated.
- Marc Brody, Director of Education with AFSCME Florida Council 79 and chief negotiator, spoke for the MCSD Transportation Department and brought forth their concerns. He reported that Lisa Edwards, local President of AFSCME, had sent a letter to the Superintendent and the Board outlining concerns. He requested that the Board review the issues thoroughly.
- Kenneth Bell voiced his opinion and described the effects that Rhonda Daily's absence had on the children in her classroom.
- Bill Armand expressed his ideas on how overtime should be handled in the Transportation Department.
- Jodi Oliveria, parent of a former student, spoke on Rhonda Daily's behalf.
- Michael Simms spoke about leadership and the importance of putting qualified teachers in the classroom. He praised Victoria Defenthaler, stating she was a compassionate leader.

6. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda:*

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox removed Item 8-I-3, page 14 of 16, for discussion.

Board members discussed the child abuse reporting language and determined the language would have to be revised to comply with the law. Number 3 of the procedure for reporting child abuse on page 14 would be removed from the procedure.

Nancy Kline made a motion to correct the language on Item 8-I-3 with the removal of number 3 of the procedure on page 14 of 16, Dr. David Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Approve Consent Agenda:*

Sue Hershey moved approval of the Consent Agenda with the correction to Item 8-I-3, Dr. David Anderson 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)
- C. **New Agreements:*** None
- D. **Renewal Agreements:***
 - 1. **Approve Interagency Agreement between the School Board of Martin County, Florida and HPS, Helping People Succeed, Inc.** (COPY ATTACHED)
 - 2. **Approve Charter School Agreement between The Hope Center for Autism, Inc. and the School Board of Martin County** (COPY ATTACHED)
 - 3. **Approve Collaborative Agreement between Martin County Board of County Commissioners, the Martin County School District, and the Children's Services Council of Martin County** (COPY ATTACHED)
- E. **Addenda Agreements:***
 - 1. **Approve Agreement between Martin Memorial Medical Center, Inc. and the School Board of Martin County** (COPY ATTACHED)
- F. **New Grants:*** None
- G. **Renewal Grants:*** None
- H. **Disposal of Surplus Equipment:*** (COPY ATTACHED)
- I. **Head Start:*-**
 - 1. **Policy Council Minutes, January 22, 2007** (COPY ATTACHED)
 - 2. **Human Resources Management Systems & Procedures** (COPY ATTACHED)
 - 3. **Personnel Policies and Procedures** (COPY ATTACHED)

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8. CONSENT AGENDA

J. Personnel Items:*

1. Schedule of Personnel Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)
2. Leaves Authorized by the Superintendent (COPY ATTACHED)

9. Items Removed from the Agenda:* None

10. Construction:*

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 10, Nancy Kline seconded with discussion.

Nancy said that she was excited BRPH was chosen as the architect

The motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Additional Architectural Services with Florida Architects, Inc. for Educational Technology Department at Instructional Center (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Contract to BRPH Architects-Engineers, Inc. as Architect for Phased Construction Project at Pinewood Elementary (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approve Contract to BRPH Architects-Engineers, Inc. as Architect for Phased Construction Project at SeaWind Elementary (COPY ATTACHED)

11. Finance:*

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

- A. Approve Purchase Orders / Contracts (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Monthly Financial Statements-January 2007 (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approve Food Service Fund Budget Amendment #07-4105 (COPY ATTACHED)
- D. Approve Pension Trust Fund Budget Amendment #07-8701 (COPY ATTACHED)
- E. Approve Special Revenue Fund Budget Amendment #07-4205 (COPY ATTACHED)
- F. Approve Debt Service Fund Budget Amendment #07-203 (COPY ATTACHED)
- G. Approve General Fund Budget Amendment #07-105 (COPY ATTACHED)
- H. Approve Capital Fund Budget Amendment #07-305 (COPY ATTACHED)
- I. Approve Resolution of Intent to Participate in Section 212.12 F.S. Classroom Technology Purchases and Training (COPY ATTACHED)
- J. Accept Northern Trust Investment, N.A., Quarterly Portfolio Review for December 31, 2006 (COPY ATTACHED)

12. Bid Recommendations:*

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

- A. Approval to Piggyback
 1. Volusia County Schools Bid #CL-722KP-Teaching Aids, Equipment & Supplies % Discount (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approval to Renew RFP
 1. Records Management Services RFP #00-5002-JK (COPY ATTACHED)

13. Approve Updated 2006 SCERMP Revised Bylaws:* (COPY ATTACHED)

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

14. Approve Updated High School Major Areas of Interest:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 14, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. Public Hearing to Consider Resolution 2006/2007-1 and Application to Retain Exclusive Authority to Authorize Charter Schools within the Geographic Boundaries of the District:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Laurie Gaylord asked if anyone from the public wished to speak on Item 15. No one from the public requested to speak.

Dr. David Anderson moved approval of Item 15, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

16. Open to the Board:*

Austin Flinn

He congratulated all the Skills USA winners. He congratulated the 20 science fair winners from SFHS. He reported that SFHS had five National Merit finalists and the girl's softball team remained undefeated. He reported that MCHS SGA was involved in Habitat for Humanity, collecting for March of Dimes, and would be reading to Kindergarten students on March 1st. MCHS Leadership would be going to Hibiscus House on March 10th. Congressman Mahoney was on campus at MCHS for an assembly. A student at JBHS became the 2007 State Wrestling Champion. He congratulated the Winter Sports Teams as they were all District Champions. He congratulated JBHS forensics team for placing 1st in Public Forum, 2nd in Congress, and 2nd in Original Oratory.

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

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Recognized Javier Suarez. He will be the Maintenance Manager.

Dr. David Anderson

Explained how having three high schools give students more opportunities to participate. He told the public that the Board would attend to the messages heard tonight. He explained, however, that the Board had guidelines around which they must function.

Sue Hershey

Was proud that the public's behavior was respectful and courteous. She reported that she was off to Tallahassee tonight.

Lorie Shekailo

Discussed how she always enjoys the track meet. She reported that the Concurrency Meetings at FAU and St. Lucie West were valuable. She conveyed that she was pleased to judge the Science Fair. She announced that she also was off to Tallahassee to learn leadership.

Nancy Kline

Announced that it was VPK enrollment and informed the public about free and subsidized child care for those that need it.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Addressed remarks to Marc Brody. She stated that Helene Baxter felt she had verbally addressed the issues through a meeting. She asked Helene to respond in writing. She reported that FCAT testing would begin on Monday.

Laurie Gaylord

Articulated that the top priority of this Board was the students. She stated that the concerns of the public were heard.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Lorie Shekailo adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)

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