



**Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 18, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting Room
Stuart, FL 34994**

Members Present

Laurie Gaylord-Chair
Nancy Kline-Vice-Chair
Susan Hershey
Lorie Shekailo
Dr. Sara A. Wilcox, Superintendent
Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney
Haley Garverick, Student Representative (MCHS)

Members Absent

Dr. David Anderson (Participated by Conference Call)

Staff Present

Hank Salzler, Ruth Pietruszewski, Ed Parker, Darla Miloszewski, Deana Newson, Rodger Osborne, Willie Sauls, Ed Parker, Steve Weil, Marshall Skinner, Garrett Grabowski, J.Lisle Bozeman, Linda King, Delores Calloway, Dr. Joyce Holmes, Marshall Skinner, Julie Sessa, Ginger Featherstone, Tyson Vilwock, Sig George, Marty Moon, Cathy Brennan, Rae Hollenbeck, Steve Weil, Teresa D'Albora, Kerry Lewis, Sean Lewis, Mike Sawtelle, Greg Hendricks, Linda King, Garrett Grabowski, Anne Cahn, Betty Hickox

Public

Bill Starmer, Tim Black, Richard Towne, James Nicholas, Lisa Rhodes, Scott Watson, Brian Powers, Kevin Powers, William Thornton, Bill Summers, Danny Strauss, Jackie Jackson, Giovanna Gallotini, Jamie Chapogas, Catherine Davis, Eric Brent, Bruce Reid, Thomas Fullman, Kathleen Breland, Scott King, Ian Pollack

Press PBPost – Rachel Simonsen Stuart News – Kelly Tyko

MCEA – No Representative **AFSCME** – No Representative

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

Laurie Gaylord announced that Dr. David Anderson would participate by conference phone after the recognitions.

1. Adoption of the Agenda:*

A. Additions, Deletions or Amendments to the Agenda

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox called the Board's attention to updated personnel recommendations, under the Consent Agenda, Item 8-I-1. The updated information was typed in red. Dr. Sara A. Wilcox requested to remove Item 20, "Consider Indiantown Holdings, LLC (Quillen) Request for Letter of No Objection and Item 21, "Consider Irongate Indiantown Investors, LLC Request for Letter of No Objection."

B. Approval of the Agenda

Sue Hershey moved approval of the modified agenda, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried 4-0, with Dr. David Anderson not casting a vote, since the conference phone was not set-up yet.

2. Approval of the Minutes:*

Nancy Kline moved approval of the 11/20/07 Special Reorganizational Board meeting & Special Martin School Board Leasing Corporation meeting & Regular School Board meeting minutes, Sue Hershey seconded.

Doug Griffin clarified that the minutes from the New School Construction and Impact Fee Workshop needed to be approved.

Nancy Kline amended her motion, Nancy Kline moved approval of the 11/20/07 Special Reorganizational Board meeting & Special Martin School Board Leasing Corporation meeting & Regular School Board meeting minutes, and the 12/12/07 New School Construction and Impact Fee Workshop minutes, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried 4-0, with Dr. David Anderson not casting a vote, since the conference phone was not set-up yet.

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3. Recognitions:*

C. 2007-2008 JBHS FALCONS Girls' Golf-Regional Medalist and 4th Place State

Ginger Featherstone introduced Coach Thurman. Coach Thurman previewed the season and introduced the players and their parents.

B. 2007-2008 JBHS FALCONS Swim Winner-10th Place Finish States in 100m Freestyle and 100m Backstroke

Ginger Featherstone introduced the swim coach, Deni Gillespie. Deni gave an overview of the winner's athletic vita.

A. 2007-2008 JBHS FALCONS Volleyball/FHSAA Class 4A State Champions

Mike Sawtelle, volleyball coach, previewed the team's season. He introduced the players and recognized their parents.

D. 2007-2008 MCHS Tigers; Girls Golf-District/Regional Winners; Boys Golf-District/Regional Winners

The boys' team was unable to attend. Mark Beulow highlighted each player's accomplishments, introduced them, and recognized their parents.

E. 2007-2008 MCHS Tigers Boys & Girls Bowling-Individual State Champ

Greg Hendricks, MCHS Athletic Director, introduced Coach Burrell. The coach introduced the bowlers, recognized their individual achievements, and acknowledged their parents.

F. 2007-2008 AMS Stallions Co-ed Soccer Team-Treasure Coast Conference Champions and Treasure Coast Conference Tournament Champions

The team and coach were unable to attend. Delores Oliver Calloway recognized the team.

G. 2007-2008 Treasure Coast Volleyball Team Championship Winners-SMS Jaguars

Marty Moon, Assistant Principal, introduced the volleyball coach, Jamie Cyr. Jamie thanked the administrators and parents for their support. She presented an overview of the season and highlighted the team's strong points.

4. Presentations:*

A. Stuart Middle School Master Plan

Bill Starmer showed diagrams of Stuart Middle School. He reviewed information to show the progress of the project.

Laurie Gaylord recessed the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Laurie Gaylord reconvened the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Doug Griffin, School Board Attorney, called Dr. David Anderson on the conference phone.

5. Open to the Public:*

- Tim Black shared a newspaper article on the state fund with Board members. (COPY ATTACHED)
- Scott Watson gave his opinion to Board members on impact fees and discussed the 5-year capital plan.
- Al Forman voiced his belief that developers should pay their fair share to help the school district maintain "A" level education.
- Catherine Davis, HOMS teacher, explained how difficult developing an end of course test was for life skills programs, since the courses are all uniquely different.
- Bruce Reid explained the synergistic system and related how each module is different.
- Jackie Jackson discussed televising School Board meetings.
- Dr. Thomas Fullman, Jensen Beach citizen, thanked Doug Griffin for educating the public on concurrency.
- Jamie Chapogas remarked that she had been a strong supporter of the schools and had worked on the adopt-a-class program. She respectfully disagreed with residents who wanted to pass all the growth costs on to newcomers, those who wanted to oppose growth by raising impact fees, and those who were opposed to paying for education.
- Giovanna Gallotini felt homeowners were getting a good value for their tax dollars. She conveyed that the school district's excellent education record kept property values high.
- Brian Powers conveyed that impact fees were not paid by developers; they were paid by individual homeowners.
- Bill Summers urged Board members not to relent on impact fees because of developers' pressure.
- Tammy Simoneau articulated that Martin County's growth has been only 2% for the past 10 years. She commented on the excellence of the school district.

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

- Kevin Powers articulated that the school district did an admirable job. He reiterated that enrollment was declining and that Deanna Newman, Public Pathways demographer, predicted the trend would continue for a couple of years.
- William Thornton reported that Florida has the largest schools in the United States, and he supported impact fees.
- Scott King turned in a form to address the board, but he was unable to wait for his turn and left without speaking.
- Ian Pollack stated how proud he was of the school system, and he supported impact fees.
- Eric Brent, Senior Planner for Martin County, asked Board members to adopt what the County has in place for workforce housing.
- Kathleen Breland stated that “great schools sell a house faster than anything.”
- Danny Strauss attributed who he personally has become to this great school system.
- Kevin Foley, developer of Quillen DRI, asked the Board to consider postponement of impact fees. He stated that times were difficult and developers had made dramatic cut backs.
- Kirk Sorenson, representing the Homebuilders’ Association of the Treasure Coast, reviewed the cost adjustments and made suggestions.
- Richard Towne explained the concept of impact fees; a new person matches the equity of the existing persons.

6. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda:* None

7. Approve Consent Agenda:*

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. 07/08 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:* None**
- D. Renewal Agreements:***
 - 1. Approve Memorandum of Agreement for Basic Nursing Services between County Health Department and MCSD Head Start Program (COPY ATTACHED)**
- E. Addenda Agreements:* None**
- F. New Grants:* None**
- G. Renewal Grants:* None**
- H. Disposal of Surplus Property:* (COPY ATTACHED)**
- J. Personnel Items:***
 - 1. Schedule of Personnel Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)**
 - 2. Leaves Authorized by the Superintendent (COPY ATTACHED)**
 - 3. Approve Extension of Employment of Temporary Accounting/ Insurance Personnel for Insurance and FEMA Recovery through February 28, 2008 (COPY ATTACHED)**
 - 4. Approve Revised Job Description-Coordinator of Environmental Studies Center (COPY ATTACHED)**

9. Items Removed from the Agenda:*

Item 20 and Item 21 were both removed from the agenda.

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10. Construction:*

Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 10, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Water and Wastewater Service Agreement with Martin County at Elementary “A” (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Easement for FPL to Provide Power for Food Service at Martin County High School (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approve Amendment to Contract with Song + Associates for Architectural Services to Provide Master Plan Continuing Service and Phase #2 Project at WES (COPY ATTACHED)

11. Finance:*

Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 11 with comment.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox asked Darla Miloszewski to update the Board members on the SBA account.

Darla Miloszewski, Executive Director of Finance, updated Board members on the SBA account. The fund is under new management by the firm Blackrock. Some district funds were frozen in the accounts, but property taxes became available. The District is allowed to withdraw 15% of their funds or \$2 million, whichever is greater. \$17.5 million of district funds are deposited in Riverside Bank, backed by collateral. \$39 million is deposited in Wells Fargo in secured treasuries.

Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Purchase Orders/Contracts (COPY ATTACHED)
- B. Approve Purchase of Seven (7) New 2008 Blue Bird School Buses for \$769,302; Florida Department of Education Bid No. 2008-04 (COPY ATTACHED)
- C. Approve Budget Amendment-General Fund #08-104 (COPY ATTACHED)
- D. Approve Early Retirement Trust Fund-Budget Amendment #08-8701 (COPY ATTACHED)
- E. Approve Budget Amendment-Capital Fund #08-304 (COPY ATTACHED)
- F. Approve Budget Amendment-Special Revenue-#08-4204(COPY ATTACHED)
- G. Approve Monthly Financial Statements-November 2007 (COPY ATTACHED)
- H. Approve Resolution for C.O. & D.S. Bond Issue for \$925,000 (COPY ATTACHED)

12. Bid Recommendations:*

Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 12-A-1, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval to Award Bid
 1. MCSD BID # 1010-0-2007/JC for Fresh Delivered Pizza (COPY ATTACHED)

13. Approve 2007/2008 Long Range Planning Committee’s Recommendations (COPY ATTACHED)

Kim Gutierrez presented the recommendations.

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

14. Approve School Choice Options for the 2008/2009 School Year (COPY ATTACHED)

Hank Salzler, Assistant Superintendent, reported that school choice was open for Palm City Elementary students to attend Elementary A. The only middle school that had choice frozen was HOMS. The only choice open for high school was choice to JBHS.

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 14, Nancy Kline seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. Accept 2006-07 Charter School Online Annual Accountability Report for the Hope Center for Autism, Inc. (COPY ATTACHED)

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

16. Accept 2006-07 Charter School Online Annual Accountability Report for Clark Advanced Learning Center (COPY ATTACHED)

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 16, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

17. Approve Internal Auditor’s Audit Report on Internal Funds for the Year Ending June 30, 2007:* (COPY ATTACHED)

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

18. Ratify Letters of Exemption to the Interlocal Agreement between the City, County, and School District from the Towns of Jupiter Island and Sewall’s Point:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Sue Hershey moved approval of Item 18, Lorie Shekailo seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

19. Approve Revision to Impact Fee Updated Schedule & Transmittal Letter to Martin County Board of County Commissioners:* (COPY ATTACHED)

Nancy Kline made a motion to put Item 19 on the floor for vote, Lorie Shekailo seconded, the motion passed 4-1 with Nancy Kline casting the dissenting vote.

20. ~~Consider Indiantown Holdings, LLC (Quillen) Request for Letter of No Objection:*~~
(REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA)

~~21. Consider Irongate Indiantown Investors, LLC Request for Letter of No Objection:*~~
(REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA)

22. **Consider Participation in Martin County Affordable Housing Deferment for Impact Fees:***
(COPY ATTACHED)

Nancy Kline moved approval of Item 22.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox suggested postponing this item until research was done, since the new information conflicted with the information provided in the past, and the impact could not be calculated.

Nancy Kline withdrew her motion.

Lorie Shekailo made a motion to postpone the affordable housing deferment, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

23. **Rule Revisions:***

Lorie Shekailo moved approval of Item 23, Sue Hershey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

A. **First Review and Approve Advertising per APA on School Board Policy 8210 School Calendar:*** (COPY ATTACHED)

24. **Open to the Board:***

Laurie Gaylord explained that she had removed the alternate on the committees, except for the Legislative Liaison, since FSBA prefers to have alternates. Sue Hershey agreed to be the committee member on the Bio-Science committee.

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

David Anderson

Wished everyone a Happy Holiday!

Haley Garverick

Reported that several clubs and organizations have worked hard to help families in need for the holiday season through White Doves. SFHS JROTC mailed several packages to the troops, and students sent holiday cards. JBHS girls' volleyball team won their state championship. HOSA adopted the Palm City Nursing Home and had a gala Christmas event.

Nancy Kline

Asked how the union negotiations were going.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Informed Board members that the negotiations were at Impasse, and the district had met again with the union. A special magistrate was named, and a date was being set-up.

Laurie Gaylord

Stated that televising Board meetings was not that simple. The videotaping must meet ADA compliance, which means captioning for the hard of hearing. Laurie stated that she was not ready to make a decision until the idea was researched.

Lorie Shekailo

Agreed that she did not want to give an opinion until she had more information. She wanted to speak with other School Boards that televise their meetings, so she could make a completely informed decision.

Sue Hershey

Agreed that she wanted more information to make an informed decision.

Dr. Sara A. Wilcox

Recognized Tyson Vilwoc as the new Principal of Elementary A. She gave a brief overview of Tyson's career with the school district. She attended the event at Palm City Nursing Home on Sunday, and said it was wonderful. The Tigerettes performed, students caroled and gave out cookies.

Laurie Gaylord

Wished everyone a Happy Holiday!

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Laurie Gaylord adjourned the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

CHAIR (Laurie Gaylord)

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